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volume the deeds of one who has been so useful to society and the community in which he resides, as has been Dr. Singer.

JOHN COOLEY was born in Lower Tyrone township, August 22, 1816, and came to Connellsville where he learned cabinet making and carpentering, which he followed there until his death, which occurred December 19, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years. John Cooley had two brothers: William, who resided in Connellsville, where he died and was a carpenter by trade; and Matthew, was a farmer and resided in Tyrone township, where he died. He had two sisters: Nancy, deceased, and Elizabeth, who resides with Samuel Cooley, and is in her ninety-first year. John Cooley was twice married, first to a Maria L. Bryant, who died in Connellsville, December 25, 1849. By this marriage there were five children: Wallace H., a resident of Noble county, Ohio, who went to Ohio in 1859 and enlisted in a Ohio regiment, served in the Union army until the close of the war, by trade a printer, and at present editor and proprietor of the Noble county (Ohio) "Republican;" Henry L., deceased; Amanda, deceased; Belle, deceased; Eliza Jane, wife of J. W. McGinnis, of Tyrone township. They reside on the old Cooley homestead. On August 12, 1852, John Cooley wedded Mary A. Baker, who died April 27, 1894, aged seventy-four years. John and Mary A. (Baker) Cooley were both members of the Connellsville M. E. church. They had seven children: Samuel, who is an employee of the B. & O. R. R. Co., at Connellsville; Matthew, married Miss Margaret Kimmell, of Johnstown, and is foreman in the machine shops at the Cambria Steel & Iron Work Co. of that place; Frances D., married F. M. Tipton, of Caldwell, Noble county,

Ohio, residing in Allegheny, where Mr. Tipton is a clerk in the store of Boggs & Buhl; Louisa, died in infancy; John B. Cooley, is a resident of Connellsville, by trade a printer, working in the office of the Connellsville "Courier," where he has been since the organization of that paper, having learned his trade in the office of D. P. Stentz of the Fayette county "Monitor;" Rachel Cooley, married W. W. Shultz, of Somerset county, and resides at Elmwood near Pittsburg in Lawrence county, where Mr. Shultz is a dealer in coal, wood and ice and is also engaged in the insurance business; and Dora H., who is single, and resides at the old homestead on Peach street in Connellsville.

MATTHEW J. WELSH, clerk of the Columbia hotel at New Haven, Pennsylvania, was born at Mt. Braddock, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Thomas and Bridget Welsh. Mr. Welsh was born October 2, 1873. His parents are both natives of Ireland and came to this country about 1869 and located in Pittsburg and were married in that city, from which place they moved to Fayette county. The father is a pioneer coke worker which business he followed for many years. He has been for a number of years a resident of Dunbar, Pennsylvania, but formerly lived in Westmoreland county for six years. Five children were born to Thomas and Bridget Welsh, as follows: Matthew J., subject of this sketch; James A. Welsh, a resident of Dunbar; Mary Welsh, with parents at Dunbar; Thomas Welsh, Jr., a graduate of the Dunbar high school, who graduated with the highest honors in the class of 1899; and John Welsh, who died when three years of age. Mr. Welsh attended the schools of Bessemer and Everson and completed his education in the schools of Mt.

Pleasant. When seventeen years of age he accepted a situation in the store of the McClure Coke Co., at Painter's, where he remained for a short time. He resigned his position with the McClure Coke Company to accept the management of a general merchandise store for Mr. James Cray, of Dunbar, which occupation he followed until Mr. Cray retired from business after which he removed to W. Leisenring where he resided until 1894, where he was employed in the yard. During the great strike he took strong grounds in behalf of the rights of labor and wrote a number of articles to the Pittsburg papers defending the workingmen in their struggle for justice. He was elected chairman of the executive board, District No. 7, of the United Mine Workers of America, and is claimed to have been the youngest man ever to have filled the place, being at the time only twenty years of age. He was a delegate to all the conventions and secretary of the local branch at West Leisenring. He was in the employ of the B. & O. R. R. for a short period, after which he accepted a situation as clerk in the Columbia hotel at New Haven, which place he has filled for five years, excepting the time he was a member of Company D, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment in the Philippine Islands. At the declaration of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Welsh prompted by the spirit of patriotism, enlisted in Company D, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, notwithstanding the fact that he was compelled to give up temporarily a lucrative situation. He was sworn in May 12, 1898, sailed with his company and regiment from San Francisco, June 15th, and landed at Camp Dewey, July 21st. He received a bullet wound through the right hand at the battle of Malate, P. I., on the night of July 31, 1898, from the effects of which he remain-

ed in the hospital for two months. When the Philippine uprising took place Mr. Welsh volunteered his service to the government though offered his discharge for disability on account of wound in right hand and served until the return of his regiment. He left Manila, July 1, 1899, reaching San Francisco, August 1, 1899, and was honorably discharged from service August 22, 1899. On his return to his home in Fayette county he received two medals, one from the government and one from the people of Connellsville, and was also tendered a banquet at Dunbar, where his many friends presented him with a fine gold watch. Mr. Welsh is a member of and first vice-president of the C. M. B. A. Branch 42, Connellsville; also recording secretary of the Young Men's institute. Matt is fond of athletics and as a sprinter held the championship of Fayette county for four years, and at the Y. M. C. A. meet at Uniontown he won five first prizes and two second prizes. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and is a strong advocate of the principles of that party. He was solicited and urged by a large number of friends, particularly the miners, to make the race for the legislature in 1898, and though confident of election, he refused to become a candidate, saying he would not let politics interfere with his duties as a soldier. Mr. Welsh has been correspondent for the Pittsburg "Post" and Connellsville "News" and is a capable writer. While he served as a soldier Mr. Welsh does not approve of imperialism. He is one of the bright and active young men of the county and has a host of friends. His sunny disposition along with his determination to do what he believes to be right has won him an army of admirers, which makes him well known and popular throughout Western Pennsylvania.

REV. JOHN T. BURNS, pastor of the Roman Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1856, and is a son of Thomas and Bridget Burns, of Cambria county, Pennsylvania. He was educated at St. Michael's seminary of Pittsburg and St. Vincent's seminary at Latrobe, was ordained at St. Vincent's, July, 1882, and from there he went to Brownsville. From thence he went to Dudley, where he remained for nine years, and from Dudley he went to New Brighton, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for five years. On Christmas, 1896, Father Burns came to Connellsville, where he has since been in charge of the church of the Immaculate Conception.

REV. GEORGE LEO LOHMANN, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church at Connellsville, Pennsylvania, was born February 8, 1864, in Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Albert and Anna Lohmann, both natives of Hanover, where they spent their lives. The father was a prominent government official, filling the office of Geheimrat, corresponding with the office of secretary of State in our government, the tenure of which office was for life. He died in 1895 at the age of seventy-two years and his widow, the mother of Rev. George Lohmann, died in April, 1899, at the age of seventy-three years. Five children were born to Albert and Anna Lohmann: Anna, wife of Reinhold Remppis, superintendent of the schubrat (schools) of Wurtemberg; Franziska, single, resides in Hanover, Germany; Rev. Geo. Leo Lohmann, the subject of this sketch; Meta, wife of Rev. George Schaaf, of Hanover, Germany; Gustav, a Lutheran minister of Hanover, where he has charge of a congregation. Rev. George Leo Lohmann was educated in

Gottingen and Leipzig universities and is a graduate of both institutions. He prepared for his collegiate course at Hanover gymnasium (or high school). He graduated in 1886 at Leipzig and was soon after made assistant pastor at Pattensen, near the city of Hanover, where he remained for a period of seven months. He traveled in various European countries after his graduation, familiarizing himself with the language and customs of the people of the different nations to better qualify himself for his life's work. On May 1, 1889, he left his native land and sailed for this country. He was two weeks coming over and after remaining in Cleveland, Ohio, for a short time, he was appointed missionary for Tuscarawas, Coshocton and Guernsey counties, Ohio, having charge a little over seven years. From thence he went to East End, Pittsburg, where he was missionary for six months, (July, 1896), and from Pittsburg he came to Connellsville, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1897, where he has since been in charge at St. John's church which was established as a place of worship long before Connellsville was a borough. The church is in the center of the great coke region of this country and the congregation is composed of various nationalities speaking more than half a dozen languages. Rev. Lohmann is a thorough linguist and conducts services in seven languages. His work is arduous and far-reaching, extending for a radius of twenty-five miles. He is a deep thinker, a profound scholar, and socially agreeable. Rev. George Leo Lohmann was married to Miss Ada Parks, of Phillipsburg, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, July 24, 1890, at St. Paul's German Lutheran church of Bridgeport, Ohio. Two children, both living, bless that union: Leo, born June 17, 1891; and Hilmar, born October 28, 1897. Rev. Lohmann is a profound

scholar, an able minister, and one has only to know him to like him.

With the first settlers there came Lutherans to Fayette county, who without a real organization worshiped whenever a Lutheran minister came from the eastern part of the State. No records exist from this time as every minister kept his private records. The first Lutheran church in Connellsville was organized in the beginning of 1871 by Rev. H. J. H. Lemcke then residing in West Newton. The oldest church building, then possessed by the Christian congregation, was bought and remodelled for Lutheran services which were held for the following years every other Sunday by pastors residing in West Newton. In the course of time more Lutherans, especially from Europe, settled around Connellsville and the congregation became larger. But during the strike of 1894 four-fifths of the congregation under the leadership of their pastor, Ph. Lamerdin, moved to Wisconsin and this was the darkest period of the congregation, hence it is slowly (but permanently increasing) its membership and has a solid foundation. The foreign Lutheran element residing in about a thirty miles radius belong to St. John's church, and the present pastor has the charge of about two thousand families, in the circuit of Connellsville. Although the majority are Germans, the parish consists of beside them, Slovaks, Hungarians, Swedes and Danish Polanders, etc. The following is a list of the pastors since the organization:

Rev. H. P. H. Lemcke, 1871-1877, now pastor emeritus living in Altoona, Pennsylvania; Rev. P. Doerr, 1877-1881, now in Adamsburg, Pennsylvania; Rev. W. A. C. Muller, 1881, September 18—1884, January 4, Charleston, South Carolina; Rev. C. F. Tiemann, 1884, January 6—1889, September 2, West

Carrollton, Ohio; Rev. G. A. Firgan, 1889, September 28—1892, September 12, resigned the ministry; Rev. Ph. Lamerdin, 1893, March 5—1894, September 4, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Rev. L. Hammer, 1894, November 18—1897, March 14, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Rev. G. L. Lohmann, 1897, April 8. First members still living and holding their membership: Ch. Schneider, J. Siller, M. Schlotter. First marriage mentioned in the records, Martin Schlotter and wife.

FRANK R. BRADFORD, one of Connellsville's leading and representative citizens, was born in Connellsville township, Fayette county, February 3, 1851, at what was then known as the Yellow Spring tannery. He is a son of Levi and Sarah (Bane) Bradford. The father of Mr. Bradford was born in Adams county, Pa., in 1806, and moved west of the Allegheny mountains, locating at Nicholson's Fall in 1818 in Armstrong county, Pa. When he reached there the Indians were very numerous in that section of the State, and he remembers well seeing them pass up and down the river in the canoes. The grandfather of Mr. Bradford was a miller, and operated a mill. He was a native of New Jersey and located in Adams county, Pa., when a young man. His forefathers came over about the time of the arrival of the "Mayflower," and proceeded to New Jersey, where they located. The Bradfords are of Scotch-Irish descent. The paternal great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Washington, and the Bradfords have been identified with the history of Pennsylvania for the past century. There were four sons and two daughters born to the grandparents of the subject of this sketch. Levi Bradford, the father of Frank B. Bradford, was married to Miss Sarah



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Bane, of Washington county, Pa. Eight children were born to Levi and Sarah Bradford: Andrew, Mary, William, one who died in infancy, Baldwin, Thursday, Samuel and Frank, our subject. All these children are dead except our subject. Levi, the father of Mr. Bradford, located in Fayette county near Connellsville, was by trade a tanner and operated the Yellow Spring tannery, known as the Bradford tannery, and also the Mill Run tannery in Springfield township, for a number of years. He was a Presbyterian for many years. He was a leading citizen of the county, well known and popular and was prominent in Democratic politics. In 1881 he was nominated and elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of treasurer of Fayette county, and served for a period of three years. When elected he was seventy-five years of age. At the expiration of his term of office he retired from active business and made his home in Connellsville with his son Frank R., until his death in September, 1896, at the age of ninety years. His wife died in 1890, at the age of eighty-four years. Frank R. Bradford, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Fayette county until he was eighteen years of age, when he engaged in business with his father as book-keeper, remaining with him until 1878, in which year he was made superintendent of the W. J. Rainey coke works at Moyer (Grace mines). He has been actively identified with the works up to the present time, and has under his charge about four hundred men. There is no better evidence of his efficiency than his long continued service, and the successful manner in which he has conducted the large and important interests under his supervision. Mr. Bradford is well known and popular and is one of the successful men of the county. He has been a life-

long Democrat, and adheres to the principles of democracy as taught by Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. He was married in 1876, to Miss Elizabeth Johns, a daughter of J. R. Johns, of Deer Park, LaSalle county, Ill. Mrs. Bradford, whose parents are both dead, is a sister of Mrs. Chas. Davidson, of Connellsville.

WILLIAM MORRISSEY, a substantial citizen of Dunbar, Pa., was born August 1, 1863, in Steubenville, Ohio, and is a son of Kayron and Katherine (Lawson) Morrissey. The father of Mr. Morrissey was born in County Kilkenny, and the mother was a native of County Down, Ireland, and came to this country when a mere child with her parents and settled in Connecticut. Kayron Morrissey came to this country when about sixteen years old and located in Union, Connecticut, where he worked at the trade of shoemaking for a number of years; from thence he moved to Steubenville, Ohio, about 1858, where he resides, at the age of sixty-nine years. At the beginning of hostilities between the North and the South he enlisted in Company H, First Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. He fought gallantly in many of the sharp and decisive engagements of the war, participating in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga and the many encounters between Chattanooga and Atlanta, and was also at the siege and fall of the latter place and in General Sherman's famous march from Atlanta to the sea. He remained in service until the close of hostilities, received a slight wound on the instep from the explosion of a shell, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged from service and returned to Steubenville, where he worked for a time at a blast furnace. Mrs. Morrissey died in 1868 at Steubenville, Ohio, at

about thirty-five years of age. Eight children were born to the parents of Mr. Morrissey, five sons and three daughters: John, died in infancy; Susan, deceased; Mary, wife of David Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Winters reside in Steubenville, Ohio, and have raised to manhood a family of six sons; Etta, wife of Thomas Gribble, formerly of Dunbar, but at present they reside at Homestead, Pennsylvania, and Mr. and Mrs. Gribble have three daughters and four sons; Martin Morrissey, deceased, was killed in a mine in Cambria, Weston county, Wyoming, and was never married; Michael, resides at Everson, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he conducts a hotel, married Miss Monica Donahue, of Leisenring, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and has one son and two daughters living and three sons dead; William and Joseph Morrissey, the youngest, who died in infancy. William Morrissey, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Fayette county and when ten years old he engaged in mining with his father. He attended the winter schools until he was fifteen years old and two years later went to learn the plasterer's trade at Dunbar (he was only six years old when he removed to Dunbar with his parents, where he has resided up to the present time and has followed his trade with success). To-day he is one of the best known and most successful contractors in his trade in this section, handling many contracts for the leading people of his part of the county. April 8, 1890, Mr. Morrissey was married to Miss Maggie Keys, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Warnock) Keys. Four children bless that union: Maretta, Irene, Annie and William Morrissey, Jr., all of whom are living. Mr. Morrissey is a member of Dunbar Lodge, No. 410, Knights of Pythias, has passed all the chairs and represented his

lodge at the Grand Lodge and is now past chancellor. He is also a member of King David Lodge, No. 236, I. O. O. F., at Dunbar, and is present vice-grand. Mr. Morrissey is an active figure in the Democratic politics of Fayette county and has been twice a candidate for county commissioner and was defeated each time by only small majorities. He has always been active and energetic in his work for the success of his party at the polls. Mr. Morrissey has been successful as a contractor and is eagerly sought by those wishing high class work. He owns a comfortable home in Dunbar where he resides with his family.

HON. JAMES KEEGAN, JR., member of the Pennsylvania legislature and one of the brainy young men of Fayette county, was born January 6, 1874, in Wilkins township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of James and Catherine (Nolan) Keegan. The parents of Mr. Keegan were born and reared in the city of Dublin, Ireland, and both are living at the age of fifty. They located in Allegheny county, and from thence they moved to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, when the subject of this sketch was three years old. They located at Valley mine, near Everson, where the father of Mr. Keegan for a number of years was engaged in coal mining. He was for twenty-seven years a miner in this and the old country. Three sons and one daughter were born to them, viz: Thomas and William, residents of Everson; Ellen, wife of Owen Finnigan, of Dunbar township; and the subject of this sketch. Mr. James Keegan received his education in the public schools of Everson, and when seventeen years of age entered the mine with his father at Everson as assistant, remaining for several years. On

leaving the mines he entered the rolling mills at Scottsdale where he worked for two years and from thence he went to the Scottsdale National pipe works, where he worked for a short time; and then entered the service of the Scottsdale Brewing Company, with whom he was employed until his election to the legislature. Since his return home from the legislature he has been engaged with his father in the mercantile business at Everson. Long before reaching his majority Mr. Keegan showed an active interest in the politics of Fayette county, using his energies always for the success of the Democratic party. He was for two years a member of the Democratic executive committee of Fayette county, and was in 1896 secretary of the Bryan free silver club at Everson, and when the Democratic party was looking for its best and most available men to do battle against its common foe and again to redeem old Fayette to its time-honored place in the column of Democratic counties, she could have made no wiser choice than she did in the selection of Mr. Keegan. He was nominated June 4, 1898, having for his colleagues Hons. Horatio Dumbald and T. Robb Deyarmon. Mr. Keegan was elected by about three hundred majority notwithstanding the fact he had no large amount of means to use in the campaign. He was elected November 8, 1898. On January 3, 1899, Mr. Keegan entered upon his legislative duties at Harrisburg and was the youngest member of the legislature as he had not at that time attained the age of twenty-five years, but in point of ability and effectiveness he ranked with the leading men of that body. He was always mindful of the interests of his county and constituents and supported all measures which he deemed of value and importance

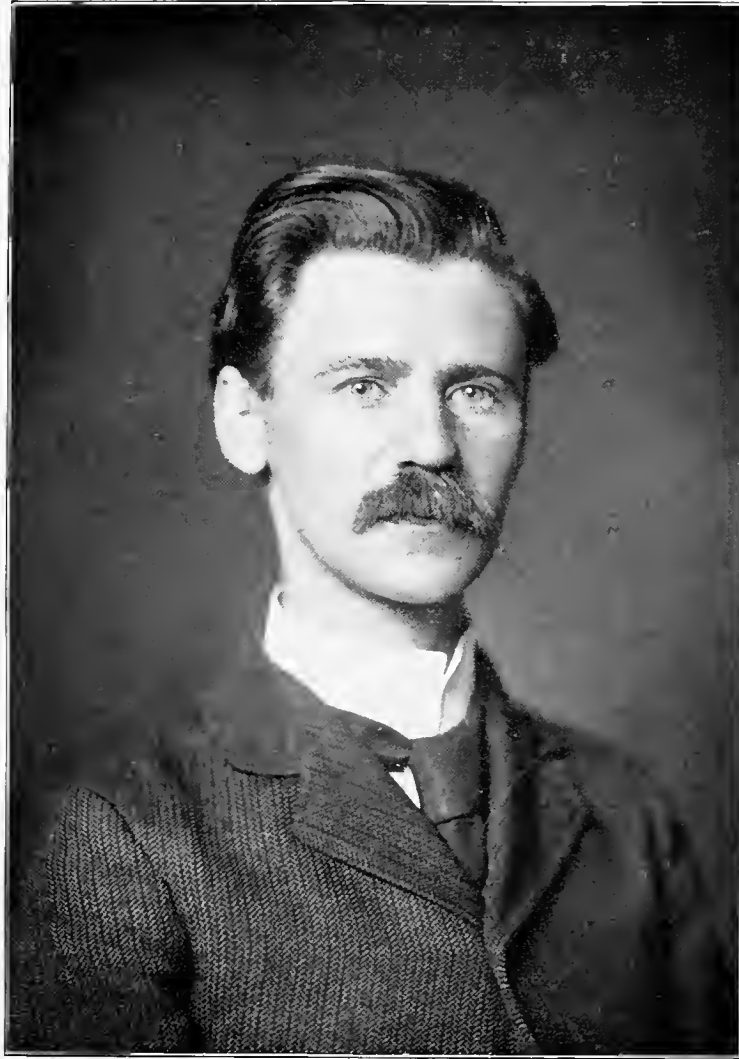
to the laboring people of Fayette county or the State: Owing to his youthfulness and aggressiveness in whatever cause he espoused or measures he championed, Mr. Keegan was not only one of the most popular but one of the very unique figures on the floor of the house. The interests of Fayette county were ably and faithfully represented by Mr. Keegan and she would do well to again return him as one of her representatives to the next General Assembly. On September 20, 1899, Mr. Keegan was married to Miss Nellie Horne, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Horne, of Everson, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Keegan is a member of St. John's Catholic church at Scottsdale. Mr. Horne, the father of Mrs. Keegan, was a member of Company B, Fifteenth West Virginia Regiment (Volunteers); served for three years and fought in the following engagements: Lloyd Mountain, May 9, 1864; New River, May 10, 1864; Staunton, Virginia, June 1, 1864; at Lynchburg, May 17 and 18, 1864; Walton, August 24, 1864; Barry Hill, September 3, 1864; Winchester, Virginia, September 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, September 22, 1864; Hatcher's Run, March 30-31 and April 1, 1865; Cedar Creek, October 19, 1865; Petersburg, April 2, 1865; Rice's Station, April 6, 1865, and was at General Lee's surrender at Appomattox, April 8-9, 1865. He was honorably discharged at Richmond, from the Federal service April 14, 1865. He was a gallant soldier and a good citizen.

DANIEL MORGAN SWARTZWELDER, a leading and substantial citizen of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and salesman for the Hygeia Crystal Ice and Storage Company, of Uniontown, was born September 25, 1854, in Monroe township, Bedford county, Penn-

sylvania. He is a son of Daniel and Rachel Swartzwelder, both of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. His father was born January 25, 1814, and died September 25, 1884; his mother was born October 8, 1819, and died August 24, 1881. Seven children were born to Daniel Swartzwelder, three sons and four daughters: Amanda, wife of Ephraim B. Miller, a resident of Bedford county; Martha, deceased, wife of Levi Miller; Savannah, died when five years old; James, died when four years old; Margaret, died in childhood; Daniel M., and William, about forty-two years of age and a successful farmer, who resides near Everett in Bedford county and was married to Miss Ella Buzard. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Swartzwelder were natives of Germany, while his maternal grandparents were natives of Wales and moved to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, from near Frederick, Maryland. Mr. Swartzwelder attended the public schools during the winter months until about sixteen years of age, when he took charge of his father's farm, the latter being an invalid from rheumatism. He conducted the same successfully for eight years, after which he was married and purchased a farm in Bedford county, on which he resided one year. He then purchased another farm in Harrison township, same county, and moved on the same in the spring of 1881, remaining on it until 1892, when he sold the farm for one thousand dollars more than he paid for it. He next purchased valuable property in Connellsville and moved to the latter place, and accepted a situation with the Kell Long Milling Company, where he remained for a period of three years. Since 1894 Mr. Swartzwelder has represented the Hygeia Ice and Storage Company of Uniontown. He owns valuable property in Con-

nellsville, having a splendid home at No. 217 South Prospect street, where he resides. Mr. Swartzwelder was married November 7, 1878, to Miss Amanda Miller, daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Miller, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, both of whom are dead. Mr. Miller was a substantial farmer and a leading citizen of Bedford county. Mr. and Mrs. Swartzwelder have had four children: Myrtle, died March 4, 1888, when six years old; Burton, born January 14, 1882, and is a student in the junior class of the Connellsville high school where he takes a leading stand in his class; Earl, born July 10, 1884, and is a student in the tenth grade of the Connellsville public school; and Missouri, born April 15, 1886, attends the public school and is in the eighth grade. Mr. Swartzwelder is a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, Yough Conclave, No. 166, at Connellsville. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and a faithful adherent to the principles of that party. Mr. Swartzwelder is one of Connellsville's popular citizens and enjoys the esteem of all.

JAMES COLLINS PATTERSON, deceased, was one of the leading and best known citizens of Dunbar township, where he was a successful farmer and trader. He was born August 6, 1835, and was a son of William and Louisa Patterson. He was born in Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he received a common school education. He was reared on the farm in Dunbar township on which Lutellus Collins resides, and was married to Eliza Stoffer, a daughter of Abram and Frances Stoffer, in 1855. Abram Stoffer, father of Mrs. Patterson, was born in 1810 and died in 1851, being a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; from which he moved to Fayette



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county and resided on a farm adjoining the one on which his daughter resides. Frances Stoffer, the mother of Mrs. Patterson, was born in 1805 and died in 1884. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stoffer: Christian Stoffer, who resides in Nebraska; William Stoffer, a resident of New Haven, Fayette county, Pa.; Eliza, widow of James Collins Patterson, of Dunbar township; Mary, widow of John Colston, resides in New Haven, Pennsylvania; Agnes, deceased, was married to Robert Smith and left a family; Annie, widow of John Ogilvie; Lucinda, wife of Augustus Atwood, resides in New Brighton, Connecticut; Abram Stoffer, a resident of New Haven, Fayette county, Pa.; Adeline, wife of George Smith, resides in Missouri. There were born to James Collins Patterson and Eliza Stoffer Patterson seven children, four living and three dead: William, who died at the age of three years; Mary, died in infancy; Frances A., single, at home with her mother; John S., married Miss Catherine Freeman, of Fayette county, resides in Connellsville, where Mr. Patterson is engaged in the livery business, and they have an infant daughter named Jean; Charles W., a resident of Connellsville, where he conducts a large livery business, and married Miss Catherine McGrath, and has one child, a son, named James C.; Erna Patterson, married J. J. McCleary, resides near McKeesport, where Mr. McCleary is engaged in business, and died August 6, 1899, leaving one child, Eliza Pearl McCleary; Myrtle M., wife of John Roderick, a merchant of Dreversburg, and they have no children. James Collins Patterson was a Republican. He settled on the farm where his widow resides, about 1872, and died there in 1884. There is a large brick residence and good barn on this farm.

The Stoffers, Mrs. Patterson's people, were members of the Mennonite church in Westmoreland county. Mrs. Patterson is a Presbyterian in religion. The Stoffers were of German descent, and the mother of Mrs. Patterson was Frances Tiresman. The Pattersons are among the early settlers of Fayette, and they stand high in the county.

JOSEPH SOISSON, a manufacturer and the president of the Yough National Bank, is prominent in both manufacturing and financial circles. To his energy and strong business judgment is due the credit for the advanced position that Connellsville holds as a manufacturing center. Mr. Soisson is a pioneer of the fire brick industry of this section of Pennsylvania, and the head of the greatest brick manufacturing concern in the Pittsburg district. Their name stamped upon their product is their best and strongest trade mark. For more than twenty-five years the Soisson fire bricks have held a leading place with the builders of coke ovens. The concern has grown from a small plant to three large plants, the Moyer, Volcano and Davidson, with a combined capacity of forty thousand bricks daily, and is one of the largest industries of its kind in the country. Joseph Soisson was born in Alsace, a French province until 1872, since which time it has been under the German flag as a result of the Franco-Prussian war. He was born in 1827, and was educated in both the French and German languages. He is a son of Joseph and Margaret Soisson, both natives of France, where they died. Four sons and two daughters were born to Joseph and Margaret Soisson, as follows: John, Peter, Leo, Joseph, Elizabeth and Margaret, all of whom except Margaret reside in this country. Mr. Soisson and his brother

John came to this country in 1847, settling first in New York city, where he worked at the tinnerns' trade. He was totally ignorant of the English language, but after a few months he acquired a practical knowledge of our language. From New York he went into New Jersey, and to Philadelphia, where he remained for eighteen months, engaged in the manufacture of red brick. He then came west to Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pa., entering the employ of Charles Hughes, a brick manufacturer, and acquired a thorough knowledge of the business in which he has since made such a great success. He became a practical brick maker, knew his business in every detail, and his success is not to be marveled at. Mr. Soisson went on a trip to New Orleans with a view to locating there but returned to Mr. Hughes in a few months. Mr. Hughes formed a partnership with Dr. Roderick in brick manufacturing and the firm branched out and rapidly extended the business. Mr. Soisson acted as agent and manager and took contracts for the new firm for two years, and then bought Roderick's interest. The firm of Hughes & Soisson continued to operate the plant at Plane No. 8, on the Allegheny mountains, near Hollidaysburg, until 1860, and then established another plant at Miltenberger, Fayette county. Hughes & Soisson dissolved partnership in 1869, and for six years thereafter Mr. Soisson carried on the business alone. Then he entered into partnership with Messrs. Spriggs and Wilhelm and built an extensive works at White Rock, near Connellsville. Mr. Soisson and his son, John F., finally absorbed the interests of the other partners by purchase, and in 1879 the firm became Soisson & Son. In 1872 Mr. Soisson with John Kilpatrick and John Wilhelm formed a partnership as Soisson, Kilpatrick & Co., and established a very extensive plant

at Moyer, near Connellsville. The capacity of the plant has been more than doubled, and it has been merged into the other holdings of Soisson & Son, and the firm is known now as the Joseph Soisson Fire Brick Company. The firm manufactures all kinds of bricks on order, and makes a fine article of pavement tile. They make a specialty of coke oven brick and rule the market in that line, which is the result of thirty years of honest business methods. Mr. Soisson removed to Connellsville in 1873, where he has since resided. In March, 1853, Mr. Soisson was married at Hollidaysburg, Pa., to Miss Caroline Filcer, daughter of Michael Filcer, of Centre county. Seven sons and four daughters were born to that union: Lizzie, wife of Ewing H. King, of Connellsville; John F., deceased, whose sketch follows; Annie M., wife of John Gilligan; Maggie L., wife of Joseph Madigan; William F., manager of the Joseph Soisson Fire Brick Company, and a resident of Connellsville; Joseph L., superintendent of the Volcano Fire Brick Company; Leo J., superintendent of the Davidson works; Charles E., superintendent of the fire clay mining property; Carrie, wife of Joseph L. Stader, of Connellsville; Robert W., teller in the Yough National Bank, and Vincent H., secretary of the Joseph Soisson Fire Brick Company. No man in Connellsville has done so much for the upbuilding of the place and its industrial welfare as Mr. Soisson. He contributes liberally of his time and means to whatever he deems a worthy cause. When George J. Humbert, the organizer of the Humbert Tin Plate Company, and later when the Slaymaker-Barry Lock Company came to Connellsville seeking a location, Joseph Soisson was the first of the moneyed men of Connellsville to extend them a helping hand. He contributed liberally to the fund to purchase the site,

and aided the new firms with the influence of his name. His financial support, with the aid of a Connellsville newspaper, made it possible for these companies to establish themselves in business with their splendidly equipped plants and large forces of skilled workmen. Mr. Soisson was a stockholder and director in the Humbert Tin Plate Company until it was absorbed by the great trust, the American Tin Plate Company, in 1899. He is a director and first vice-president of the Slaymaker-Barry Company. He was one of the founders of the Yough National Bank of Connellsville, which has grown to be one of the leading financial institutions of Fayette county. Mr. Soisson has been a director of the bank ever since its organization, and is now its president. A power in the business world, Joseph Soisson's aid of any enterprise, public or private, is valuable, and has been much sought after and freely given whenever it appealed to his strong business judgment. Sagacious in business, he has, by his good counsel as well as in more direct ways, helped other men in business. He is a liberal giver to charity. He is generous, yet judicious in all matters. In all these named ways he has demonstrated himself to be in the broadest and most unselfish sense, the public-spirited citizen. There is no name in Fayette county, or in Pennsylvania, more worthy of a place in the annals of her history than that of Joseph Soisson.

JOHN F. SOISSON (deceased), was a leading and successful business man of Connellsville, and one of her best known citizens. He was born in 1856, and was a son of Joseph and Caroline Soisson. He was born at Plane No. 8, on the old Portage road, near Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pennsylvania. He received a liberal education and at an early

age engaged with his father in the manufacture of fire brick. He was for nearly thirty years a citizen of Connellsville. There were few business enterprises in Connellsville with which John F. Soisson was not identified. He was treasurer and general manager of the Soisson Fire Brick Company, president of the South Connellsville Lumber Company, president of the South Connellsville Building and Loan Association, director of the Second National Bank, director in the Youghiogheny Light, Heat and Power Company, director in the South Connellsville Suburban Street Railway Co., director in the South Connellsville Merchandise and Supply Company, and a director in the Connellsville News Publishing Company, of which he was one of the founders. With his father and brothers, John F. Soisson took a great interest in the development of South Connellsville. From the first they were staunch supporters of the industries that were placed there and the wisdom of their judgment has been proven. Mr. Soisson was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., and president of the local branch of the Order of Americus. Mr. Soisson was a Catholic, being one of the leading members of Immaculate Conception church of this place, but his religion was of that broad type exemplifying the true Christian. His purse was ever open to the wants of charity, and no man came to him in a worthy cause and met rebuff. Mr. Soisson carried policies in life insurance companies to the amount of forty-eight thousand dollars, thus making ample provision for those who were dependent upon him. He was married to Miss Emma C. Whitney about 1885. Five children were born to that union: John Whitney, Hilda A., Emma, Irene (deceased), and Adrian, the oldest being ten years of age

and the youngest two years. Mr. Soisson's life was not only a busy but a useful one, and he will long be remembered by those who have known him best.

DAVID RANDOLPH, engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and one of the best known and most substantial railroad men of Connellsville, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1847, about fifteen miles from the city of Huntingdon, and is a son of George Randolph, of Huntingdon county, Pa. George Randolph died March 8, 1879, at the age of eighty years, eleven months and fifteen days. He kept an inn for a number of years, served as captain of the police force in Altoona; was also superintendent of machine shops, and in his last years was a watchman. The mother of our subject died when he was an infant. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph: Sarah, wife of Sammel Goodwin, of Connellsville; Louisa, widow of Lloyd McCubbin, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and David. Mr. Randolph attended the common schools of Huntingdon, Cambria and Blair counties, but left school at an early age to saw wood for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, soon after which he was put on duty to supply wood for engines. In 1862 he started as brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad between Pittsburg and Altoona, at which time Andrew Carnegie was superintendent of that division of the road. He worked as brakeman, flagman and conductor until 1865 when he became fireman and remained in that capacity until October 20, 1867, when he was promoted to engineer, and had charge of an engine on the road until April, 1883. In 1875 he moved to Connellsville, where he ran an engine used in the construction of the Southwest branch of

the Pennsylvania railroad and ran the first locomotive to enter Uniontown over that line. On June 9, 1883, Mr. Randolph entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as engineer, on the Pittsburg and Cumberland division, and has since been constantly in the employ of that company. He has been a locomotive engineer for thirty-three years, and has never had but one accident of any consequence since he has been railroading, which occurred in 1868. He was married to Mrs. Carrie Percy, daughter of George Shaw, of Connellsville, October 26, 1891. Mrs. Randolph was born in Connellsville, Pa. Three children bless that union: David George, Edgar Maxwell and Anna Jeane, all living. Mr. Randolph is a member of No. 50, Connellsville Branch of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Lodge No. 503, of the Order of Elks, at Connellsville. He is a member of the Baptist church. He adheres to the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Randolph has become a successful business man, as well as one of the best and most reliable railroad men of this section, and owns valuable property in Connellsville. He is honest with all men in his dealings, and enjoys the confidence of a host of friends. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Randolph was a native of Scotland. He came to this country at an early age and died in 1858.

HON. EDMUND HOMER REPERT, President Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, was born October 28, 1855. He is a son of the late Benjamin F. and Rhoda Kendall Reppert, the former a native of Greene county, the latter of Fayette county, Pa. Christian Reppert, Judge Reppert's paternal grandfather, came from Alsace, Lorraine, in 1791. Shortly thereafter



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he located at Greensboro, Greene county, and became interested in the tanning and glass industries. He died in 1851. His son, Benjamin F., the father of the subject of this sketch, became a resident of Nicholson township, Fayette county, in 1854, and lived there till he died in 1890. He was a farmer. His widow, Rhoda Kendall Reppert, now resides in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. The firstcomer of the Kendalls to this section was Jeremiah, a great-grandfather of Judge Reppert. He was a Virginian and settled in German township shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war, in which he participated as a soldier of the Patriot army. In 1787 there was issued to him a patent for a tract of land called "The Twins," situated on Brown's run, and containing two hundred and sixty-four and one-fourth acres and allowance, the greater portion of which is still in the hands of his descendants. His son, also named Jeremiah, the father of Rhoda Kendall Reppert, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Edmund H. Reppert prepared for college at Georges Creek academy, Smithfield; then entered Bucknell college, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1877. The following two years he spent on the farm, then coming to Uniontown to take up the study of law under the preceptorship of Hon. Nathaniel Ewing. During the latter period he taught school, one year in South Union township, and three years at Uniontown, serving as principal of the Uniontown schools two years. He was admitted to the bar in 1883. In 1884 he formed a law partnership with A. H. Wycoff, which was dissolved in 1887. He then became associated with George D. Howell, which connection was not severed until Judge Reppert's accession to the bench, January 1, 1898. He was a candidate for district attorney in 1892,

when he was defeated by George B. Jeffries. He was a candidate for the judgeship in 1893, when he received Fayette county's endorsement, but being unable to obtain the district nomination (Fayette and Greene counties then comprising the judicial district) was withdrawn. He remained in active participation in the Republican party work, and was nominated and elected judge in 1897. He was married June 12, 1889, to Ellen, daughter of the late Alfred Howell, a leading member of the Fayette county bar. Judge and Mrs. Reppert have one child, Elizabeth, and reside on Fayette street. Judge Reppert is a member of the Baptist church, Smithfield, with which he united in his youth.

HON. ROBERT EMEROY UMBEL, Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, was born in Henry Clay township, Fayette county, July 11, 1863. His early years were spent in the quietude of the country near what is now the borough of Markleysburg, and the physical vigor that has encouraged his years of toil was developed by the simple customs, quiet life and healthful climate of his mountain home. The Umbels came originally from Wales and settled in New Jersey in 1770, later moving to Pennsylvania, and in 1802 Andrew Umbel, the grandfather of Robert E., was born in Henry Clay township; the other branch of the family name was Thomas, and they were of Welsh extraction also. Coming to America about 1772, they located in the Conemaugh valley. The elder Umbel's wife was of German descent, while the wife of the elder Thomas was a native of Ireland. Thus was the Anglo-Saxon blood predominant in their family, which was among the pioneers in the settlement of the mountainous part of Fayette county. His mother's maiden name was

Brown, and her people were of English descent. His father, Samuel C. Umbel, was born in 1835, and his mother, Martha L. Brown, in 1843, in Henry Clay township, where they still reside. In 1856 his father was ordained into the ministry and has continued in that calling ever since. Appreciating the value of a good education, he attended to the early instruction of his children. The school facilities of that mountain district were necessarily limited. Young Umbel attended the public schools in the winter and spent the summer in working among the farmers for twenty-five cents per day, doing such work as was expected of a boy of his years.

His father is a cripple and limited in worldly possessions. The young man's ambition was to secure an education and what he lacked in money he made up in pluck, and so determined to work during the winter of 1879-80 and earn sufficient funds to attend school the next spring, and prepare himself for a teacher, and accordingly he spent the days of that winter chopping and hauling timber, working on a portable steam saw mill and digging coal in a country mine. The spring of 1880 he was a student at the Georges Creek academy, at Smithfield, Pa. At the end of the term he obtained a teacher's certificate and secured a school in his native township. Here he was employed several years as a teacher and spent the summer months clerking in a country store, always spending his spare moments with his books. At that time he taught twenty-two days each month, and received a salary of twenty-two dollars per month. By reason of the number of discouraging circumstances that usually come into the life of a struggling country boy, he was not permitted to attend school again until the spring of 1883, when

he entered the Western Pennsylvania institute at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and after examination was made a member of the class that would graduate in June, 1885.

While a student in 1884 he entered the competitive examination for a vacant cadetship at the United States military academy at West Point, and secured the appointment. In the class were twenty-one aspirants for military honors. The late Hon. C. E. Boyle was a member of congress from this district at that time, and the appointment was made on his recommendation and Umbel's brilliant examination, as reported by the board of examiners—Captain W. A. McDowell, Dr. L. S. Gaddis and Mr. A. M. Claybaugh—attracted Mr. Boyle's notice. Meeting him at Connellsville, Mr. Umbel asked the name of the alternate, to which Mr. Boyle replied: "You have no alternate. You are not to fail." This was indeed a compliment. Umbel did not report at West Point, his mother having serious objections to his entering upon a military course and in consequence of their close family ties and of his regard for his parents, he yielded to her wishes, and gave up what was a most promising prospect.

In the fall of 1883 he did not possess sufficient funds to continue his school course. Disappointment having been his early lot, he was not discouraged. He secured the principalship of the Grantsville, Md., schools at a salary of forty dollars per month. That winter the light was nearly always found burning in his room after midnight, and in addition to his duties as teacher, with patience and industry he pursued his studies and kept up with the work of his class at Mt. Pleasant, and at the end of the term of his school he returned to Mt. Pleasant, took the examination the same as if he had been there all year and graduated June 17, 1885, with

second honors in the largest class ever graduated from that institution. He paid a part of his expense at Mt. Pleasant by physical labor about the institute.

In September, 1885, Mr. Umbel registered as a law student in the office of Boyle & Mes-tre-zat. He was admitted to the bar December 9, 1887, and just twelve years from which date he received his commission as judge. Mr. Boyle frequently spoke of him as a painstaking student, earnest and accurate in his work and careful of the minutest detail. The same application that characterized his course at school was carried with him into law. In January, 1888, Hon. Albert D. Boyd, one of Fayette's ablest lawyers, tendered Umbel desk room in his office along with the position of assistant. This offer was gladly accepted. Boyd's large and varied practice furnished Umbel with an excellent opportunity to win public recognition. His clear comprehension of the law, sound judgment, and capacity for work, brought him immediately into prominence. In 1889 the borough council of Connellsville elected him solicitor, and in August of the same year he formed a partnership with Mr. Boyd which continued until Mr. Umbel's accession to the bench. The law firm of Boyd & Umbel was recognized throughout the State as a leading one, and the Supreme and Superior Court Reports contain scores of cases in which it was interested. Mr. Umbel was counsel at Uniontown for the B. & O. R. R. from 1893 until 1900. He was for some years prior to going on the bench of the directory of the National Bank of Fayette county. He is vice-president and a director of the United Light Company, and for several years was secretary of the Uniontown Street Railway Company.

Mr. Umbel is a member of the bar of the

United States circuit and district courts, and in 1894, on motion of Hon. William L. Maury, then first assistant attorney general of the United States, he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States, the highest legal tribunal in the world.

Judge Umbel is a strong character. He is a fluent and effective speaker, gaining the confidence of his hearers by his earnestness and he won verdicts by his logic and array of facts. Year in and year out, when not engaged in court, he was found at his desk; he faithfully followed and proved the truth of what his friend, the late Hon. C. E. Boyle, said to him soon after he was admitted to the bar: "Robert, keep your office and your office will keep you." While a practicing lawyer he had the reputation of being the "early bird" of the bar and was usually found at his desk at an hour in the morning when many of the other lawyers were peacefully sleeping, and his promotion to the bench has made no change in that respect.

In the large West Virginia coal deals of 1892 and 1893 and some that have been consummated in Fayette county, involving complicated titles and hundreds of thousands of dollars, he has been interested as attorney on one side or the other, and has been employed as counsel in many of the most important civil and criminal cases that have been in our courts since he was a member of the bar. He has also added to his attainments by study and travel, both in our country and the old world, having been in Alaska and thirty-six of our forty-five States, and by two trips to Europe has been in all but three of the European countries.

Robert E. Umbel comes from a family of Democrats. Since the birth of the Republic, his ancestry has been among the firm defend-

ers of those principles which made possible the stability of American institutions and grandeur of the American government. Of this ancestry he was born and of this spirit is his nature imbued. The first contest in which Mr. Umbel took any interest was in 1881, in the election of county superintendent of public schools, which both parties have always insisted should be nonpartisan, and true to his convictions, he championed the cause of his late teacher and friend, Prof. O. J. Sturgis, although not agreeing with him politically. In almost every political contest since attaining his majority, Mr. Umbel has been a member of the Democratic county committee and has been found in the front ranks bearing the burden in the heat of the fight. In 1898, after the nomination of the Democratic county ticket, the candidates were unanimous in their request that he accept the chairmanship of the Democratic county committee. Heretofore he had always been content with assisting in the organization, but this demand, coming from the candidates and the vast body of Democratic voters, left him no course but to accept. The contest of 1898 is now history, but it will always live in the memory of every lover of clean politics and honest elections. Politics had assumed such a condition in Fayette county that it was impossible for a poor man to announce himself a candidate with any reasonable hope of success. Mr. Umbel immediately upon assuming the chairmanship, announced the lines upon which the Democratic campaign would be conducted. His platform was: "Honest government, home rule and clean politics." Upon this platform he meant to stand or fall with his party. He took a firm stand against the use of "boodle and booze," and offered a reward for the conviction of any one violating the

election laws. The result was one of the most quiet, orderly and clean elections ever held in Fayette county. The advocates of honest elections were called upon to rally under his banner, and the returns of that year show how willingly they responded.

The executive ability and foresight of Mr. Umbel was perhaps never better demonstrated than in the remarkable contest at Harrisburg for the Democratic nomination for justice of the supreme court, in June, 1899. Hon. S. L. Mestrezat, then president judge of this district, was a candidate for supreme court honors. Mr. Umbel started a boom in his behalf early in January, and between then and the convention having conferred or corresponded with nearly every prominent Democrat in the State on the subject, and secured sufficient pledges for him as second choice to insure success. Fayette county was entitled to eight delegates in that convention and the county committee authorized Judge Mestrezat to select them. Among those selected was Mr. Umbel and he became the leader of the Mestrezat forces. The death of Justice Henry Williams made necessary the election of two justices that year, and the election of the Democratic nominee was assured; the fight for the nomination was therefore most earnest. The convention assembled on June 14th, and is said to have been the most remarkable political gathering of its kind ever held in Pennsylvania. There were nineteen candidates and they were represented by the leaders of the bar in their several districts. Mestrezat went into the convention with twenty-nine delegates on the first ballot. For two days the convention balloted and Mestrezat's vote rose and fell at each succeeding ballot. The Fayette delegates were everywhere. Day and night they were at work. Mr. Umbel was not in bed from Sunday night before the con-



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vention until Friday night after it was over. Umbel stood as one of the central figures in that convention of remarkable men. There was Congressman Ermentrout leading the forces of his distinguished brother; Hon. John Garman fighting the cause of Judge Lynch; Hon. James Kerr and Jack Spangler championing the candidacy of Judge Krebs; George Fleming and ex-Congressman Sipe battling in the interest of Judge Kennedy; Hon. Walter Ritter guarding the interests of C. LaRue Munson; Colonel Fitzpatrick singing the praises of Judge Smith. Each of the candidates had his force of workers, but in the midst of the tumult, Umbel never faltered and every delegate seemed to realize that the Fayette contingent was in the fight to win. On the twenty-second ballot, Mestrezat had but twenty-two votes. The tall, massive figure of Hon. John C. Bane, of Washington county, was seen walking across the convention hall toward the Fayette delegates, and after a brief consultation a final plan of action was decided upon. Then came the twenty-third ballot, and when it was announced that Mestrezat's vote had risen from twenty-two to ninety-seven, pandemonium broke loose. The Fayette delegation cheered itself hoarse and the gallery rooters never ceased until the chairman called for the twenty-fourth ballot. His vote was now one hundred and five and again there was a scene which beggars description. On the next ballot a hundred and twenty-nine votes were announced for the Fayette judge, and on the succeeding ballot a hundred and thirty-two were recorded for him. Then it was seen that the end was near. The din and tumult never ceased, but gathered volume with every ballot. On the twenty-seventh ballot Mestrezat had a hundred and forty-four votes. The clerks now began

calling the roll for the twenty-eighth ballot, and when Berks county was reached, Congressman Ermentrout caught the eye of the chairman and obtained recognition. Instinctively, the delegates knew that the big battle was over. Amid almost breathless silence the congressman thanked the convention for the support it had given his brother and withdrew his name, throwing the nineteen votes of Berks county to Mestrezat. Then there was a babel of voices as chairman after chairman of delegations clamored for recognition. Magistrate Donnelly threw Philadelphia's sixty-five votes to Mestrezat; the other leaders, in the confusion, did likewise and then John C. Bane moved that the nomination of the Fayette judge be made unanimous. This was done amid applause and cheers that shook the opera house, and the bands in the gallery added to the tumult. The convention then cried, "Umbel!" "Umbel!" and he was carried to the stage on the shoulders of a host of enthusiasts and compelled to make a brief speech. On behalf of Fayette county and Western Pennsylvania, he thanked the convention for the signal honor that had been conferred, and assured them that they never would have cause to regret their choice. The convention responded with three rousing cheers for Umbel.

At the extra convention of the Fayette county Democracy to nominate Judge Mestrezat's successor to the bench of the Fourteenth Judicial District, Mr. Umbel was the unanimous choice of the convention which voiced the sentiment of his party. The campaign was an exceptionally vigorous one, Mr. Umbel having to wage the combat against no less distinguished and able jurist and lawyer and astute politician than Judge Nathaniel Ewing. A count of the ballots re-

vealed a vote of seven thousand, seven hundred and eighty-nine for Umbel and seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven for Ewing. Judge Umbel's term of office began with January 1, 1900, and he has the distinction of being the youngest judge in the Commonwealth. His judicial career is fulfilling the rich promise of his youth and earlier manhood, the onerous and multifarious duties of his high office being discharged with wisdom, justice and expedition. Judge Umbel is a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. and A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M., Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, K. T., Pittsburg Lodge of Pennsylvania Consistory of thirty-two degree Masonry, and Syria Temple of A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, of Pittsburg. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 370, and Royal Arcanum, No. 388, of Uniontown, Pa. He was married November 29, 1899, to Miss Frances Grier White, the accomplished daughter of Dr. T. H. White, of Connellsville, Pa. Judge and Mrs. Umbel are members of the First Presbyterian church, Uniontown.

THOMAS HENRY HUDSON.—Among the younger members of the legal fraternity of Western Pennsylvania there are none whose success seems more assured than that of Thomas H. Hudson, the subject of this biography. Coming of a distinguished family, and educated at some of the best known institutions of learning in our country, he entered upon the practice of law well equipped to fight his way to success, which he has done remarkably well in the few years he has been a member of the Fayette county bar.

Thomas Hudson was born in Newtown, Greene county, Pennsylvania, October 5,

1873. Mr. Hudson's genealogical history on American soil begins with Thomas Hudson, who left Cheshire, England, where the family had long been famous, and settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, about 1700. The next direct in line of descent was George Hudson, who obtained from William Penn a grant of land in Chester county containing 1,600 acres. One of the considerations mentioned in the deed was that eight acres should be set aside for church purposes, and on the same ground there now stands the "Blue Ball" Presbyterian church, the most handsome of the several church edifices which have continually occupied the ground for two centuries. After him came George Hudson, who was a captain in the patriot army during the Revolutionary war. He moved to Wagoner's Gap, Cumberland county, about 1760, where he married Isabella Abernethy in 1764. In the "Reminiscences of the Juniata Valley" we find the following: "On the night of December 25, 1776, General Washington dispatched an aid, Captain George Hudson, who was to cross the Delaware river, reconnoiter the New Jersey side and select a desirable landing place for the Continental army. In the storm and cold George Hudson left Washington's quarters and crossed the Delaware river full of flowing ice; he selected a landing place for a division of the patriot army, and, with his clothes frozen on his back, he stood on the bank at the landing and directed the soldiers where to land. In the battle of Trenton which followed he distinguished himself for bravery." His son, John Hudson, who was next in direct line of descent, moved to Three Springs, Huntingdon county, where he married Eleanor Moreland, October 21, 1794. He built and operated the first woolen and grist mill in the Juniata valley. Of the chil-

dren born to them were Rev. Thomas M. Hudson, the celebrated Methodist divine, and John Hudson, who was the grandfather of the subject of this biography. John Hudson when quite a young man moved to Newtown, Greene county, Pennsylvania, where for sixty years he engaged in merchandising, and where for forty years he was postmaster. His wife, Sarah Morris, was, on the maternal side, descended from the Rev. John Corbly, the distinguished pioneer Baptist minister of Western Pennsylvania. Samuel Hudson, son of John and Sarah Hudson, was the father of Thomas H. Hudson, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Hudson was one of the active business men of Greene county. In 1880 he went West and engaged extensively in the cattle business in Colorado and New Mexico, and at the time of his death in 1882 he was one of the large cattle owners in the West. In 1871 he married Harriet Louise Mestrezat of Mapletown, Greene county, Pennsylvania, for whose genealogy see sketch of Hon. Stephen Leslie Mestrezat, this volume. Four children were born to them: William Mestrezat, Thomas Henry, Charles Leslie and Mary Lee. After the death of Samuel Hudson his family removed to Waynesburg, where Thomas H. entered the public schools of that place and graduated in the class of '88. He then entered Waynesburg college, from which institution he graduated with honors in the class of 1894. In the fall of the same year he entered Princeton University, from which well known institution of learning he graduated with the degree of A. B., standing well up in a class of over two hundred. Having decided while in college upon the law as his life work, Mr. Hudson came to Uniontown in 1896, and, having passed the preliminary examination, registered as a law student in the office of his uncle, Judge Mes-

trezat. For two years he pursued the study of law very diligently and was rewarded by passing the final examination in March of 1898, which admitted him to practice in the several courts of Fayette county. Being comparatively a stranger in the county the first year of his practice was discouraging, but as his acquaintanceship widened his legal business increased, and to-day he enjoys his share of the legal patronage of the Fayette county bar. Upon the elevation to the bench of Hon. Robert E. Umbel, former counsel of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for this district, Mr. Hudson became one of the counsel for that corporation. He is a member of the bar of the supreme court of the State.

Mr. Hudson is an active Republican, as his father and grandfather were before him, and takes a great deal of interest in local as well as state and national politics.

In religion Mr. Hudson is a Presbyterian, being a member of the First Presbyterian church of Uniontown. For several years he has been a teacher in the Sabbath-school of that church, and an active member of the Young People's Society.

Mr. Hudson when he entered college became a hard working student, and attempted to master every subject he took up. He has pursued the same course since he began the study of law. He is well liked by his many friends, and enjoys the confidence of the members of the Fayette county bar.

CHARLES FREMONT KEFOVER, attorney-at-law, was born in Nicholson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1862. His father is William Kefover, his mother Sarah E. (Jackson) Kefover. When Charles was about two years of age his parents re-

moved to Redstone township, Fayette county. The Kefovers are of German descent. The founders of the family in America were George and Peter Kefover, who emigrated from Germany and settled at Fredericksburg, Va. Philip Kefover, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and descendant of said Peter Kefover, settled in Nicholson township, Fayette county, Pa., where he was one of the leading agriculturists of said township. Charles' mother is a daughter of the late James Jackson, who was a contractor in Georges township. James Jackson's wife was a Showalter, of Virginia, and her mother was a Watterson, of the family of Wattersons of which Henry, the distinguished editor of the Louisville "Courier-Journal," is a member. Charles F. Kefover grew up on the farm and received his early education in the country district school. Afterwards he attended Dunlap's academy, and then he entered Southwest Normal school at California, Pa., and graduated in 1884; he remained two years longer at the normal school pursuing a post-graduate classical course. Then he entered the law office of Hon. Nathaniel Ewing, at Uniontown, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1889. He early gained recognition as a clever lawyer, and since attaining his majority Mr. Kefover has been actively engaged in the work of the Republican party in Fayette county, and has served on the different committees for several years, and at present is a member of the executive committee of Fayette county. In 1896 he was prominent enough at the bar to be selected by the incoming sheriff as his attorney, in which capacity he served three years. He was married June 19, 1895, to Ann Hamilton, daughter of Colonel Thomas B. Searight, whose personal history is contained in this volume. Colonel Searight died in 1899. He was a college chum of

James G. Blaine, and the two were lifelong friends, although political opponents. In 1873 Colonel Searight was appointed surveyor-general of Colorado, then a territory. Mr. and Mrs. Kefover have one son, Charles Searight Kefover. Charles F. Kefover enjoys a large and lucrative practice, and has an enviable reputation for fairness. He is entirely free from professional jealousy and is popular at the bar and with the public.

DAVID DOWNER JOHNSON, ex-treasurer of Fayette county, was born in the "Brick House," Chalk Hill, Wharton township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1845. He is a son of the late Isaac and Rachel (Downer) Johnson, the former a native of Virginia, and of English descent, the latter of Fayette county, Pa., and of German extraction. (See Downer sketch in this volume). The mother of the late Isaac Johnson left her Virginia home to locate in Greene county, Pa., during his boyhood, and there he was reared, receiving such schooling as was afforded at that day in the public schools. There, too, (in Jefferson) he learned his trade, that of tanner. In 1834 he removed to Chalk Hill, Fayette county, where he was for a time employed as a tanner, and subsequently engaged in farming up to within a few years of his decease, his declining years being passed near Uniontown, where he died in 1883. He was twice married. By his first wife, Rachel Downer Johnson, he had four children, one of whom died in childhood, and three who survive: Jacob I. Johnson, a farmer, of Wharton township; Miss Joanna L. Johnson, who resides at Chalk Hill, and the immediate subject of this sketch. Isaac Johnson's second wife was Jane E. Springer, a daughter of the late Zadoc Springer; she lives in South Union town-



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ship. David D. Johnson received a common school education, assisted on his father's farm throughout his early manhood and succeeded, together with his brother and sister, to the ownership of his father's land and houses, which were subsequently divided between them and are still in their possession. Mr. Johnson has continued to be engaged as an agriculturist. He served four years as superintendent of the Cumberland road by appointment of Governor Beaver in 1886, and was elected to the office of county treasurer (Republican candidate) in 1896. Mr. Johnson was one of the founders and is a member of the board of directors of the Uniontown Brewing Company. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in January, 1891, to Abigail, daughter of John W. Cuppett, a farmer, of Preston county, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, George.

JOSIAH VAN KIRK THOMPSON.—Foremost among Fayette county men who have achieved notable success in the business world stands Josiah VanKirk Thompson, president of the First National bank, of Uniontown. Like a majority of the other leaders in the business and professional life of Uniontown, Mr. Thompson was a country lad, born and reared on a farm along Jennings run in Menallen township, the youngest of the four children of the late Hon. Jasper Markle and Eliza (Caruthers) Thompson. As a boy he engaged actively in farm work, mastering all its phases and cultivating a taste for the pursuits of agriculture which even the more exacting demands of complicated business enterprises have not dulled.

Mr. Thompson's early education was acquired at the short winter terms of the Hague and Poplar Lane public schools of South

Union township, and at Madison college, Uniontown. With this equipment he entered Washington and Jefferson college in 1868 and graduated in 1871, and has been a trustee of that institution since 1889. In the same year in which he graduated he entered the First National bank of Uniontown as a clerk, and so thoroughly did he master the details of banking that in eighteen years thereafter he had passed through successive promotions until though but thirty-five years of age he was at the head of the leading financial institution of the county. On April 3, 1872, he was made teller; on June 5, 1877, he became cashier, succeeding the late James T. Redburn; and on the death of his father in March, 1889, he was elected president to succeed him.

Mr. Thompson soon developed banking capabilities of a high order, and he adopted a policy which has rapidly brought this bank to a front position in the honor list of banks published by the Comptroller of the Currency. The First National bank of Uniontown now ranks fourth in Pennsylvania and eighth in the United States of National banks in the ratio of surplus and undivided profits to the capital stock. The bank in all its dealings with its customers and the public is a model financial institution and enjoys unbounded confidence and credit at home and abroad. Personally, President Thompson is integrity itself. His word is his bond with all those who know him in business dealings.

In addition to his banking business Mr. Thompson has borne a leading part in the industrial development of the county. He has bought direct from the farmers of Fayette county more coal, and paid them more money, than any other one man or company or corporation operating in the county. Mr. Thompson is averse to talking about his busi-

ness matters, and no approximate estimate of the magnitude of these transactions could be formed save from general observation or from those intimately associated with him in business; but it is safe to say that these coal purchases reach scores of thousands of acres, representing many millions of dollars. Most of the coke companies operating in Fayette county have bought the bulk of their coal lands either from him or through him, and it was chiefly due to his efforts that the National Steel Company and the American Steel and Wire Company were induced to make their investments of millions of dollars in coal lands and coke plants in the new Klondike coal fields of southern Fayette county. These vast corporations are already developing their coal and will have six big coke plants. Two other large coal fields Mr. Thompson has recently sold, one near New Salem, to the Republican Coke Co.; the other near Woodside to the Connellsville Coke Co., neither of which companies has yet begun operations.

In addition to his operations in Fayette, Mr. Thompson has taken up many thousands of acres in Washington and Greene counties, Pa., and in the border counties of West Virginia.

Mr. Thompson's rare business judgment received high recognition in his appointment as one of the seven government viewers to view and condemn the locks and dams, franchises, etc., of the Monongahela Navigation Company in the proceedings taken by congress to make the Monongahela river free to navigation. The other members of that commission were: William Metcalf, George W. Dilworth, Stephen C. McCandless and William McConway, all of Pittsburg, and Charles E. Andrews, of New Bethlehem, and ex-State Treasurer S. M. Jackson, of Armstrong county, Pa. They were appointed on Nov.

26, 1896; held meetings and made views along the river through the winter months and made their final report on March 26, 1897, fixing the price to be paid by the Government at \$3,761,615.46. Other awards had been made in former years, but did not stand. This award was accepted by both the United States Government and the Navigation Company, and the river was formally thrown open to the free passage of boats on July 4, 1897. It is interesting to note that at Gates, in the sixth pool, where the American Steel and Wire Co. are now erecting one of their big coke plants, the lockage on a single acre of coal was \$699. This gives some idea of the immense blanket mortgage that was lifted from the coal of the Monongahela Valley when the river was thrown open to free navigation.

Mr. Thompson is connected with many business enterprises in the town and county. He is president of the News Publishing Co., publishing the daily and weekly "News Standard;" president of the Union Cemetery Co., of Fayette county; secretary and treasurer of the Fayette County Railroad Company. He was the moving spirit in the erection of the opera house block by the bank, completed in 1883 at a cost of about \$65,000. The opera house, one of the largest and best found in any town of the size of Uniontown, was formally opened on April 30, 1883, by Joseph Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle."

Mr. Thompson, in connection with Mr. J. D. Ruby, is at present erecting one of the finest stone and buff-brick buildings in the county, the handsome Thompson-Ruby business block, opposite the bank on the southwest corner of Main and Morgantown streets, which will be completed by January 1, 1901, at a cost of about \$40,000.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the

Uniontown school board when the large new addition was built to the borough school building, and he served as a member of the town council for eight consecutive years, from March, 1892, to March, 1900, during all of which time he was president of that body, and under his presidency and careful financial management all the brick paving of which Uniontown is justly proud was accomplished, except a portion of Main street and Shady Lane, and the assessments for the same were collected from every abutting property holder by President Thompson and the borough solicitors without a single suit in court. During his incumbency in councils also he refunded the borough's bonded debt from four to three per cent., and at that time only two cities in the United States had a lower rate, one at 2.97 and the other 2.98. One of these was Providence, R. I., and Mr. Thompson remarked: "It is well enough to have Providence over us."

Though making no parade of it, Mr. Thompson is most liberal in his benefactions to charity and the churches, and no worthy cause or object appeals to him in vain. He observes the spirit and letter of the biblical injunction to give one-tenth of his income. There is probably not a church in the town that is not under large obligations to him. He has been a member of the First Presbyterian church since February, 1872, is a large giver to all its interests and was a most liberal contributor to the fund recently raised with which to pay off the remaining indebtedness on that congregation's fine new building.

Mr. Thompson is a Republican in politics, and takes a keen interest in that party's success. His counsel and aid are always sought and generously given, though he has never

sought political preferment for himself, nor accepted any office save such as carried plenty of work and no salary.

On Dec. 11, 1879, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Mary Anderson, daughter of John and Sarah (Redburn) Anderson. To them were born two sons, Andrew A. and John R., both of whom are now in college, the former a member of the senior class of Washington and Jefferson college, and the latter pursuing a special course in Lehigh university. Mrs. Thompson died August 8, 1896, and no death in Uniontown has been more sincerely mourned than was hers by all those who enjoyed her acquaintance.

This sketch is a very inadequate representation of the impress which Josiah V. Thompson's remarkable personality has stamped upon the business community of Western Pennsylvania, but it would be still more so if it omitted to record certain lines of policy in the development of the First National bank of Uniontown for which he is responsible.

While Mr. Thompson did not become president of the bank until 1889, his practical direction of its affairs began with his assumption of the cashiership in 1877. His father, the president, was engaged in extensive and varied business enterprises and in his later years left the management of the bank largely to the son. The latter was elected cashier on June 5, 1877. On June 22d of the same year the quarterly statement of the bank showed these items:

Surplus fund,	\$20,181 01
Individual deposits,	143,255 54
Loans and discounts,	176,186 98

In the quarterly statement of the bank on September 5, 1900, on the same capital stock of \$100,000, the corresponding items were:

Surplus fund,\$446,000 00
 Individual deposits,2,198,478 76
 Loans and discounts,1,947,649 64

The greatest expansion shown in this comparison is in the surplus, which is multiplied about twenty-two fold in the twenty-three years; and Mr. Thompson's policy respecting the surplus has been one of the important factors in the bank's phenomenal growth. Prior to his cashiership the board of directors had been keeping the surplus down to about what the law required, viz: twenty per cent. of the capital stock, and issuing all the rest of the profits in dividends to the stockholders. Mr. Thompson contended that the dividends should not exceed the legal rate, three per cent. semi-annually, and that the profits over and above this should be set aside to the surplus fund for the accommodation of the business which he insisted would come with the increase of that fund; that a growing surplus would add strength and stability and bring new business. It was not without a contest, often stubbornly fought and long drawn out, that the young banker succeeded in enforcing his policy against the views of some of the older directors who were fond of dividing up the profits to the full limit. Time has vindicated the wisdom of that policy.

Mr. Thompson as president is surrounded by directors representing the active and conservative business interests of the county. While many banks sometimes find trouble in getting a quorum to attend their directory meetings, Mr. Thompson has never failed to have a quorum present since he has been president. The following constitute the present board of directors: J. V. Thompson, William Hunt, J. D. Ruby, G. W. Hess, D. P. Gibson, J. M. Hustead, H. C. Jefferis.

The officers of the bank are: president, Josiah V. Thompson; cashier, Edgar S.

Hackney; assistant cashier, Francis M. Semans, Jr.; teller, Thomas B. Semans; clerks, George W. Semans and Frank H. Rosboro.

Though he has many other vast interests on hand, he gives first attention to the bank. His capacity for work is extraordinary, often covering eighteen to twenty hours of the twenty-four. It is no uncommon thing to see him going home from the bank for a nap when the first gray streaks of dawn are breaking across the mountain, but no one ever saw him work after midnight on Saturday, for it is an inflexible rule of his life that for himself and his employes there shall be an absolute cessation from business on the Sabbath day. He has been known to work in the bank until a late hour at night, and then take a team, drive fifteen miles to the Monongahela river, cross over and be paying tens of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Greene county for their coal before they had had their breakfast.

Mr. Thompson's rules respecting his employes are deserving the widest publicity and they rank him as a practical philanthropist of high order, and as one furnishing invaluable services to the community in lessons of industry, sobriety, clean character and correct habits. He is himself strictly temperate, using tobacco in no form and never drinking anything stronger than cold water, not even coffee or tea. He will have no employe in his bank who, either in or out of banking hours, will use intoxicating liquors of any kind, or smoke or chew tobacco. He wants only men who have the full use of all their powers of mind and body, and he believes that no man can have this who is addicted to drink or tobacco, or to any of the vices of dissipation or riotous living. The wisdom of this regulation is seen in the amount and character of the work which President



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Thompson's employes are able to render for the bank and for themselves in their own business affairs.

But while much work is expected of these employes, they receive the highest salaries paid by any bank in Pennsylvania outside the large cities. This is the testimony of a bank examiner; while another examiner, whose work takes him anywhere over the country stated that the percentage of earnings was greater and the percentage of expenses smaller proportionately in the First National bank of Uniontown than in any other bank from Maine to California. When still another examiner on a certain occasion asked President Thompson how much bond he required of his employes, the answer was characteristic: "None; I would not have an employe in this bank who had to give bond."

Mr. Thompson's standard of fitness for service is that a young man must be bonded by his character, and his freedom from the vices and habits that enslave and enfeeble. If this rule were observed by employers generally, business integrity would not only be greatly promoted thereby, but who could measure the gain to the community in the lessons it would teach on the necessity of sobriety and upright character?

HON. ALBERT D. BOYD is a senator of Pennsylvania and a political leader. But he has a distinction far greater than this; he is a conceded leader of the Uniontown bar—a bar celebrated for its ability. His legal career began when he was twenty-four. He almost instantantly came into prominence. In less than two years after his admission he was elected district attorney. During his second year in office he tried the case of Jacob Staup for the murder of his neighbor, Alpheus Glover. Staup was defended by

the ablest members of the Uniontown bar, lawyers who afterwards achieved a State and national reputation. But Boyd convicted him in two successive trials. Staup was sentenced to death. Pending a third trial he escaped from jail. Twenty years after he was captured, retried and finally acquitted. Boyd emerged from the Staup case with his reputation made. In a majority of the celebrated criminal cases tried in the Fayette county courts during the last quarter of this century he has been engaged on one side or the other. But his most distinct professional success has been won in the civil courts. He has a big share of the civil court practice, and he is too busy a lawyer to be a politician. So, when in 1898, the Democrats of the Fortieth senatorial district selected him by a unanimous vote of the conferences as their candidate for senator it was intended as a tribute to his ability and special fitness for the office instead of as the reward of a self-seeking politician. And when the people elected him to the senate by a liberal majority they reflected credit on themselves. He has taken high rank in that body of representative law-makers.

Albert Darlington Boyd was born in Menallen township, Fayette county, Pa., December 31, 1845. He is descended from Virginia stock, his great-grandfather, William Boyd, having removed from near Winchester, in the Shenandoah valley, to Fayette county in 1784. He settled in Bullskin township where he patented "Springhill," a tract of two hundred and forty acres, a part of which is still in possession of his descendants. He was one of the earlier justices of the peace of the county, his commission dating from 1792. Albert D. Boyd's grandfather, Hon. Robert Boyd, was one of the associate judges of the county. A. D.

Boyd's parents were William Boyd and Jane C. (Burgess) Boyd. As a farmer's lad Albert worked on the farm in the summer and attended the district school during the brief winter term, until he acquired enough learning to teach school himself. From a country school teacher he slowly wended his way upward. He taught school for a number of terms in his native and surrounding townships and one year at Connellsville. Outside of his common school course, he attended two terms at Morgantown, W. Va., academy. While teaching school he registered as a law student with the late Judge Alphens E. Wilson, and during his vacations and at other intervals mastered his legal course, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He rose rapidly in his profession, was elected district attorney by the Democrats in 1871, served till 1874 with great credit, and since then has been a general practitioner, tending more and more in recent years to exclusive practice in the civil courts.

He is an all-around lawyer. He is strong in all lines. He has great power as a jury advocate. He has all the natural advantages of an orator, but no lawyer at the bar strives less than he for oratorical effect. He is too much in earnest in his speeches to consider the arts of the rhetorician, but his oratory has an unstudied grace, and he is a close and absolutely clear reasoner. He is eloquent in the sense of being splendidly in earnest and in a flow of lucid English that always conveys ideas, which is the only kind of eloquence that amounts to anything. Boyd never wastes words. In physical advantages he is a man in a thousand. Tall and of massive, though symmetrical build, with handsome clear cut features and blond complexion contrasting with the closely cropped

gray hair which surmounts a shapely head, he would attract attention in any crowd. Two sentences from an editorial tribute to Roscoe Conkling when he died twelve years ago, so exactly describe Boyd that I quote them here: "Mr. Conkling was pre-eminently a manly man. His superb physique, his lofty but unstudied bearing, his pungent speech, were all instinct with vitality."

One gets of Boyd at first view the impression of his mighty reserve strength. The late Hon. Charles E. Boyle, who was one of the leaders of the Pennsylvania bar and who died in the zenith of his fame as chief justice of Washington, once in a conversation with me paid Boyd a high compliment. Boyle was coldly accurate in his views and opinions. He never overstated anything. I had just reported to him Boyd's able advocacy of his (Boyle's) claims before a noted political conference and his unanswerable and unanswered arguments in the support of these claims. Boyle said: "I am more than satisfied. Boyd is a strong man." Boyd happened to be passing just them. After he had gone out of hearing, Boyle looked after him and repeatedly slowly: "He is a very strong man." I realized that that was a very great compliment, coming from Boyle. At another time, Mr. Boyle said that "Boyd has more law at his tongue's end than any of us." In Boyd's most famous murder case, that of Nicholas Lyman Dukes for the killing of Captain A. C. Nutt in December, 1882, he was opposed to Boyle, who defended Dukes. Boyd made the opening speech to the jury for the Commonwealth.

September 21, 1872, Mr. Boyd married Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Patterson, of Uniontown. They have five children, all grown up: Edward Willson Boyd and Samuel P. Boyd, are lawyers and are

associated with their father in practice; Albert D., Jr., and Wallace are civil engineers; Miss Mary is at home. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Boyd purchased a beautiful estate, "Locust Hill," in the East End, Uniontown, where he still resides.

In politics Mr. Boyd is a Democrat. He was chairman of the county committee several terms. Since his election to the district attorneyship he has never been an aspirant in the active sense for any office. But in 1898 the Democracy of Fayette selected him as its candidate for senator in the Fortieth district. Greene, the other county of the district, also supported him and his nomination was unanimous. The people, recognizing his superior fitness to the place, voted for him without a strict regard for party ties, and he was elected by a sweeping majority.

One of Boyd's most admirable traits is his unselfishness. He is most generous and helpful towards the young lawyers who are struggling for recognition and a practice. Many a helpful act of his is gratefully remembered by the youngsters who are starting where he started thirty years ago. The big, manly lawyer has a host of friends, and he deserves them; he is a loyal, generous friend himself. And he has a handsome practice, because he deserves that, by virtue of his ability and reliability as a lawyer.

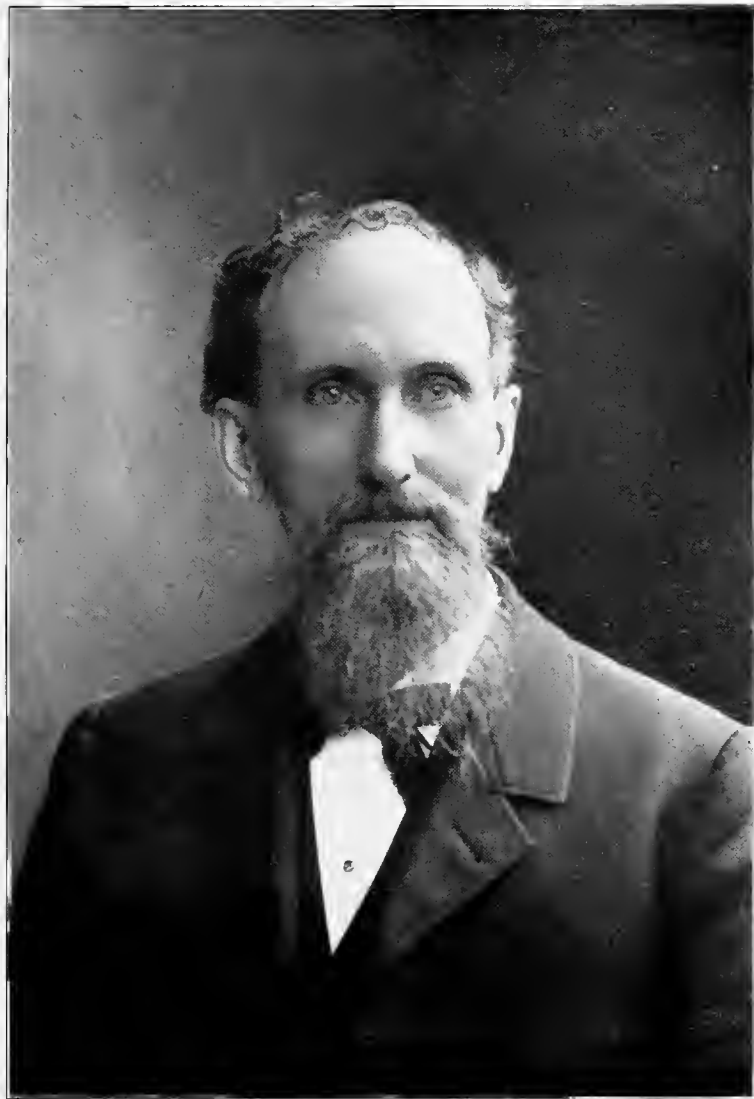
ERASMUS KAISER, jeweler at Brownsville, Pa., is the son of the late Erasmus and Margaret Kaiser. His father was a carpenter and contractor in Frieberg, Baden, Germany, where he died in 1843, at the age of forty-five years. The mother of the subject of our sketch died there in 1846, at the age of forty-six years. Mr. Kaiser left home early in life, and but very little of the ancestral

history of his family is known to him. Erasmus Kaiser was born in Freiberg, Baden, Germany, December 26, 1826. He attended school until he was fourteen years of age, when he was sent to Lahr, Baden, to learn his trade—watch and clock making. He remained in Lahr, working at his trade until 1848, when he came to America. He first located at Hollidaysburg, Pa., and there was employed as watch and clock maker for a Mr. De Boyne until 1850, when he went to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pa., and engaged in the jewelry, watch and clock business. Not being pleased with this location he remained but a short time, when he removed to Brownsville, where he commenced business in April, 1852, and has carried on a jeweler's store most successfully ever since. He carries a large and assorted stock of all kinds of goods connected with a first class jewelry house, and has one of the best appointed stores of the kind in Western Pennsylvania. As a workman his reputation and his work show his early thorough training. He has built up a large trade at Brownsville and in the surrounding country, and at the same time made many warm personal friends. He stands high in the community in which he lives, and is esteemed by all who know him. He has served several terms as a member of the council in Brownsville, and has been twice elected as school director on the Democratic ticket. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church for thirty-five years and has held the position of deacon for many years. He was married at Greensburg, Pa., in 1850, to Miss Catherine Iftner. She is a native of Bavaria, Germany, came to America in 1846 and located at Hollidaysburg, Pa., with her half-brother, Henry Iftner, who afterward moved to Pittsfield, Ill. They have

four children: Charles H., Lizzie, Joseph and William. Charles H. married Lizzie, daughter of Thomas Kohler, an old and respected citizen of Hanover, York county, Pa., and is proprietor of a jewelry store at Hanover. They have one daughter. Lizzie Kaiser married Frank W. Acklin, of Brownsville. They live in Tyrone, Blair county, Pa., where Mr. Acklin has a jewelry store. Joseph is married and owns a jewelry store in Jamestown, New York. William is unmarried and is with his father in Brownsville. In connection with his other business, Mr. Kaiser is a director in the Second National Bank of Brownsville.

DAVID MOFFITT HART, of Bridgeport, Pa., was born in Washington county, Pa., September 15, 1832. He was a son of James Gibson and Isabel (Moffit) Hart. His father was born in Chester county, Pa., January 2, 1807, and moved with his parents to Washington county, where he learned the trade of weaver and fuller of woolen cloth. He served two terms as associate judge of Washington county, Pa. He purchased a mill and continued in this business until 1838 when he sold the mill and purchased a store in Centreville, the same county. In 1848 he sold his store and bought the Stephen Hill farm, containing four hundred acres, and lived there until his death in 1885. In politics he was a Whig, and when the Republican party was organized, joined it. He was elected associate judge of Washington county in 1856, and served two terms. He was a member of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian church all his life, serving as deacon for many years. David Hart, father of James G. Hart, was born in New Jersey, November 28, 1775; moved first to Chester and then to Washington county. He pur-

chased a farm in Somerset township, and lived there until his death October 1, 1852. David M. Hart, after finishing the studies taught at the common school at Centreville, studied the higher branches under the tutorship of Samuel Linton and his brother. He then turned his attention to farming for about four years. In 1852 he was engaged as a clerk in a drug store at Jefferson, Greene county, and in 1854 he purchased a saw mill in West Bethlehem township, Washington county, which he operated with success. He also operated a mill near Brownsville and one in Preston county, W. Va. He continued in the lumber business until 1880, when he retired from business. He has always been a Republican; was elected burgess of Bridgeport in 1880 and served two terms. He has twice been elected a member of the council, serving as president, was also a member of the school board for three years, and is now justice of the peace. He enlisted in Company E, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, September 12, 1862. Mr. Hart has been twice married. First on May 1, 1856, to Peri Rex, daughter of Charles Rex, of Jefferson, Greene county. While on their wedding tour Mrs. Hart was stricken with typhoid fever and died in St. Louis, Mo. Her remains were brought home and buried in Greene county. Mr. Hart was married a second time, on July 26, 1869, to Sarah M. Wilgus, daughter of John S. and Barbaraetta (Hunter) Wilgus. Sarah M. Wilgus was born in Fayette City, May 1, 1848, and was the second in a family of seven children. Her father was born in Perryopolis, Fayette county, October 28, 1823. He moved to Bridgeport in 1850, and engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes in connection with a general store, which he sold in 1873, when he was appointed postmaster of



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Brownsville. He held that office for five years. In March, 1880, he moved to Monongahela City, where he still resides and is at the present time a member of the city council. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hart, John Wilgus, was born in New Jersey in 1786, and was a physician and a great student. He moved to Perryopolis in 1806, being one of the first settlers. He was practically the first one to conceive the idea of connecting the two oceans by railroad. He made drawings illustrating his idea, and sent them to Washington, where they hung for years on the walls of the Senate chamber. He died October 11, 1871. David M. and Sarah Hart have nine children: J. Percy, Wallace A., Peri A., Lawrence W., Kenneth M., James G., Isabel M., J. Wilgus and David M., Jr. J. Percy Hart was born May 18, 1870, and attended the Bridgeport union schools. He learned typography and is now connected with the "Bridgeport Monitor," as foreman. He married Finley Z. Taylor, on January 16, 1893. They have one child, Melissa M. Hart. His wife is the daughter of John Taylor, of Washington county. Peri A. Hart was married November 30, 1897, to Robert E. Doak, of Bridgeport.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER EDMISTON, cashier of the Monongahela Bank at Brownsville, Pa., is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Bryce) Edmiston. His father was born in Fulton county, Pa., in 1811, and was a chair maker by trade. He came to Brownsville about 1840, and opened a shop. He continued to work at his trade until his death in 1856. He was a Presbyterian, and was of Irish and Scotch descent. Of the paternal grandfather of Mr. Edmiston, the facts as obtained are that he was born in Ireland, came to America and settled in Fulton coun-

ty, Pa. After the death of her husband, the mother of W. A. Edmiston was married to Geo. W. Harrison, of Washington county, Pa. They lived on a farm in that county, about three miles from Brownsville. She died May 30, 1898, in the seventy-second year of her age. Andrew Bryce, maternal grandfather of Mr. Edmiston, was a native of Scotland who came to this country about 1820. He was a miller, and worked at that business all his life. He died in the State of Indiana, while there on a visit.

Wm. A. Edmiston was born at Brownsville, December 23, 1846, and received his education in the public schools of the town. After leaving school he was a clerk in the drug store of John Wallace & Co., of Brownsville, for about one year. He held the position of clerk in different stores in Brownsville until in 1866, he secured the position of second clerk on one of the steamboats belonging to the Pittsburgh, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Co. He was in their employ continuously for sixteen years, excepting the years 1871 and 1872, when he was engaged in the drygoods business in Brownsville. He served as first and as second clerk until 1878, and from that time until 1882 was captain of the steamboat "Germania" plying between Geneva and Pittsburg. In 1882 he was elected teller of the Monongahela Bank, in which position he continued until 1888, when he was elected cashier, which position he still fills. The Monongahela Bank was organized in 1812, chartered in 1814, and now has a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and an average deposit of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, with a surplus of seventy-five thousand dollars. The present officers of the bank are: president, Chas. L. Snowdon; vice-president, H. W. Robinson;

cashier, Wm. A. Edmiston; teller, C. W. Bowman. The directors are C. L. Snowdon, H. W. Robinson, M. A. Cox, Wm. Cox, Eli Bar, Chas. W. Bowman and H. J. English. Mr. Edmiston was for several years the clerk of the town council, and has also served as borough treasurer. He was elected on the Republican ticket in 1883 a member of the school board, and re-elected in 1886, serving as secretary of that body during the major part of his incumbency, and has since 1893 served as its president. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is its treasurer and a member of the board of trustees and stewards. He was married in 1869 to Miss Virginia Beacom, daughter of the Rev. L. R. Beacom of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have four children: Clarence B., Bessie V., Wm. B. and Helen L. Bessie V. was married in March, 1896, to Martin R. Jacobs, son of Captain Adam Jacobs, Sr., (deceased). They have one child, Ann Snowdon Jacobs. Clarence B. was graduated in dentistry, but the confinement of the office being injurious to his health he secured the position of chief clerk on the steamer "I. C. Woodward," running from Morgantown to Pittsburg. The Rev. L. R. Beacom, father of Mrs. W. A. Edmiston, was a prominent member of Pittsburg conference, M. E. church, and was just completing his fiftieth year of continuous work when he died in April, 1898.

MARTIN REILEY JACOBS, of Brownsville, Pa., was born in Brownsville, July 8, 1855. His great-grandfather, Adam Jacobs, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1748, moved to Allegheny county at an early date, and engaged in farming. He located on Turtle creek near "Braddock's Field," eleven miles

east of Pittsburg. He remained there until 1793, when he came to Brownsville, where he engaged in the mercantile business until his death in 1818. He was married twice. First to Mary Wirtz, on May 14, 1776; she died without children. The second time to Catherine Endley, on December 6, 1792, to whom there were seven children born: Adam, Ann, who married David Beggs; Mary, who married John Johnson; and Elizabeth, who married Dr. Raney, and three who died in childhood. Adam Jacobs (named after his father) was born in Brownsville, December 3, 1794, was educated at the subscription schools, and afterward attended Washington college; he became a merchant. He was married January 16, 1816, to Eliza Reiley, daughter of Martin Reiley, of Bedford, Bedford county, Pa., a member of the Colonial Guards.

Mr. Adam Jacobs, (the second), died June 29, 1822. He left one son, Adam (the 3rd) who was born January 7, 1817. The last named received his early education in the pay schools, and at about sixteen years of age was apprenticed to G. W. Bowman to learn coppersmithing. He remained with him four years, and then went into business for himself. In 1840 Captain Jacobs commenced steamboating. He at first ran on the lower rivers from Pittsburg to St. Louis, and the tributaries of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. In 1845 when Lock No. 4 was completed, making Brownsville the head of navigation, he built the steamer "Lewis McLane," and commanded it until 1847, when he turned his attention to building steamboats in which he was engaged until 1872, when he practically retired from that business, having built over one hundred and twenty boats. Building boats, however, did not occupy all his time, as he was engaged

in mercantile business from 1843 to 1865. He purchased a tract of land containing one thousand acres, in Luzerne township, about eight miles from Brownsville, calling it East Riverside, where there has been a postoffice established by the same name. He retired to his farm in 1872. Not being satisfied with a quiet life, established a boat yard on his farm, and there built five boats for the Pittsburg, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company. Thinking there was coal underlying his farm, he ran a slope, (commencing in the hill about fifty feet above the river) four hundred and sixty feet at a grade of one foot in three where he struck a ten foot vein of fine coal. The slope remains as he left it, no coal having been mined. On the 22d of February, 1838, Mr. Jacobs married Miss Ann Snowdon, who was born in England, August 16, 1816, the daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Snowdon. Her father, John Snowdon, was born March 2, 1796, at Martin, near Scarborough in Yorkshire, and came to America in 1819; landed at Baltimore and came overland by wagon to Brownsville (see sketch of J. N. Snowdon). To Adam and Ann Jacobs ten children were born, seven of whom are still living: Mary Eliza (married Wm. Parkhill); Adam; Catherine, (wife of S. S. Graham); Caroline, (married John H. Bowman); Ann (wife of J. L. McBirney); Martin Reiley and George Jacobs. John Nelson Jacobs, another son, died January 14, 1894, (see sketch of J. N. Jacobs). Captain Jacobs resided on his farm until his death on December 13, 1883.

After his father's death, Martin Reiley Jacobs was appointed one of the trustees to look after the vast estate left by his father. M. R. Jacobs is a graduate of Harvard, and also of the Columbia law school. He commands the respect of all who know him. He

was married on March 18, 1896, to Elizabeth Edmiston, daughter of W. A. Edmiston (see sketch). They have one daughter, Ann S., born April 4, 1897.

CAPT. ADAM JACOBS was born in Brownsville, Pa., August 8, 1840. He is the fourth to bear the name in Brownsville. His great-grandfather, Adam Jacobs, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1748; came to Brownsville in 1793, and died in 1818. His grandfather, Adam Jacobs, was born December 3, 1794, and died June 29, 1822, and his father, Adam Jacobs, was born in Brownsville, January 7, 1817, and died December 18, 1883, (see preceding sketch). Captain Adam Jacobs attended school until he was fourteen years of age, when he clerked in the bank for two years. He then attended school for another year and in 1858 commenced work in his father's drygoods store where he continued until the war commenced in 1861, when he organized a company in Brownsville, was elected first lieutenant and went into camp at Pittsburg, where his company was mustered in as Company D of 8th Penna. Reserve Vol. Corps. Mr. Jacobs was promoted to quartermaster of the regiment, and served until February, 1862, when he resigned. He came back to the drygoods store where he remained until 1865, when he turned his attention to farming up to 1871, then he returned to Brownsville and engaged in the iron and steel business until 1877. He then commenced work on the river where he has since remained. July 14, 1864, he married Laura Imogene Myers. Five children are living: Adam M. R. Jacobs, born November 19, 1866, who married Bessie, daughter of George W. and Sarah (Chatland) Lenhart, of Brownsville, February 10, 1897; Helen R. Jacobs, born December 23,

1869; Annie S., born August 25, 1873, married Frank A. Carsten, of Washington, Pa., November 26, 1896, and has one child, Helen Imogene Carsten, who was born January 1, 1898; and Laura Imogene Jacobs, was born August 30, 1876, and married Edward T. C. Slease, June 3, 1896. Laura Imogene (Myers) Jacobs was born in Canton, Ohio, January 12, 1842, and died at East Riverside, December 25, 1891. Her great-grandfather, Daniel Myers, was born in Mattiachin, Montgomery county, Pa., February 13, 1750. He moved to Maryland in 1772. He was married October 5, 1773, to Barbara Myers, daughter of John Myers, of York county, Pa. She was born June 23, 1775, and died August 29, 1838. Daniel Myers died November 10, 1797. His son, John Myers, was born in Maryland, August 30, 1774, and died in Canton, Ohio, June 14, 1856. He was married to Rachel Shriver, on August 8, 1805. She was born August 25, 1785, and died in Canton, Ohio, June 30, 1830. Henry Harrison Myers (son of John Myers) was born in Canton, Ohio, March 15, 1813. He was married on October 21, 1838, to Ann Eliza Eleanor Rappe, daughter of Dr. Andrew Rappe; she was born March 15, 1815, and died August 7, 1876. Captain Jacobs commenced his work on the river as clerk on the boat run by Capt. M. A. Cox, and in 1889 was made captain of the steamer "Germany." He has navigated most of the tributaries of the Ohio river, and as far south as New Orleans, and is considered a master of his profession.

WILLIAM BALL McCORMICK was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pa., October 15, 1843. His grandfather, Noble McCormick, was born in Ireland, and came to America at an early date and settled in

Franklin township, about six miles from Brownsville, where John W. McCormick, the father of the subject of this sketch was born, February 26, 1818. He was married December 18, 1838, to Sarah Hazen, daughter of David and Elsie Mary (Wintermute) Hazen, who came from New Jersey and settled in Franklin township among the earliest settlers. David Hazen was born February 6, 1770, and his wife Elsie M., was born June 7, 1776. They were married December 6, 1795. They had nine children, of whom Sarah, mother of William B. McCormick, was the youngest. David Hazen died November 11, 1848, and his wife Elsie, died May 3, 1850. To John W. and Sarah McCormick four children were born, two of whom died in infancy, and William B. and Elsie Isabel lived to maturity; the latter married John S. Cunningham, who died August 14, 1899, and Elsie Isabel Cunningham died May 18, 1898. John W. McCormick was drowned April 26, 1846, and Sarah, his wife, died March 21, 1896. William B. McCormick attended the district schools in winter and worked on the farm in summer until June 10, 1862, when he came to Brownsville as clerk in the store of Capt. Adam Jacobs, remaining three years. He then went on the river, running the southern route with Capt. Lewis and E. D. Abrams, where he remained three years. From 1868 to 1877 he conducted a drygoods store in Brownsville, and from 1877 to 1885 was engaged in the coal business. From 1885 to 1893 he was cashier in the Internal revenue office, 23d district Pennsylvania at Pittsburg under Collector E. A. Bigler, and from 1889 to 1897 was engaged in the furniture business. January 17, 1895, he was appointed by President Cleveland as postmaster of Brownsville, which office he held for four years. He was



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married October 7, 1880, to Eliza, daughter of John and Jane (Wintermute) Johnston. Her grandfather, George Johnston, was born in Monaghan, Ireland; landed in Philadelphia with his wife Isabel (Rock), in 1805, and came to Hickory, Washington county, Pa., where his uncle resided. His son, John Johnston (father of Mrs. McCormick), was born there March 30, 1806. George Johnston came to Brownsville soon after and commenced business as a weaver in the house where Dr. J. R. Patton afterwards lived. John Johnston learned the carpenter trade with George Groff. He was prominent as a contractor and lumberman for many years. He was a director in the Monongahela bank for nearly fifty years. He was a member of Christ's Episcopal church; being vestryman for many years, and was one of a committee of three appointed to superintend the building of the church. He had six children; two only lived to maturity, George W. and Eliza J. (wife of Mr. McCormick). John Johnston died April 29, 1887, and his wife Jane (Wintermute) Johnston, died April 27, 1891. The Wintermute family is of German extraction and tradition says the founder thereof in this country was a sailor, who when his vessel was lying off the coast of New Jersey, went on shore with others of the crew, and being pleased with the country, concluded to remain. Below will be found the inscription on his tombstone in Stillwater cemetery, New Jersey, which was copied from the stone of Mr. J. P. Wintermute while on a visit there in 1876.

"INSCRIPTION."

"(Here rests in God George Wintermute, born May 11, 1711, in the city (or town) of Inpung, Europe; came to America in the year 1736 and was married to M. E. Bern-

hartin in the year 1739, and had eight children; lived in wedlock 43 years and 3 months. He died in the year 1782, the 19th of December in the evening at 10 P. M. His age was 71 years, 3 months and 8 days and left behind 3 sons and 3 daughters alive.)"

Of these eight children one is renowned as having built Port Wintermoot near Wilkesbarre, Pa. One was said to have been killed in the Massacre of Wyoming; one killed in battle; one uniting his fortunes with the British, removed to Canada where his descendants now reside near Port Erie, and another was the great-grandfather of Mrs. McCormick, who after bringing up a large family at the old homestead in New Jersey, finally, in his old age, removed to Fayette county, Pa., where several of his children were residing, and where he died at the ripe old age of ninety years. William B. McCormick and wife have but one child living (two having died in infancy), William Johnston McCormick, who was born March 29, 1887. Mr. McCormick has always been identified with the best interests of Brownsville; a representative citizen, respected and trusted by all. He has been for years a member of the school board. He is a vestryman in Christ's Episcopal church, of which he and his wife are members.

JOHN JACOB RATHMELL was born in Brownsville, August 10, 1837. He is of English descent. His paternal great-grandfather, Christopher Rathmell, was born in Grassington, England, where the town of Rathmell and also a church of the same name, still exists. They were extensive land owners. His paternal grandfather, John Rathmell, was born at the same place in 1780 and was married to Elizabeth Lawson in 1799; they had thirteen children. John Rath-

mell died in England, in November, 1860. Thomas Rathmell, the third child of John and Elizabeth Rathmell, was born in Grassington, England, February 28, 1802. He married Maria Fletcher at Grassington, January 1, 1828. They came to America, landing at Baltimore in June, 1831, and came overland by stage to Brownsville. They had five children: Christopher, John Jacob, Laura, Riolay F., and Mary. Thomas Rathmell died at Brownsville, August 9, 1872, and his wife Maria (Fletcher) Rathmell died February 13, 1862. Maria Fletcher Rathmell was the daughter of George Fletcher, Jr., and Elizabeth (Lathem) Fletcher. Her great-grandfather, George Fletcher, was married to Isabel Riolay in 1740. They had only one child, George Fletcher, who was born in 1741. He married Elizabeth Bradley, who was born in 1751 and died in 1791. They had one child, George Fletcher, Jr., who was born August 3, 1772. George Fletcher, Sr., was a minister of the Church of England at Linton parish, Settle, England, for many years. George Fletcher, Jr., was cashier of the Settle bank for more than fifty years. He married Elizabeth Lathem, November 17, 1790, and they had eight children, of whom Maria (Fletcher) Rathmell, was the sixth child; she was born July 22, 1806. George Fletcher died November 1, 1855, and his wife November 1, 1841.

John Jacob Rathmell has been identified with the public interests of both the borough in which he lives and the county ever since arriving at the years of maturity. He has always been a staunch Republican, and was constable for ten years and tax collector for many years. He has been in the employ of the old Monongahela Bridge Co. for the past fifteen years. He married Anna Matthews, May 4, 1864. Her great-grandfather

was Sir John Matthews, of the nobility of England. Her grandfather, Chidley Matthews, came to America when a young man. He married Miss Martha Parks and settled at Emmitsburg, Frederick county, Md. He died in 1805. They had five children, the youngest son, George, being the father of Anna Matthews. He was born June 1, 1803, and was baptized and brought up in the Presbyterian faith. He was a man of great physical and mental vigor, and as a business man had few equals; while never aspiring to office, yet he filled several important positions in Allegany county, Md. He was judge of the orphans' court and county commissioner, and also filled some minor positions with credit and ability. He kept hotel and a general store at "Little Crossings" on the National Road from 1832 to 1839, and removed from there to Selbysport, Md., where he died July 16, 1890. He married Lydia Compton, January 12, 1832; they had ten children, of whom Anna (Matthews) Rathmell was the third, and she was born January 12, 1841. Lydia (Compton) Matthews was born July 21, 1816, and is still living at Markleysburg, Pa. To John Jacob and Anna (Matthews) Rathmell four children were born: George M., March 9, 1865; A. Ross, October 23, 1866; Thomas J., September 19, 1868; Harvey C., October 22, 1870. George M. Rathmell was married October 31, 1895, to Ellen M., daughter of the late Dr. Henry and Mary (Porter) Eastman, of Merrittstown, Pa. Mrs. Rathmell was born August 18, 1870. They have one child, Anna Elizabeth, born November 22, 1897. George M. Rathmell received his education in Brownsville, and then engaged in the drug business with H. W. Robinson, with whom he remained ten years. By the strictest economy he accumulated enough

money to commence business for himself, and opened a drug store in Bridgeport, January 14, 1893. His younger brother, A. Ross Rathmell, is a partner with him in the business. Their reliability and courtesy have built up for them an ever increasing patronage among the best people of the three towns. Albert Ross Rathmell was married February 20, 1889, to Alice Gertrude, daughter of Hayden and Mary (Armstrong) Baird; they have two children: Walter S., born July 21, 1890, and John Ross, born January 30, 1896. Aaron Baird (grandfather of Alice (Baird) Rathmell, was born May 30, 1786; died November 18, 1870; and his wife Persis (Wallace) Baird, was born March 17, 1799. Hayden E. Baird, tenth son of Aaron, was born February 17, 1841, and died November 25, 1894. He enlisted at the beginning of the war in Company A, Third Virginia Infantry; afterwards in Company F, Sixth Virginia Cavalry; was captured and taken to Andersonville, and after being there six months was exchanged. October 15, 1868, he married Margaret, daughter of John and Charity Armstrong. She died December 20, 1880. George M. Rathmell is prominently identified with the Republican party, serving as a delegate to county conventions and to the State convention of 1897. He has been a school director of Bridgeport since 1896, and was lately elected as a councilman to serve in the place of Edward Heard resigned.

JOHN B. KREPPS.—John Krepps, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Philadelphia, June 11, 1764, and died March 16, 1845. He came to Washington county prior to 1787, as we find deeds recorded by him on that date. He first settled across the river from Brownsville, on

the property now known as the "Krepps Knob" farm. He established the ferry across the Monongahela river from Bridgeport to West Brownsville, which he continued to operate until bought out by the old Monongahela Bridge Company. He married Mary Gillespie, the daughter of Niel Gillespie, Sr. Niel Gillespie, Sr., was the great-grandfather of James G. Blaine. Mr. and Mrs. John Krepps had five children: Christopher, born August 4, 1790; Solomon, born January 27, 1793; Samuel J., born November 2, 1794; Eleanor, born August 24, 1796, and John, born February 17, 1807. Samuel Jackson Krepps, on January 13, 1822, married Elizabeth Brook, daughter of Dillon Brook, who was born in Baltimore, Md., March 17, 1800. He settled in Bridgeport about 1823 on the place now called "The Valley Mill" property. He ran the saw mill at the Jonah Cadwallader dam on Dunlap's creek, also operating the coal banks on that property. In 1832 he built a residence in Brownsville, which is now known as the Monongahela house, and owned by the widow of his son, John B. Krepps. In 1834 he built the "Valley Mills" on Dunlap's creek in Bridgeport. He, like his brother, Solomon G. Krepps, was a prominent and public spirited citizen, and was identified with the business interests of both boroughs for many years. About 1846 he moved to the old Krepps homestead, west of the Monongahela, and soon afterward to the Niel Gillespie farm, where he died March 6, 1866. In 1854 he was elected to the legislature from Washington county. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Krepps had eight children: John B., Mary Ellen, Ann Eliza, Clement Dillon, Chas. Wickliffe, Samuel W., Solomon G. and Christopher C. John B. Krepps, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born

November 2, 1822, in Brownsville, Fayette county. He was educated in the Brownsville schools, and is also a graduate of Washington college. He entered the law office of Judge Veech, of Uniontown, was admitted to the bar, and practiced law for several years. About 1855 he took charge of the coal lands owned by his father. In December, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, 112th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, was commissioned first lieutenant and promoted to captain. He was wounded at the battle of Chapin's farm, was taken to Fortress Monroe, where his wife nursed him eleven weeks, and then brought him home. As soon as he was able he returned to his company, and served until they were mustered out in the spring of 1866. He was married September 20, 1849, to Ada Officer, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (O'Hara) Officer. She was born in Washington county, Pa., February 15, 1828. Her father, Thomas Officer, Jr., was born in Washington county, Pa., May 14, 1797. He served as deputy sheriff under his father, and after his father's death continued as deputy under his brother Robert. He was appointed prothonotary by the Governor. After serving one term, was elected by the people for two successive terms. He was married April 8, 1817, to Mary O'Hara, daughter of Dr. William O'Hara, of Lancaster county. They had four children: Thomas P., born July 4, 1820; Ann Eliza, born 1826; Ada J., born February 15, 1828, and Mary W., born January 17, 1834. Mary O'Hara was a cousin of "Stonewall" Jackson. Thomas Officer, Sr., grandfather of Mrs. Krepps, was born in Carlisle, Pa., November 1, 1764, married Jean Patterson, January 20, 1790, and died May 18, 1817. Jean Patterson was born February 3, 1767, at Huntingdon, Pa., and died December 11, 1837.

Thomas Officer, Jr., died October 23, 1855, and his wife died October 28, 1859; both are buried at Mobile, Alabama. To John B. and Ada Krepps six children were born, all of whom have died, except John B. Krepps, Jr. John B. Krepps, Sr., died January 9, 1881. His widow, Ada Krepps, is respected by all who know her.

JOHN NELSON JACOBS was a descendant of Adam Jacobs, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1748, and came to Brownsville in 1793, and died in 1818. His grandfather, Adam Jacobs, was born in Brownsville in 1794, married Eliza Reiley, daughter of Martin Reiley, of Bedford county, Pa., a member of the Colonial Guards, and died June 29, 1822. He left one son, Adam Jacobs, (the father of J. N. Jacobs), who was born January 7, 1817, and married Ann Snowdon, (see sketch of M. R. Jacobs). John Nelson Jacobs finished his education at Kenyon college in Gambier, Ohio. He then came home and assisted his father in the store and in the management of his coal lands. On June 12, 1864, he married Sarah McDonald Colvin, daughter of Levi and Eliza (McDonald) Colvin. Mrs. Jacobs' great-grandfather, Patrick McDonald, who lived in Scotland, was a sailor. His son Patrick, Jr., came to America while yet a young man, and established an extensive fur store at Uniontown, Fayette county. He married Sarah Tarr, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Hagar) Tarr, of Uniontown. Eliza McDonald (mother of Mrs. Jacobs), daughter of Patrick McDonald, was born April 2, 1807, and married Levi Colvin, of Redstone township. Levi Colvin was born March 1, 1805. They had five children, Sarah M. being the second. To John M. and Sarah M. Jacobs six children were born:



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Flora, married Joseph L. Wickes, of Baltimore, Md., and died July 18, 1898, leaving two children, Sarah E. and Pere L.; Lelia, married Charles W. Bowman and has one child, Nelson B.; Ann, married Wm. L. Lenhart, and has four children: Sarah M., Ann J., Georgia and Wm. C.; Adam, died March 29, 1892, at the age of nineteen; Mary E., lives with her mother; and Nelson B., who is in the insurance office with E. T. C. Slease. John Nelson Jacobs was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, and was a staunch Democrat, although he never sought nor held office. He died January 14, 1894.

SAMUEL S. GRAHAM.—Among the many prominent and successful business men of Fayette county, none are more modest and unassuming, and at the same time more conscientious and useful, than Samuel S. Graham. He is of Irish descent. His grandfather, Samuel Graham, was born and lived in the County of Monaghan, Ireland. His father, William Graham, was also born in that county on July 2, 1814, and came to America about 1830, coming direct to Brownsville, where he established a dry-goods store. He was married on February 23, 1843, to Mary Rebecca Miller, the daughter of Israel and Anna M. (Sowers) Miller. Anna M. Sowers was the only child of Michael Sowers, and was born in Brownsville, June 29, 1790. Michael Sowers was born in Hagerstown, Md., October 16, 1762; when but sixteen years of age he enlisted in a Maryland regiment, and was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Cowpens. He served under Generals Gates and Greene. After the war closed he returned home and married Dorothy Cox. He came to Brownsville about 1787. He was one of the first merchants to commence business in Browns-

ville. He was one of the organizers of the Monongahela bank in 1812, and served as director for many years. He was interested in the Providence iron works and the Dunbar furnace. His wife died in October, 1850, and he died October 16, 1853. Anna M. Sowers was married on May 10, 1810, to Israel Miller, who was born in Uniontown, Pa., April 6, 1783. He came to Brownsville when a young man, and established a drygoods store. He was one of the original stockholders in the Monongahela bank, and was interested in the Providence iron works. Eleven children were born to them: Caroline M. (married Rev. L. N. Freeman); Clarissa A., Thomas J., Horatio S., Harriet, Louisa I. (married A. R. Roads, of Burlington, Iowa); Augustus I., Mary R. (married William Graham); Henrietta (married Robert Todd); George W., and William H. Miller. A. H. Miller married Elizabeth Marchand, daughter of Dr. Louis Marchand, of Jefferson township, Fayette county. One child, Louis Miller, was born in March, 1848. Augustus I. Miller enlisted in 1862, and died in the hospital at Louisville, Ky., August 18, 1863. George W. Miller joined the company raised at Brownsville in 1861, which was mustered in as Company D, 8th Pennsylvania Reserves. He was appointed first lieutenant, and was killed while leading his company at the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. Mary Rebecca Miller was born March 26, 1823. To William and Mary R. (Miller) Graham four children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Anna M. Graham married Rev. T. D. Ewing, from Indiana county, Pa., June 5, 1867. Their children were: Rebecca M., Jane H., James F. and Anna G. Anna M. (Graham) Ewing died September 12, 1884. William Graham died April 9, 1851. Mrs. Graham is still

living at her old homestead in Brownsville. Samuel S. Graham is the only surviving child of William and Mary R. Graham. He was born November 30, 1845. He attended boarding school at Merrittstown, and the military academy at West Chester, Pa. He continued his father's drygoods business until 1869, when he sold it and engaged in wholesale and retail groceries. He is the general manager of the Pittsburg, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company, and is president of the Second National Bank of Brownsville. He was married December 1, 1870, to Catherine E. Jacobs, daughter of Adam Jacobs (see sketch of M. R. Jacobs). They have four children living: Adam J., Anna J., Samuel Sowers and Mary Rebecca Graham. Adam J. Graham was married on June 23, 1896, to Theda Carter Brooke, of Salem, Ohio, and they have one child, Catherine.

WILLIAM G. GUILER.—One of the best read and most thoroughly practical attorneys who have practiced in Fayette county is William Greer Guiler. He is the second son of the late Major Absalom Guiler, who was a gallant soldier in the Mexican war, and rose to the rank of major in the late Civil war. He was a member of the 85th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. William G. Guiler was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1847. He was educated in the Uniontown public schools and old Madison institute. He read law with the late G. W. K. Minor and was admitted to the bar in 1868. In 1871 Mr. Guiler formed a partnership with his preceptor, Mr. Minor, which continued until January, 1874. Immediately following the formation of this partnership Mr. Guiler took up his residence at Brownsville, where

he acquired a profitable business for the firm. He continued in the successful practice of his profession in Brownsville and Uniontown until 1879, when he removed to the wider field of Pittsburg. His thoroughness as a lawyer and his steadiness soon gained for him a good and growing patronage, but his failing health led him to surrender his promising prospects at Pittsburg. He returned to Uniontown in 1881, where he speedily regained his health. Having retained his Brownsville and Uniontown practice while in Pittsburg, he was soon enjoying one of the most lucrative practices of any lawyer at that bar. Attorney Guiler has been prominent in Republican party councils. He was a member of the county committee for many years. Mr. Guiler acquired prominence as the counsel for Colonel Andrew Stewart in his contested election case with the late Congressman A. K. Craig. He took a leading part in the examination of witnesses, and made the argument for his client before the house committee on elections at Washington in January, 1892. Mr. Guiler is devoted to civil court practice especially, but he has figured as counsel in some famous criminal cases. One which will be remembered was the celebrated Wilgus arson case of Brownsville. Mr. Guiler was associated with the late Hon. C. E. Boyle for the Commonwealth. Hon. Wm. H. Playford defended Wilgus. The case was tried in 1877. Wilgus was acquitted after a hard fight. Attorney Guiler has a large corporation practice. He was attorney for the county commissioners from 1888 to 1891, and in that capacity negotiated the two hundred and thirty thousand dollars of bonds to cover the cost of the new court-house. Mr. Guiler negotiated these bonds personally in Pittsburg and Philadelphia. It is worthy of

mention that they were sold at a premium and on the most favorable terms. Mr. Guiler returned to Pittsburg in July, 1895, where he has since been engaged in the general practice of his profession and has a large and lucrative practice, but he is often to be seen in the Fayette courts attending to the interests of numerous clients. Mr. Guiler has been twice married; first, December 22, 1870, to Carrie J., daughter of the late Leonard Lenhart. Mrs. Guiler died October 10, 1884, leaving four children: Miss Caroline Guiler; Leonard K., graduate of Princeton and now taking a course of electrical engineering with the Westinghouse Company of Pittsburg; Miss Mary M. and Sarah C. Guiler, who died in childhood. Mr. Guiler was married August 26, 1886, to Emma B., daughter of the late Dr. O. E. Newton, a distinguished physician of Cincinnati, and granddaughter of the late Clark Breeding of Fayette county. One child born of this marriage is Margaret Grace Guiler. The family reside in East End, Pittsburg, and attend the P. E. church of the Ascension.

JOHN HOWARD SNOWDON was born in Brownsville, February 20, 1858. He is a son of J. N. Snowdon, whose father, John Snowdon, came from England to Brownsville in 1819 (see sketch of J. N. Snowdon). John H. Snowdon attended the public schools at Brownsville. He then clerked for a short time in Adam Jacobs' store, and afterward for a time in the drygoods store of John Nichols. In 1877 he went in the postoffice as assistant to his father, who had been appointed postmaster under President Hayes, and remained during his father's term. In 1881 he established a retail coal office in Brownsville, which he continued to operate

until 1889. He then closed the coal office and accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Pacific Coal Company in Pittsburg; in 1892 he returned to Brownsville, and has since been with Snowdon, Gould & Co. and Brownsville Water Co. as bookkeeper. On June 17, 1896, Mr. Snowdon married Emilie L. Taylor, daughter of O. K. and Carrie (Moore) Taylor. Mr. O. K. Taylor is cashier of the Bridgeport National Deposit Bank. Both he and his wife trace their ancestry back to the seventeenth century, and are of English descent. An extended sketch of the Snowdon family will be found under heading of J. N. Snowdon. J. H. Snowdon has been a lifelong Republican. He never held office; although an active worker, he prefers that others should have the honor. Both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church.

ELISHA FLETCHER PORTER was born in Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1855. His paternal grandfather, John Porter, came from Ireland near the close of the eighteenth century, and settled on Chartiers creek, Allegheny county, Pa. Of his children one is yet living, Mrs. Malinda Craft, who resides with her son near Upper Middletown, Fayette county, Pa. Armstrong Porter, father of Elisha F., removed from Allegheny county to Fayette county when but a child, and then learned the trade of shoemaking, which he pursued until near middle life, when he turned his attention to farming for the remainder of his days. He died January 11, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years, almost upon the spot where he had landed sixty-five years before. In 1837 Armstrong Porter married Ellen Gibbons, sister of the late Joshua V. Gibbons, first county superintendent of Fayette county, and who also served two subsequent

terms. Mr. and Mrs. Porter had seven children: Thomas G. and Mary E., deceased; Anna E. (Mrs. Hiller); William E., farmer; J. V., physician; Belle J. (Mrs. Horner), and Elisha F. Armstrong and Ellen Porter were charter members of the old Hopewell C. P. church, though their children all became members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Elisha F. is a member of the Bridgeport M. E. church and served six years as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He attended the West Bend public schools, Millsboro and California normals, and Mt. Union college, Ohio. He began teaching in 1874 and taught nineteen consecutive terms; one in Jefferson township, five in Luzerne, four as principal at Fayette City, two as principal at Elizabeth, Allegheny county, and seven as principal at Bridgeport. In May, 1893, while Mr. Porter was principal at the latter place, he was elected county superintendent of Fayette county. As an evidence of his faithful and efficient work we give the following facts: At the time of his second election, the directors' convention, for the first time in the history of the county, had a Republican majority of eighteen. Notwithstanding the hard fight made by the politicians in the majority, and the fact that Mr. Porter was a Democrat, he was triumphantly elected because the majority of the convention realized his zealous efforts during his first term to advance the public school interests, and his unceasing labor to divorce school matters from politics. Mr. Porter married Ella M. Howell, sister of the late Captain Jesse M. Howell, who several years ago represented Fayette county in the State legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have two children: Mary N. and Ethel K., aged nineteen and seventeen years. The former is a graduate of the California State Normal

school, and the latter is a student in the same institution.

GEORGE LARKIN MOORE was born in Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1843. His great-grandfather, John Moore, was a native of New Jersey, and of English descent. He went with his father, Philip Moore, from New Jersey, on the Delaware river between Easton and Philadelphia, to the neighborhood of Hagerstown, Md., about 1777. From Hagerstown he came to Fayette county in 1783, and settled on what was called Fodder House farm, now known as the William P. Crawford farm, where his son, John Moore, Jr., was born in 1796. John Moore, Jr., married Prudence Dearth, daughter of John Dearth, of Luzerne township. James Dearth, father of George, was born in England in 1720, came to America and died in Luzerne township in 1797. George Dearth was born April 23, 1762. In 1796 he was commissioned by Governor Thomas Mifflin major of the First Battalion in the then Fayette County brigade of the Militia of Pennsylvania, for the term of seven years, and in 1800 was commissioned by Governor Thomas McKean major of the First Battalion in the Ninety-first Regiment of Pennsylvania, composed of the militia of Bedford, Fayette and Somerset counties. He was a member of the legislature in 1816 and 1817. He died in October, 1846. To John Moore, Jr., and Prudence (Dearth) Moore six children were born. William B., the second child, born May 6, 1819, was married in 1842 to Eliza Ann Sharp, daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Nailor) Sharp, residents of Washington county, Pa. They had two children, George L. and James N. Eliza Ann Moore died July 20, 1845, and her husband, William



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B. Moore, died December 29, 1896. Jesse S. Moore, uncle of George L. Moore, enlisted in Company D, Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania regiment at the beginning of the war. He died in Camp Suffolk, Va. George L. Moore, the elder son of William B. and Elizabeth Ann Moore, at the age of twelve years, accepted the position of errand boy on a steamboat and continued in this capacity for five or six years, being employed on the boat in summer, and attending school at home during the winter. He subsequently attended the State Normal school, located at that time in Millsboro, Washington county. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Moore commenced to teach district schools in Fayette county, and continued to teach in the winter seasons for seven or eight years. In 1868 he formed a partnership with his brother at Millsboro in a general store. In this he continued until 1873, when he sold his interest to his brother. He then came to Bridgeport and entered into partnership with C. W. Wanee, the firm name being Moore & Wanee, dealers in hardware and agricultural implements. In 1875 Mr. Wanee died, and Mr. Moore bought the interest in the store, held by his estate, and has continued the business in his own name ever since. He has built up a good trade, has been deservedly successful in business, and now stands as one of the leading merchants of the place. He was one of the prime movers in organizing the company to bore for natural gas at Bridgeport in 1885. Since then he has been interested in two other companies which operated at the same place. In 1873 he was married to Emma F. Gibbons, daughter of E. P. Gibbons, of Luzerne township, who was one of the leading men of the township. He died in 1886, aged fifty-eight years. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore:

Guy G., Frank D., Charles L., Carl F. and Elisha P. Guy G. Moore was married April 2, 1895, to Etta, daughter of Jesse O. Col-dren, of Luzerne township. They have one child, Sarah Ellen. Mr. Moore has always been a staunch Republican. He has never held office, but devotes his time to his business. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and has been an elder for thirty years. He has always been interested in education, and has held the office of school director for many years. Mr. Moore has been an active factor in advancing the business and general interests of his community. In addition to his mercantile business in Bridgeport, he is a member of the firm which operates the Eclipse flouring mills, at the same place, and also has farming interests in Luzerne township.

AMARIAH A. CARMACK is a son of Abram and Susanna (Wickham) Carmack. He was born in Monongahela City, March 13, 1850. Early in the eighteenth century two brothers by the name of Carmack came from Scotland and settled near Frederick City, Md. They married two sisters by the name of Wolfe. One of the wives died without children. In the other family three boys were born, Abram, Daniel and Peter. Peter Carmack was the father of Abram Carmack, who was born at Frederick City, Md., May 27, 1799. He was married in 1820 to Susanna Wickham. She was born June 29, 1803, and was reared by her grandfather, Wickham, who lived at Double Pipe creek, Md., near Frederick City. They had eleven children: Josiah W., Zachariah W., Hezekiah, Savannah, Zephniah, Maria (who married Peter Griffin, of Brownsville), Jeremiah H., Ann Sophia, Keziah, Sarah, and Amariah A. Carmack, the subject of this sketch. Abraham

Carmack moved from Frederick City to Bedford county about 1825, and from there to Monongahela City, in 1830, where he established the first stove works or foundry west of the Alleghenies. Abram Carmack died April 12, 1863. His wife died June 24, 1884. Amariah A. Carmack attended school in Monongahela City until about fifteen years of age, when he went as clerk on a steamboat with his brother, Captain Z. W. Carmack, running from Brownsville to Pittsburg. He remained on the boat for about three years, when he went to Pittsburg and secured a position as traveling salesman for Herzog Bros., remained with them five years, and then went to Philadelphia as traveling salesman for Joel J. Bailey & Co., where he remained seven and one-half years. In 1880 he went into business for himself, establishing a drygoods store in Brownsville, where he still remains. He has been a director of the Second National Bank of Brownsville since 1890, and has always been active in the promotion of the best interests of his borough. On November 18, 1874, he married Lucy S. V. Wood, daughter of S. A. Wood, of Brownsville. They have one child, Allan B., who is a book-keeper in New York city. Lucy S. V. Carmack died October 22, 1876. Mr. Carmack married his second wife September 14, 1880. She was Carrie A., daughter of E. Finley, of Westmoreland county. Three children were born to them: Myrtle R., Lucy S. V. and Mary E. Carrie A. Carmack died January 28, 1892. His third wife was Ruth Steele Craft. They were married April 11, 1894. She is the daughter of Captain W. S. Craft, of Luzerne township, and they have one child, William Graham Carmack, born December 13, 1896. Mr. Carmack is a Democrat; has never aspired to office but has served several terms in the

town council. He has been one of the trustees and the treasurer of the Presbyterian church for a number of years. He is a member of Brownsville Lodge, No. 60, F. and A. M.; Brownsville Chapter, No. 164, R. A. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, and is a Scottish Rite, or 32° Mason. He is at present treasurer of the Royal Arcanum. He is a wide-awake, enterprising business man, and is respected by all who know him.

ELI FINLEY SHALLENBERGER was born April 25, 1843, in Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late Isaac and Elizabeth (Booth) Shallenberger. His parents died before he was seven years of age, and the early family record was lost. Isaac Shallenberger, his father, was born August 19, 1803, and was married October 14, 1829, to Elizabeth Booth, who was born April 26, 1809. Eleven children were born to them, of whom Eli Finley Shallenberger was the ninth. These children were: William L., born September 1, 1830; Mary Ann, born January 16, 1832; George W., born November 11, 1833; Isabella B., born April 20, 1835; Albert G., born January 31, 1837; James A. C., born August 4, 1838; Martha, born April 1, 1840; Elizabeth B., born March 22, 1841; Eli Finley, born April 25, 1843; John Booth, born January 17, 1845, and Harriet S., born February 10, 1847. Of these the following have since died: Martha, Isabella, Albert, William (killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.), George (who died from disease contracted during naval service in the war of the Rebellion), Mary Ann, Elizabeth and Harriet. Isaac Shallenberger moved his family to Waterloo, Mo., where his wife died December 12, 1848. He died at the same

place October 8, 1850. The younger children were brought back to Fayette county by William and George, the eldest sons, and places were found for them, Eli F. going to live with James and Dudley Collins, who were kind to him and gave him a good home. He worked on the farm in summer and attended school in winter, until 1859, when he came to Brownsville and commenced to learn the carpenter's trade with Aubrey, Cromlow & Coon, where he remained until the Civil war. He enlisted October 2, 1861, in Company C, Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years. He was in all the battles of his regiment until he was taken prisoner near Savannah, Ga., February 22, 1864. He was in several prisons, being in Andersonville from May until September, and was paroled December 17, 1864. He returned home more dead than alive, but as soon as his health would permit went to headquarters and was discharged in March, 1865, at Newbern, N. C. He was wounded twice at the siege of Morris Island. He then returned home and completed his apprenticeship with Aubrey, Cromlow & Coon. He was married January 11, 1866, to Hannah Jane Booth, who was born in Bridgeport, January 30, 1844, and a daughter of William and Sarah (Garwood) Booth. To Mr. and Mrs. Shallenberger ten children have been born: Kate S. (wife of R. R. Bulger); Mary B. (wife of Nathaniel Craft); Ella N., William Lee, Sarah A., Walter L., Frank G. (deceased); Louis B., Fannie and Annie (both deceased). Mr. Shallenberger is a Republican in politics. He was appointed in 1882 United States store keeper and gauger, served four years and was reinstated March, 1898. He was a contractor and builder from 1886 to 1898, and built many of the best residences in Brownsville and

Bridgeport, also erecting the Bridgeport public school building and the opera house in Brownsville. He is a member of the G. A. R. and the R. A. Both he and his wife are members of the M. E. church, of which he is a trustee. He is liberal and progressive and respected by all.

JOHN HERBERTSON.—The late John Herbertson, of Bridgeport, Pa., was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 16, 1805, and attended the common schools and the scientific lectures of the famous "Ure" until he was seventeen years of age. Leaving Scotland he arrived in New York city in July, 1823. He soon went to Marietta, Ohio, engaged in farm work until April, 1824, when he removed to Pittsburg and learned the trade of steam engine building. In 1829 he located at Brownsville as foreman of John Snowdon's engine shop. Mr. Snowdon took the contract for the erection of the Dunlap's Creek iron bridge, which is believed to be the first tubular iron bridge ever built in the United States. Mr. Herbertson designed the bridge and supervised its construction in 1835. From 1837 to 1842 he was engaged in the business of engine building with Thomas Faull. Their works were known as the Fayette Foundry. In 1842 Thomas Faull withdrew and Mr. Herbertson continued the business until 1880, when he took his sons, George S. and William H. Herbertson, and William H. Ammon and A. C. Cook into partnership, under the name of J. Herbertson & Co. In a short time the firm became J. Herbertson & Sons, manufacturers of steam engines and general supplies for coal mines. In 1830 Mr. Herbertson was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Potts) Nimon, of Pittsburg. Twelve children were born to them, three of whom

are living: John P., George S. and William H. Herbertson. John P. Herbertson was born July 1, 1839, and was married to Frances C. Marquis, March 9, 1862. He became a machinist and is at present in Pittsburg, having charge of the steam and electric plant of the National Bank of Commerce. George S. Herbertson was born June 22, 1847, took a course at the Iron City Business college and was married in 1874 to Miss Sarah, daughter of Jackson Bar, of Fairmont, W. Va. They have two children, James R. and J. Edgar Herbertson. Mr. George S. Herbertson is a blacksmith by trade, and is a member of I. O. O. F., K. of P., and the Royal Arcanum. William H. Herbertson was born June 24, 1850. After leaving the common schools he took a commercial course in the Iron City Business college at Pittsburg, and then learned the trade of patternmaker. He has served on the Bridgeport city council, and was past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias. He was married May 29, 1894, to Margaret D., daughter of William and Sarah J. (McCuen) Nutt, of Redstone township, Fayette county, Pa. John Herbertson died August 19, 1890, and Mrs. John Herbertson died March 30, 1895. George S. and William H. Herbertson still continue the business their father founded, under the firm name of John Herbertson's Sons.

CAPTAIN M. A. COX, of Brownsville, Fayette county, Pa., was born in Hampstead, Carroll county, Maryland, July 26, 1821. He is a son of Jacob and Keziah (Armacost) Cox, both natives of Carroll county, Md. Jacob Cox came with his family to Fayette county about 1825, and settled on a farm near Brownsville. He died in 1836, and his wife passed away some eighteen years later.

Captain Cox obtained his education in the subscription schools of that time. When seventeen years of age he turned his attention to the mercantile business. In order to properly qualify himself for that pursuit, he engaged as a clerk with James L. Bowman, of Brownsville, with whom he remained for about five years. Afterwards he engaged with Jesse H. Duncan, who was in the wholesale and retail iron forwarding and commission business, where he was bookkeeper and general manager. He remained with him about two years. In 1844, having purchased an interest in the steamer Massachusetts, he assumed the clerkship under Captain Isaac Bennett. He was next clerk on the steamer Circassian, with Captain Bennett, until 1847, when he became commander of the Circassian, running in the trade on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers from Pittsburg to St. Louis and New Orleans. While in command of the Circassian he carried two regiments of soldiers from Pittsburg to New Orleans during the Mexican war, making two separate trips. Afterward he commanded the following boats, being part owner in all of them, viz: Circassian, Swatara, Keystone, Connewago, Niagara, Monongahela, Romeo, Carrie Jacobs, Colossus, Colossal, Oceanus, Leonidas, Aurora, Messenger, Arabian, Fayette, Elisha Bennett, Brill, Geneva, James G. Blaine, Adam Jacobs, etc., on the Monongahela, Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and Cumberland rivers. He also holds pilot license on all these rivers. During the Civil war he rendered important service, transporting troops and stores for the government, often filling the positions of captain and pilot at the same time. At different times he was under the immediate command of Generals Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas and others, and had the pleas-



J. D. Armstrong.



ure of a personal acquaintance with them. He was at Vicksburg for six weeks during the siege of that place, and left by a special order given by General Grant for his boat to report at Smithland, Ky. Captain Cox has been actively engaged in steamboating ever since, covering a period of over fifty years, and is still an active, well preserved man, and is now in command of one of the steamers on the Monongahela river. He has transported hundreds of thousands of passengers, and moved millions of tons of freight, and has never had an accident by which a life was lost or any great amount of property destroyed, owing to his careful and close attention to the business details of his profession. He is, and has been for many years, one of the board of directors of the Pittsburg, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company. He is a director and one of the principal stockholders of the Monongahela National Bank, the oldest and one of the most substantial banks of Fayette county, having been organized in 1812. He has also served as a public school director, having been appointed to that office by Judge Mes-trezat after he had dissolved the former school board. Captain Cox has been a prominent member of the Masonic Order for more than forty years, and has served several terms as eminent commander of St. Omer's Commandery, No. 7, K. T., of Brownsville. He is a member of Christ P. E. church. He was married May 7, 1850, to Mary Ellen, daughter of the late Hon. Samuel J. Krepps, of Washington county, Pa. She died in 1880, leaving five children: Annie E. (wife of I. R. Beazell); Samuel K., Solomon G., Michael A., Jr., and Mary E. (wife of W. J. Parrshall), all of whom are living, except Michael A., who died in 1892. Captain Cox has by his habits of industry and frugality accumu-

lated enough of this world's goods to render him comfortable in his old age and to give his children a fair start in life.

JAMES H. ABRAMS.—Henry Abrams was born in Wales in 1720. He came to America when a young man, settling near Staunton, Va. In 1750 he moved to Turkey Foot, Somerset county, Pa., and died there in 1828, aged one hundred and eight years. He was the father of six children: Henry, Jr., born in 1747, died in 1835; Gabriel, born October 11, 1750; Reuben, Basil, Rhoda (married Lewis Mitchell), and Dinah. Gabriel Abrams, the second son, enlisted in Captain Kilgore's Company, 8th Penna. Regiment, Continental army, in 1776 for three years and serving his time he was discharged with the rest of his company. He married Rebekah Loveberry, and had nine children: Amos, born August 1, 1780; Rhoda, born February 20, 1783; Sarah, born August 2, 1785; David, born November 20, 1787 (died March 17, 1794); Henry, born November 5, 1789; Eli, born February 16, 1792; David, born November 9, 1795; John, born September 19, 1797; Gabriel, born June 28, 1799. Gabriel Abrams, Sr., died October 7, 1841, aged ninety-one years. Eli Abrams first married Catherine Tiernan, born May 7, 1795. She was the daughter of Martin Tiernan, of Brownsville, and to them two children were born: James M. and Harriet. Catherine (Tiernan) Abrams died March 22, 1821. Mr. Abrams married the second time January 1, 1824, Eliza Reiley Jacobs, widow of Adam Jacobs. She was the daughter of Martin Reiley, of Bedford, Pa., a member of the Colonial Guards. Seven children were born to them: Louis H., Louisa, Caroline M., who married Richard Covert; Robert

R. Eli, Decatur and Mary E. Mr. Abrams served as justice of the peace in Brownsville for several years. He was elected associate judge in 1841, for five years. He also conducted a general store for many years at Brownsville. James H. Abrams was born July 28, 1859. After finishing school at Brownsville he attended the University of Pennsylvania, taking the dental course and graduating in 1882. He located at Uniontown, where he remained for eight years in the practice of his profession. In the spring of 1891 came to Brownsville, where he still remains practising his profession. He has been an elder for several years in the Presbyterian church of Brownsville, and is a member of Brownsville Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F. and Brownsville Lodge, No. 357, K. of P.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON ARMSTRONG was born at Merrittstown, September 11, 1838. His grandfather, Abraham Armstrong, was born in Greene county, Pa., July 23, 1772. He was married February 3, 1795, to Ruth Conwell (born June 7, 1774), daughter of Captain William and Comfort (Coulter) Conwell. William Conwell was born May 29, 1746, and came to Fayette county in June, 1767, locating in Luzerne township, on what is now known as the John McMullen farm. To Abraham and Ruth (Conwell) Armstrong eight children were born: William, born November 11, 1795; Lydia, born August 8, 1797; Alice, July 11, 1799; Elizabeth, May 10, 1801; Comfort, April 7, 1804; Mary, September 7, 1807; John, April 17, 1811, and Sarah Jane, February 14, 1816. Abraham Armstrong died in September, 1846, and his wife April 22, 1866. John Armstrong, father of Joseph D. Armstrong, who was born in Greene county, Pa., moved to Merrittstown

in 1832. He was married September 28, 1837, to Charity Ann Antram, who was born February 4, 1817, and who was the daughter of Jesse and Martha (Hague) Antram. Jesse Antram was born August 10, 1887, and died in November, 1853. Martha (Hague) Antram was born October 29, 1784, and died August 16, 1869. To John and Charity Armstrong six children were born: Joseph D., September 11, 1838; Jessie A., October 28, 1840; Mary M., July 19, 1844; Emma V., April 20, 1849; Charles H., July 20, 1853; Lizzie G., January 5, 1857. John Armstrong died June 15, 1879, and his wife died January 27, 1897. Joseph D. Armstrong was the eldest child of John and Charity Armstrong. He came to Brownsville in 1853 and clerked in the drug store of H. W. Robinson, with whom he was associated for three years. In 1859 he formed a partnership with Dr. Isaac Jackson in the drug business. In 1865 he purchased the interest of Dr. Jackson, and has since conducted the business in his own name, having added thereto general druggists' sundries and book and stationery departments. He was married February 19, 1863, to Elizabeth R. Adams, who was born March 30, 1844. She was the daughter of the Rev. Josiah and Sarah (Ford) Adams, and granddaughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Brown) Ford (see John Brown's sketch, this volume). Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Armstrong have two children living and one deceased: Mary, married Prof. T. W. Gallo-way, of Marshall, Mo.; John, traveling salesman, and Sarah, who died at the age of twelve years. John Armstrong married June 15, 1892, Sarah T. Winans, daughter of the late Jacob V. Winans, formerly of Brownsville, now of New Brighton, Pa. Elizabeth (Adams) Armstrong died December 19, 1883. Mr. Armstrong married a

second time in September, 1888, Margaret E. Hurford, daughter of William and Ellen (Johnston) Hurford. The father of William Hurford, Samuel Hurford, born October 5, 1781, came from Virginia to Brownsville prior to 1808, and was engaged to run the old Miller flouring mill. In 1808 he married Margaret Miller, of Luzerne township. Samuel and Margaret (Miller) Hurford had nine children of whom William was the sixth child, and first son. His father died and left William to care for the family on the old homestead farm. He remained there until 1885, when he located in Brownsville. He was a lifelong member of the West Bend M. E. church. He was a director in the Second National Bank at his death. He was born March 23, 1816, and died December 18, 1894. Mr. J. D. Armstrong has been a lifelong member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Brownsville, and has served several years as a member of the board of trustees and has been one of the elders for about fifty years.

MORDECAI C. MITCHELL was born in Bridgeport, Pa., August 27, 1853. His grandfather, John Mitchell, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1789, coming to America about 1800. He located at Hagerstown, Md., where Robert Mitchell was born November 15, 1813. In 1821 John Mitchell moved his family to Bridgeport. Robert Mitchell was married to Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Wheeler and Mary (Cole) Cox. Wheeler Cox was a veteran of the Mexican war, and his wife was born February 22, 1795, and died November 8, 1886. To Robert and Elizabeth Mitchell seven children were born: Mary Ann, John W., Elisha C., William C., Sarah E. (married J. W. Kidney); Laura Belle and Mordecai C. For some

years Robert Mitchell conducted a foundry at West Brownsville, first under the firm name of Mitchell and Cox, and afterwards under his own name, Mr. Cox moving to Baltimore. In 1852 he sold the foundry and commenced the manufacture of boots and shoes. He died June 28, 1898, having lived in Bridgeport for seventy-seven years. Elisha C. Mitchell enlisted February 22, 1862, in Company K, 112th Regiment, Heavy Artillery of Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Colonel Gibson and Captain John B. Krepps for three years. He was in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5-7, '64; North Ann river, May 25-27, '64; Cold Harbor, Weldon R. R., Chapin's farm, and in the entrenchments in front of Petersburg. He was wounded in the right hand and side at the battle of North Anna river. He was discharged and mustered out with the battery, January 29, 1866. Mordecai C. Mitchell was educated in the Bridgeport schools, afterward learned the cigar makers' trade, and followed the manufacturing of cigars for seventeen years. In 1893 he retired from the manufacturing business, and has since conducted a retail cigar and confectionery store, having a restaurant in connection therewith. He was married May 24, 1877, to Alice J. McIntyre, daughter of Robert and Amanda (DeHaven) McIntyre. The ancestors of Amanda DeHaven came from France, her grandfather, Jehu DeHaven, landing in Philadelphia in 1771. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have six children, five of whom are living: Robert M., born May 3, 1878; William C., November 25, 1879; Ray K., September 26, 1882; Oliver C., February 7, 1890, and Russell M., born July 2, 1893.

DR. CYRUS CLAY REICHARD was born at Ringgold's Manor, near Hagerstown, Md.,

November 6, 1844. He was the seventh child of the late Daniel and Maria (Brewer) Reichard. Dr. Reichard's father was born at the manor and lived there until 1863, when he moved to near Monmouth, Ill., where he died in 1866. Dr. Reichard received his early education at Hagerstown. In 1867 he entered the Chicago Medical college, the medical department of the North Western university, and graduated in 1870. He located near Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained two years. He then removed to Monongahela City, Pa., remaining there three years, and coming to Brownsville in 1875, where he still remains in active practice. He was married in 1871 to Mary L. Woodward (born January 12, 1850), daughter of Captain Isaac C. and Maria (Brashear) Woodward. Captain Woodward was born May 20, 1813, at Chadd's Ford on the old historic Brandywine creek, Chester county, Pa. His paternal ancestor, William Woodward, was an English Quaker, coming to America with Wm. Penn in 1682, and settling on the tract now called Marshalltown. The Woodwards still own a part of the Marshalltown tract, where now stands the Quaker church called Bradford. In 1816 his parents brought the captain to Chadd Chalfant, a relative of his mother, near Brownsville. His father died the same year, and he was taken by a man named Cathell. He learned carpentering, and was engaged in building steam boats for some years. He commanded several boats on the Mississippi and its branches, and was president of the Pittsburg, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company. He died September 13, 1898. To Dr. Reichard and wife five children have been born: Anna M., married S. B. Chalfant; Nellie W.; Dr. Lewis N., a graduate of the college of Physicians and Surgeons,

Baltimore, class of 1899 and practising at Brownsville; Mary K., and Isaac Woodward Reichard. The Doctor is a member of the Fayette County Medical society, having served as president; also is a member of the State Medical Society and American Medical Association. He served as surgeon-in-chief of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment for five years, and the Pittsburg riots of 1877 occurred during his term of service.

GEORGE CONWELL STEELE is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Conwell) Steele (see sketch of Wm. C. Steele). He was born February 28, 1865, in Brownsville, Pa., and was educated in the public schools. In May, 1887, he opened a meat market in Brownsville, which he sold in September of the same year, after which he engaged as clerk for A. A. Carmack, drygoods merchant. He continued clerking until 1895, when he bought a half interest in the business. In 1898 he sold his interest to Mr. Carmack, bought a half interest in a furniture store, with Mr. Ross, which business is still continued under the firm name of Steele and Ross. Mr. Steele is at present vice-grand in an Odd Fellow lodge; is a Republican, and has been twice elected councilman in Brownsville. He is of the type of the genial, wide-awake, hustling young business man, who is a credit to any city.

M. S. GRIFFIN.—The great-grandfather of Matthew S. Griffin was born in England, and came to America, settling in Baltimore in the latter part of the eighteenth century, where Matthew Griffin (grandfather) was born in 1800. He moved from Baltimore to Pittsburg, where he engaged in the cigar and tobacco business. He was burned out at a great loss, during the fire of 1833. Soon after



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he moved to Washington, Pa., where he engaged in the same business. He married Ann Poole. They had five children: Peter, Jane (married Geo. Wyland, of Washington); Susannah (married Hugh Mundel, of Washington, Pa.); Kate (married Andrew Means, of Washington, Pa.); and Louisa (married J. Shan Margeren, of Washington, Pa.). Peter Griffin was born May 24, 1824. He learned the same business as that followed by his father. He moved to Monongahela City in 1850, and in 1856 went to Brownsville, continuing in the tobacco business until 1864. In 1866 he opened a grocery store in Brownsville, which he conducted until 1871, when his health compelled him to retire. He died May 27, 1873. He was married in December, 1852, to Maria Carmack, of Monongahela City (see sketch of A. A. Carmack). They had three children: Matthew S., born January 4, 1854; Hezekiah, born September 14, 1856, and Lula, born October, 1860, who died in infancy. Matthew S. Griffin was born in Monongahela City, Pa., January 4, 1854. He came with his father to Brownsville in 1856. He received his education in the Brownsville schools, and pursued life as a clerk until 1891; when he commenced business for himself, as a dry-goods merchant. In 1893 he was appointed United States store keeper, and in the year following his commission was changed to United States store keeper and gauger, which commission he still holds (1900). He was married July 21, 1875, to Emma C. Minehart, daughter of Adolph G. and Emma (Willits) Minehart, of Brownsville, who are of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have three children: Willard A., born July 20, 1877; J. Shan, a member of 10th Penna. Regiment, while at Manila, born October 8,

1878, and Adelaide, born May 26, 1886. Mr. Griffin is a Democrat.

LEVI CRAFT WAGGONER was born in Brownsville, Pa., December 28, 1851. His great-grandfather, George Waggoner, was born in Germany and came to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He located first near Southfield, Pa., and moved from thence to within seven miles of Greensburg, where his son, Joshua Waggoner, was born in 1780, and died in 1877. Joshua married Rebekah Norcross, a native of New Jersey. Ten children were born to them, of whom George Waggoner, father of Levi Craft Waggoner, was the fourth. He was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pa., January 28, 1822. George Waggoner married Mary M. Craft, daughter of Rev. George B. Craft, near Merrittstown, on November 17, 1843. Eight children were born, all of whom are still living: Oliver A., Andrew C., Belle (married J. W. Watkins), Henry J., Levi C., Lizzie E. (married Charles Gaskell), Mary M. (married Oliver Garwood), and George H. George Waggoner served for three years in the army during the Civil war. He belonged to Co. D, 8th Penna. Reserves, was mustered out of service at Harrisburg, Pa., just after the battle of the Wilderness, and a part of this service was as army wagon master. Oliver A., a brother of Levi C., was in the same company and regiment with his father. He was only sixteen years of age when he entered the service, and remained until the close of the war. Levi C. Waggoner received his education in the Brownsville and Grindstone schools. He then learned the marble cutters' trade with M. & T. S. Wright, of Brownsville. He continued in this business for ten years at Brownsville and two years at Pittsburg. In

1880 he opened a grocery and provision store in Brownsville, and has continued the business in the same building ever since. He was married in September, 1875, to Ella W. Aubrey, daughter of the late Thomas and Maria (Boyd) Aubrey. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have four children: Thomas A., born May 9, 1877, now assistant in his father's store; Leroy C., student Pennington seminary, N. J.; Carrie, born February 11, 1885, and Nellie B., born September 1, 1892. Mr. Waggoner is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum. He was one of the projectors and has served as president of Brownsville Natural Gas Company. While not a member of any church, he is a regular attendant of the M. E. church. Mr. Waggoner is actively identified with the Republican party, having served a number of times as central committeeman and as delegate to county conventions, and was burgess of Bridgeport for three years. He has been treasurer of Brownsville Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., since 1897, and he and his family reside on High street, Bridgeport.

EDWARD LAWSON MOORHOUSE, justice of the peace, whose honorable career and ancestral line form the subject of this article, is of English parentage. He was born in Grassington, Yorkshire, England, on July 2, 1829, and came to America with his parents in June, 1831. His father, also named Edward, came direct to Brownsville, and became identified with the local interests, subsequently taking up agricultural pursuits, which he followed until his death in 1854. During his life work here, Edward, Sr., occupied numerous positions of trust and responsibility, having served as a member of the town council, and subsequently as tax collector. The mother of our subject was a

Miss Margaret Lawson. She is still living and in good health, mentally and physically, although born when the century was but eight years old. The early education of our subject was acquired in the admirable public schools of this section. His first public trust was that of assistant burgess of Brownsville, which position he held for one year. He then accepted the position of messenger for the Adams Express Co., running between Pittsburg and Cincinnati. This post he held for two and one-half years. He then resumed his profession, that of a master machinist, in the service of Snowdon & Mason, in Brownsville, builders of steam engines, etc. He remained there one year, and then removed to the borough of Bridgeport, where he rented and conducted the general foundry and machine plant, together with several co-partners, for a period of ten years, or up to 1874. He then embarked in mercantile pursuits in Pittsburg in which he was engaged for a period of some fourteen years, or until 1889, when he returned to Bridgeport, settling on his own landed estate, where he continued until 1892, when he was made burgess and justice of the peace of Bridgeport. He declined re-election as burgess at the end of one year, but his fellow citizens in appreciation of the value of his services re-elected him for a second term of five years as justice of the peace. His re-election as justice is rather an exceptional incident, since boroughs are entitled to two justices each, and Mr. Moorhouse acceptably fills the requirements for two. In the social spheres Squire Moorhouse is widely known and respected, having been an active Odd Fellow since 1851, and a member of his subordinate lodge as well as the encampment. In June, 1854, he was married to Mary F., a daughter of the late Rev. Daniel Rhoads, of Brownsville.

She died in 1872, leaving six children, all of whom are living. The oldest, Harry, is a resident of Zanesville, Ohio. The next, Elizabeth, is the wife of Mr. Wm. Alexander, a farmer of Westmoreland county, Pa.; whilst still another, William, is a bookkeeper for the Excelsior Express Co., of Pittsburg. A daughter, Margaret, is the wife of Simon P. Tringle, of Bridgeport; whilst another daughter, Adda (unmarried) resides in Wheeling with a sister. The last child, Mary F., is the wife of Herschel C. Ogden, Esq., editor and proprietor of the Wheeling, W. Va., "Evening News." Squire Moorhouse has been for nine years past a member of the town council of Bridgeport, and was also a member of the school board for nine years.

It will be seen, therefore, that Squire Moorhouse has been from the first, and still is a factor in the growth and development of Fayette county, and identified with the progress attained by the grand old county.

SAMUEL THOMPSON.—Few citizens, if any, are better known in the borough of Bridgeport, township of Luzerne, or, for that matter, in Fayette county, Pa., than Mr. Samuel Thompson, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Thompson's life has been passed in this vicinity, and his modest charities (modest as regards ostentatious mention) are on a par with his broad and public-spirited achievements. Like his father, John Thompson, who was a plain, prosperous and highly esteemed citizen, he has always eschewed public position. He was born in Washington county, Pa., February 23, 1823, and received a public school education, the best then attainable. He became a farmer, until about 1843 or 1844, when he established the "Sam Thompson Distillery" in Brownsville, on the Monongahela road. This is still one of the leading industries of its kind in this vicinity.

Mr. Thompson's active energies soon caused him to be in request in the financial world, and he accordingly became identified about this period (1844) with the "State Bank" in Bridgeport. It soon grew and expanded, and when the national bank statutes, of the Civil war epoch, became operative, changed to its present title and name, that of "The National Deposit Bank." In its councils and management, Mr. Thompson has been all along a conspicuous and potential factor. He is still its assistant vice-president. By his first marriage he was blessed with three children, George, the eldest, being a prosperous farmer at Pike Run; Thomas, likewise a farmer and stock raiser, whilst Robert forms no exception, and is an extensive sheep-raiser, stock-handler and agriculturalist as well. Mr. Thompson is recognized as one of the largest holders of real estate in Fayette, Washington and other counties of Pennsylvania. His career marks him as a type of the men who make better the State, county and borough in which their activities are centered.

DR. HENRY EASTMAN. of Bridgeport, is a son of Dr. Henry and Mary E. (Porter) Eastman, and was born at Merrittstown, Fayette county, Pa., September 17, 1869. His great-grandfather, Ebenezer Eastman, was the son of one of the pioneer settlers of New Hampshire and served as a captain at Bunker Hill in the war of the Revolution. His son, Hon. Nehemiah Eastman, was born in New Hampshire; was a prominent lawyer and was elected by the Whigs to congress in 1826. He married Anstris B., daughter of Peter Woodbury, a prominent merchant of Frankestown, N. H., whose father, James T. Woodbury, was a native of England and an officer under General Wolfe at the capture of Quebec. One of her brothers, Levi Wood-

bury, a distinguished statesman, was secretary of the navy under President Van Buren and was afterwards appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the United States by President James K. Polk and died while holding that office. Dr. Henry Eastman, (Sr.), was born in New Hampshire, March 16, 1826; was educated at Gilmarton academy, read medicine and was graduated from Jefferson Medical college (Philadelphia) in 1847 and shortly afterwards came to Merrittstown, and entered upon the practice of his profession. In 1853 he married Mary E., daughter of Moses B. and Mary (Wilson) Porter, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of the county. They have six children living: Anstris W. (married A. R. Struble, of Masontown); Thomas N. (physician at Uniontown); Anna M. (wife of J. S. Hackney, of Uniontown); Henry; Ellen M. (wife of George M. Rathmell, of Bridgeport), and Nora Blanche Eastman. Dr. Eastman was educated at St. Vincent's academy, Latrobe, Pa. From there he went to Mt. Union college in Ohio; entered Jefferson Medical college in 1888 and was graduated with the class of 1892. He was appointed surgeon of the Northern Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Missoula, Montana, remaining there about two years, whence he came to Brownsville in the fall of 1894, where he has since been engaged in the general practice of his profession.

J. HOLMES PATTON.—Family ancestry in this sketch will be found to possess interest to all lovers of ancestral lines. Mrs. Helen (Duncan) Patton is the widow of Mr. J. Holmes Patton, who was born September 14, 1863, in Fayette county, Pa., of which his father was a native. He received a thorough education, and at once entered upon

his active business career. He enjoyed two unique distinctions: First, he was the youngest president, who held, as he did, the presidency of the board of town councilmen here. Second, he was made postmaster of Brownsville when only twenty-one years of age, being the youngest postmaster, then, in the United States. Mr. Patton's abilities received very early a substantial recognition in yet other spheres, and mark him, during his brief life, as having been endowed with more than average attainments. He was the efficient and honored teller, for about seven years, of the Monongahela National Bank, of Brownsville. His health began to fail, and in 1896 he resigned all his trusts, and passed off the stage of earthly activities May 3, 1898, in a quiet, peaceful Christian contentment. He was an active and influential member and worker in the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar. He left a widow and one son. The widow, Helen (Duncan) Patton, to whom he was married December 14, 1893, is the only child of the late Dr. W. S. Duncan, of Bridgeport. Her son, William Duncan Patton, was born on November 25, 1894.

Mrs. Helen (Duncan) Patton's ancestral lineage deserves more than a passing mention. Her father was Dr. Wm. Stevens Duncan, born May 24, 1834. He was a son of Judge Thomas Duncan and Priscilla, his wife. The Duncans are of Scotch descent, Arthur Duncan, the progenitor of the American branch of the family having landed in Philadelphia, Pa., on June 10, 1793. In 1795 Arthur Duncan joined the forces of George Washington in their suppression of the historical "Whisky Insurrection," after which he settled near the town now known as Upper Middletown. This was in 1802, immediately after which he took out his naturaliza-



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tion papers. He married Sophia, daughter of Arthur Wharton, of Franklin township, and died in 1850, his wife dying prior to that year, at Pittsburg, in 1845. Ten children surviving them. Of these, Thomas, was the father of William Stevens Duncan. Thomas Duncan was a man of affairs and position. He was born in Franklin township, August 22, 1807. In 1851 he was elected associate judge of Fayette county for five years, and re-elected, for five years longer, in 1856. He was a widely known, highly esteemed and honored citizen; a popular judge and upright man; an Odd Fellow, a Mason, and a consistent member of the M. E. church for forty-eight years. Four children were the issue of his marriage, of whom Dr. Duncan was one. Dr. Duncan was a student of Mt. Union college, Ohio; read medicine in Brownsville under the preceptorship of Dr. M. O. Jones, and was graduated as an M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1858. His fame as a surgeon and physician was widespread, he having the reputation of being the leader of his profession in Fayette county. On March 21, 1861, he married Miss Amanda Leonard, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Mary (Berry) Leonard. Dr. Duncan was one of the originators of the Brownsville R. R. Co., which opened up such an extent of mineral and other industries between this section and Pittsburg. He was also one of the original directors and promoters of the Dollar Savings Bank here. He also enjoyed the distinction of owning one of the largest and best equipped general and medical libraries in the State. He was patriotic, and accordingly he was a volunteer surgeon in the late Civil war, and at the battle of Gettysburg was taken prisoner. He died on May 16, 1892, full of honors and lamented by the entire community as well as the Com-

monwealth at large. Such a lineage as the above is not a common one, and deserves perpetuation.

JACOB SAWYER, grocer, Brownsville, is a worthy citizen of the town, and one of the oldest business men of the place. He is a native of Lancaster, Pa., and was born May 1, 1820. His parents were John and Mary Sawyer; the former was born in England, the latter near Lancaster, Pa. John, after his arrival in this country, was early naturalized and made a law abiding citizen. He was a man of good moral habits, not burdened with much of this world's goods, but with a fund of honest and honorable principles. He was a laborer in his early life, but later became a farmer of some means. His family consisted of six children, all of whom grew to maturity. Jacob is the only survivor of the family. John and his wife lived to a ripe old age. Their son Jacob, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated near Lancaster. He was twenty-seven years old when he left his native place. He was a miller for about ten years, alternating between Pennsylvania and Virginia. He found his way to this county in 1862, and settled in Brownsville, which was then a stirring and thriving place. He engaged in the grocery business, which he has followed ever since. He has made a success of life from a financial point of view. He is honest in his dealings, and is considered a worthy man and loyal citizen of Brownsville. He married Mary, daughter of James Curren, of Morgantown, Va., in 1849. They had three children, two of whom are living. His son, C. K. Sawyer, is also in the grocery business in Brownsville, and is prospering in his chosen line. Mrs. Sawyer was born in Morgantown in 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are members of the Episcopal church,

of which Mr. Sawyer served as vestryman for six years. He has served several terms on the school board, and has been one of the directors of the Monongahela Bank of Brownsville for a period of twenty years.

AYRES LYNCH, retired, a resident of Brownsville, was born in Redstone township, January 22, 1822. His parents were John and Hannah Lynch, both natives of Redstone township, and descendants of early pioneers of this county. His grandfather, Thomas, was a carpet weaver, and a worthy man, and the house in which he lived is still standing, situated on Front street. His wife's name was Hannah. Both lived to a ripe old age; Thomas being ninety years old. His son, John Lynch, was born in Redstone township, where he was reared and educated. He owned a large tract of land in the above named township. He was a thoroughgoing business man in every respect; he was a practical man and a progressive farmer. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious faith a Methodist, and although he never joined a church, he was a good, moral man. He died at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife died later at the same age. Ayres Lynch, his son, was reared and educated in Brownsville. In early life he learned masonry, at which he worked for a number of years. In course of time he became an extensive contractor, and was employed in the erection of many of the principal public buildings in the county, including the courthouse and churches. He has held the office of councilman for some years. He was one of the directors of the Bridgeport Bank at the time of its organization. In 1846 he married Harriet, daughter of Charles and Hester Brown, of Brownsville. To this union were born six children, all of whom are living: Robert,

Charles, Louise, John T., Howard A., and George D. The family have resided in Brownsville except from 1876 to 1888, during which time they lived at Pittsburg. Mrs. Lynch was born in Brownsville in 1822, and died in March, 1890.

WILLIAM C. STEELE, postmaster of Brownsville, and for twenty years one of Brownsville's thoroughgoing and energetic business men and live merchants, was born in the above named town on May 23, 1857, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. His great-grandparents came from the north of Ireland about 1740, and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. On the passage over the Atlantic, Mrs. Steele gave birth to a son, who was given the name of William, and who was the great-grandfather of William C. Steele. William grew up to man's estate, settled in Maryland, where he resided, and where he married a most estimable woman. About 1784 William removed from Maryland, where several children were born to him, to Fayette county, about six miles east of Brownsville, where he purchased a large tract of land, but he eventually removed to Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, where he died in 1806. Prior to his death, William purchased for his sons, John and William, a tract of land which is now in Jefferson township, and embraced the farms now occupied by Harvey J. Steele and Joseph S. Elliott. John Steele was married to Miss Agnes Happer, by whom he had eight children. Samuel was the fourth child, and was born June 15, 1814, and is the father of William C. Steele. John Steele died June 6, 1856, aged eighty years.

Samuel Steele was reared on a farm, and in his boyhood attended the subscription schools. In his eighteenth year he entered

as an apprentice to the tanning and currying trade in the establishment of his brother-in-law, Jesse Cunningham, of Brownsville, where he served three years. In 1843, after the death of the latter, he entered into partnership with his sister, Mrs. Cunningham, under the firm name of Samuel Steele & Co., which continued until 1860, when he withdrew from the firm and erected a large tannery which he operated until 1878, when he took in his son, William C., the firm being known thereafter as Samuel Steele & Son. This relation existed up to the time of the elder Steele's death, which occurred August 3, 1886. February 11, 1852, Samuel Steele and Miss Elizabeth A. Conwell were married; they had eight children, four of whom are now living. Samuel Steele was a conscientious man in all his dealings, willing to believe anyone because of his own inborn truthfulness; good natured and large-hearted in the extreme. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, Elizabeth, died January 29, 1898, in her seventy-third year. She was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Conwell. William C. Steele was educated at Brownsville and Southwestern Normal school. In 1878, as above stated, he became the junior partner with his father. The business was well conducted and ably managed. Their leather found a ready market in the western States. In 1888, two years subsequent to his father's death, Wm. C. Steele closed up the tannery business and went into mercantile pursuits. He carried a large stock of boots, shoes, hats, caps, leather, etc., and commanded a large patronage. In the spring of 1899 Mr. Steele sold out his business to become postmaster of Brownsville under appointment of President McKinley, assuming the duties of the postoffice on February 15, 1899. De-

ember 14, 1881, he was married to Miss Alice, daughter of Capt. E. D. Abrams, of Brownsville. To Mr. and Mrs. Steele were born four children: Bessie (deceased), Helen J., William Conwell, Jr. (deceased), and Lawrence. Mr. Steele is a Republican and a prominent man in his party and town; he has been councilman for nine years, and was re-elected in 1900 for three years longer. He has been a member of the board of school directors for six years, and during this whole period has served as secretary. He and his wife attend Christ Episcopal church, of which he is vestryman. Mr. Steele is a progressive young business man who has the qualifications for filling any office with credit and honor. He bids fair to make his mark in life and progress in the world.

JAMES M. ABRAMS, now retired, is one of Brownsville's reliable and trusty citizens, and is of Welsh-Irish extraction. Henry Abrams was a native of Wales. He emigrated to America in a very early day, locating near Staunton, Va. He was a mariner by occupation. After some years' residence there, he removed to Turkey Foot township, Somerset county, Pa. (about 1768), where he owned a farm of sixty-six acres. This was previous to the Revolutionary war. He served as a lieutenant in the said war, fought valiantly for his country, and died at the extreme age of one hundred and eight years. Gabriel Abrams was his son, and was a farmer of Turkey Foot township, of some importance. He was a man of influence in his day, reared a large family, and died at the age of ninety-one years. Eli Abrams is the son of Gabriel, and was born in Turkey Foot township, February 16, 1792. Eli removed to Brownsville in 1812, and was first employed by Jacob Bowman in his nail factory, but soon left

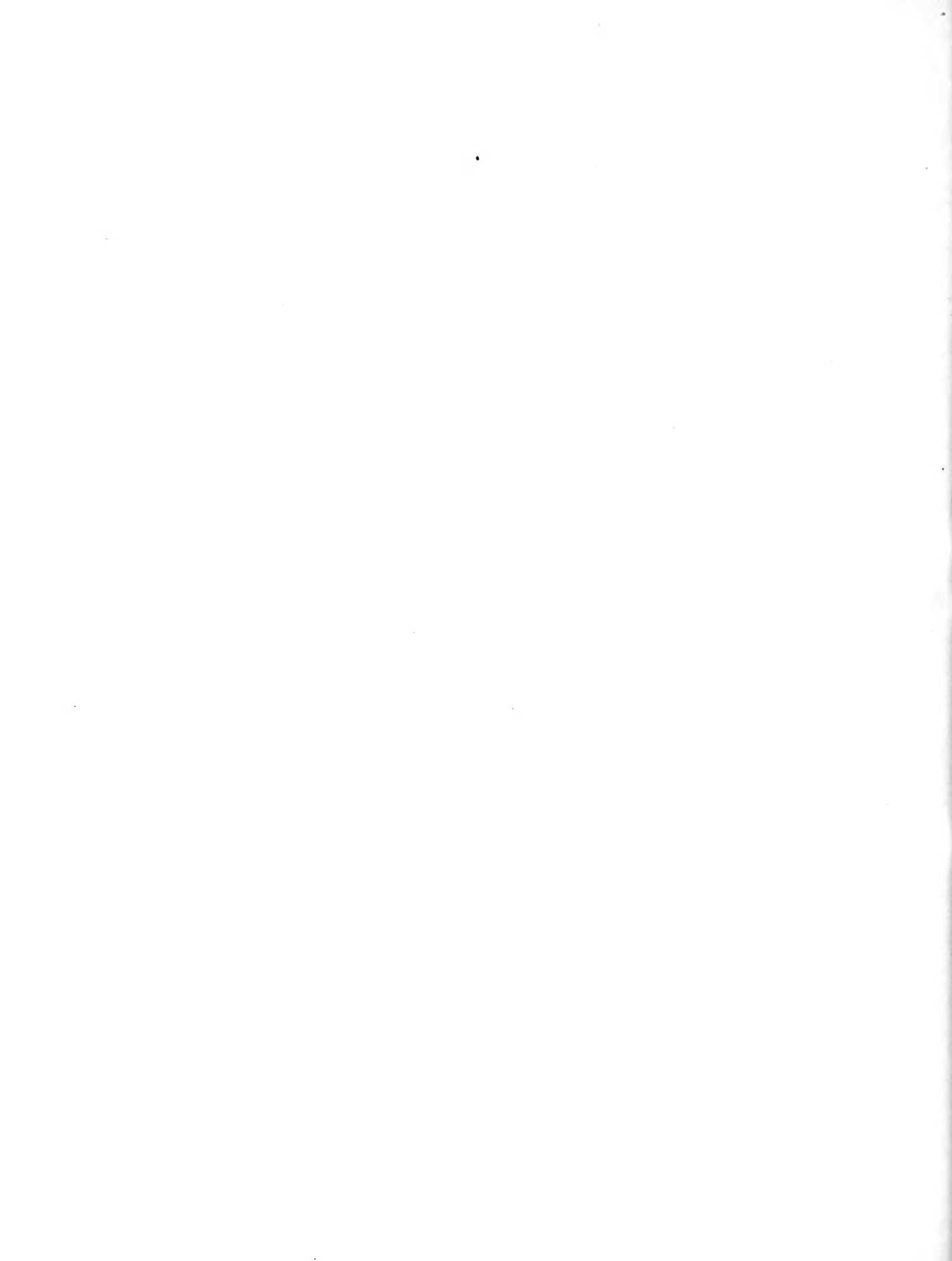
that position and began the mercantile business, which he followed with profit for some years. He was joined in marriage to Catherine, daughter of Martin Tiernan, a native of Ireland, in 1818. To this union two children were born. Mrs. Catherine Abrams was born in Ireland, May 7, 1795, and died March 21, 1821. He married for his second wife the widow of Adam Jacobs, by whom he had six children. Eli Abrams was a very prominent man in Brownsville. He held the office of justice of the peace for twenty years. He was associate judge for eight years. He was a man of marked ability and influence. His death occurred May 26, 1876. James M. Abrams is the son of Eli and Catherine (Tiernan) Abrams, and was born in Brownsville, February 14, 1819. He was reared and educated in his native city, where he has always resided. His first business venture was in the jewelry line, which he followed for about twelve years. In 1841 he turned his attention to the study of dental surgery, a profession which he practiced for thirty-five years. In 1880 he retired from active business, allowing his son, James H., to succeed him in Brownsville. In February, 1842, he was joined in wedlock to Rebecca Kimber, who bore him seven children. Four of this number survive, Mary C., Hattie E., James H. and Annie S. Mrs. Abrams was born in Brownsville May 16, 1821, and died December 11, 1897. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Abrams is also a member. In politics Mr. Abrams is a Prohibitionist.

CHARLES LEIDY SNOWDON is one of Brownsville's well known business men. He was born in Brownsville, June 25, 1854, and is a son of J. N. and Eliza J. (McSherry) Snowdon. (See sketch of J. N. Snowdon

contained in this volume.) Charles L. Snowdon was reared and educated in his native town, completing his studies in the high school. His first business experience was in a general store, Farmers and Mechanics, in Brownsville, where he remained from 1870 to 1876. He was next appointed teller of the Brownsville Dollar Savings Bank, where he remained two years. In 1878 he was employed as clerk of the Brownsville and Geneva Packet Co., in which capacity he was engaged for two years. In 1880 he became interested in the coal trade, and connected himself with J. S. Cunningham & Co., the firm then operating the Empire mines at Brownsville. In 1881 he purchased Mr. Cunningham's interest in the mine, and became its managing owner. This mine is located above the mouth of Redstone creek. The output of the mine is about two million five hundred thousand bushels per annum. In connection with the mine there are coke ovens operated, the coke of which is pronounced by the Edgar Thompson steel works to be equal to any ever used. In 1885 in connection with his brother-in-law, F. T. Hogg, he developed the Albany mines, near Brownsville, which now produce annually three million five hundred thousand bushels. The coal from both these mines is of a superior quality, competing with the Pittsburg coal, and, like it, always finds a ready market. Mr. C. L. Snowdon is a man of rare business qualities, quick to discern, deliberate in his decisions, and enjoys the entire confidence of his fellow citizens, who have shown him marked tokens of their esteem. In 1887 he was elected director of the Brownsville Gas Company. In 1889 he was made director of the Monongahela National Bank, of Brownsville, and in 1893 he was chosen president of the same, an office which he still holds. This



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bank is one of the oldest moneyed institutions in the county, and since its charter in 1812 it has never suspended specie payment. In 1890 Mr. Snowdon was elected a director of the Pittsburg, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company, and in 1898 was made its president. In 1892 he organized the Brownsville and Bridgeport Water companies, of both of which he was elected president. The Queen City Coal Company was organized in 1889, at which time he was elected a director, and in 1890 was made its president. In 1892 he was elected president of the Pacific Coal Company. Mr. Snowdon is too busy a man to dabble in politics, nevertheless his friends elected him councilman of Brownsville, and also a member of the school board, in both of which bodies he served for several terms. On June 26, 1879, he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth B., daughter of George E. and Sarah Hogg, of Brownsville. (See sketch of George Hogg, this volume.) Mr. and Mrs. Snowdon have six children: Lida H., born January, 1881; George H., April, 1883; Caroline M., May, 1885; Felix B., October, 1887; Charles N., June, 1891, and Mary E., September, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Snowdon are communicants of Christ Episcopal church, of which he has been vestryman for twenty years, and is now junior warden. Politically Mr. Snowdon is a staunch Republican.

JOHN NELSON SNOWDON, a retired manufacturer of Brownsville and one of its respected and worthy citizens, was born in Brownsville, October 15, 1827. He is a son of Captain John and Mary (Smith) Snowdon. Capt. John Snowdon was born at Martin, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, England, March 22, 1796. His early education was limited, but he had a fund of self-reliance and

stability in his make-up. He learned the trade of blacksmith in his native country. In 1818 with his wife and two children he emigrated to this country with very little of this world's goods in his possession. He began life anew in his adopted country, in Brownsville, working at his trade in the shop of John Weaver, at one dollar per day—a large sum in those days. His first work outside of the regular routine was to make an oven for Mr. George Hogg. This opened the way for more of the same work, which it is believed introduced the use of stoves into this country. Seeing his skill and determination to succeed, Mr. Hogg furnished him with the necessaries of the trade for starting a small shop on Market street. To this shop he added different departments until he became proprietor of a foundry, machine shop and other works. This was the nucleus around which grew a large and thriving business. At these shops were built the engines for the steamer "Monongahela" in 1812; in 1831 he built larger works when he built engines for the iron-clads "Manayunk" and "Umpqua." This shop was destroyed by fire in September, 1853, and rebuilt in 1854, to which he added a rolling mill, in the operation of which he was assisted by his sons, under the firm name of John Snowdon & Sons. In this shop he built engines for the states of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Texas, Michigan, California, and others, to the number of three hundred. He built boats for the government to be used in the Mexican war, and two gun-boats for the government during the Civil war, at a contract price of one million dollars. He built what is supposed to be the first iron bridge in America, which connects Bridgeport with Brownsville. His income was enormous, his losses were great. By the bankrupt law of 1841 he lost forty

thousand dollars, by fire eighty thousand dollars, and by the failure of southern contractors in consequence of the Rebellion twenty-five thousand dollars. His life and character were upright, full of kindness and charity. As a citizen he stood high in the estimation of all. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years before his death, which occurred January 25, 1875, at Brownsville, where his wife also died. Mr. Snowdon did more to build up his adopted town and to advance its interests during the fifty-seven years of his residence than any other man who ever lived in Brownsville. In politics he was a Whig, in religious faith an Episcopalian. His family consisted of ten children, five of whom grew to maturity and are living at this writing. J. N., the subject of this sketch, is the ninth in order of birth. He was reared and educated at Brownsville, where his home has always been. His first business was as clerk in the grocery store of George Cass, but remained only a short time. In 1846 he went as clerk on one of the packets and remained on the river until 1854, at which time he entered into partnership with his father. In 1860 the firm was obliged to suspend work on account of the hostilities between the sister States. After the opening of the war they were employed by the government to build war vessels as stated above. They removed some of their force to Pittsburg, where a large gang was employed in ship-building; in the two shops at Brownsville and Pittsburg there were two thousand men employed. The firm continued up to 1872, when it closed its business altogether. In 1878 Mr. J. N. Snowdon was appointed postmaster of Brownsville by President Hayes, and in 1882 was re-appointed by President Arthur and holding the office until 1886. He was elected a director during the

erection of the school building and held his position for eight years as chairman of the school board. On January 17, 1853, he was married to Miss Eliza J., daughter of James and Matilda (Bowman) McSherry. To this union three children were born: Charles L., John H., and Mary (Mrs. Walter Berry). Mrs. Eliza Snowdon was born in Brownsville in September, 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Snowdon are both members of the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Snowdon is vestryman.

CHARLES W. BOWMAN is of a stock that represents three of the most enlightened nations of the civilized world—United States, England and Germany. The Bowmans are of an old English family of high standing. The first that we know of them is that they were residents of Cumberland county, England, where they lived for many generations. Stephen Bowman is the first name that has been handed down to us, and it is of his third son, Robert, we would speak, for from him spring the present branch of the family. At the age of fifteen Robert Bowman was placed as a page in the household of Elizabeth, daughter of King James I. In 1613 Elizabeth married Frederick V, Elector of Palatine of Germany. Young Bowman continued in her service, going with her to Germany, where in 1618 he married and thus founded the German branch of the Bowman family, and from which Charles W. Bowman has descended. Simon Bowman, a descendant of Robert, came to the United States about 1730 and settled on a farm known as Big Springs, six miles from Hagerstown, Md. He married Mary Easter and after the birth of his son Jacob removed into Hagerstown in 1764, and built the first stone house in that town. He died in 1802. Jacob Bowman, Simon's son, was born at Big Springs in

1763. At the age of sixteen he entered the store of Col. Robert Elliott, of Hagerstown, where he remained eight years and then became a partner with Col. Elliott; in 1786 came to Brownsville, where he was one of the earliest merchants of the town. He acted as assistant commissary to the Western army during Wayne's campaign against the Indians. During Washington's administration he was appointed postmaster of Brownsville, which office he held for thirty years. He was one of the founders of the Episcopal church at Brownsville, and also one of its earliest and most useful members. He was a man of great activity in business circles, quick to perceive and act, but slow to condemn. He died in 1847, leaving a large estate. His wife, Isabella Lowry, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland; she was the daughter of Major James Lowry, of Castle Finn, Ireland. The Lowrys moved from Scotland to Ireland in 1619. After the death of her parents, Isabella came to this country in 1784, with her grandfather Robert Nelson, a merchant of Baltimore. She died in 1845, aged seventy-eight years.

Nelson Blair Bowman, son of Jacob Bowman, was born in Brownsville, July 8, 1807, and is the youngest son of a family of nine children. At twelve years of age he entered Washington and Jefferson college, where he took a four years' course. After his graduation he engaged in mercantile business and continued in same with remarkable success until 1855, when he retired from active business. He was an honored vice-president of the Monongahela Bank of his town, a bank the doors of which have never been shut nor specie payment suspended during the Civil war. His father, Jacob, was the first president of the above bank in 1812. Nelson B. Bowman was married to Miss Elizabeth Lor-

raine Dunn, of Reading, Pa., in 1856; they had six children, two of whom are now living: Sara Rees, wife of Edmund Hayes Bell, railroad agent of Philadelphia, Pa., and Chas. W. Bowman. Mr. Bowman served as senior warden of Christ church for several years. He was well versed in literature; of pleasing address, winning manners and a good conversationalist, delighting to welcome a friend or entertain a stranger. His beautiful home, Nemaocolin, where he was born, is of the old castle style and commands an extensive view of the "three towns" and surrounding country, as well as of the Monongahela river. It is considered the finest home in Fayette county. On June 16, 1889, he mourned the loss of his wife. Mrs. Bowman was possessed of many Christian virtues and had by her winning ways a host of friends who joined with her bereaved husband in his heavy loss. She was a consistent and devoted member of Christ church. Her husband followed her to his reward October 28, 1892.

Charles W. Bowman, the subject of this sketch, is a son of Nelson B. and Elizabeth L. (Dunn) Bowman. He was born where he now resides, in Nemaocolin Castle, Brownsville, September 19, 1867. He was educated at Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., from which he graduated in 1887. After this period he took a course in architecture at Columbia college, New York. After his return from college he spent three years with D. Knox Miller, in Pittsburg, as architect. Since his severance with D. K. Miller he has resided in his native town. On June 30, 1897, he married Miss Lelie Colvin, daughter of the late John N. and Sarah Jacobs, and granddaughter of the late Adam Jacobs. Mrs. L. C. Bowman is a native of Brownsville. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have one child, Nelson Blair Bowman. Charles W. Bowman

has been vestryman of Christ church for a number of years. He is a very pleasing young man and inherits the hospitable qualities of his forefathers. Mr. Bowman has been recently appointed by Governor Stone as justice of the peace, and at the present time is acting as burgess of Brownsville.

JOHN W. WORRELL, M. D., is one of Brownsville's promising and bright physicians. He is a man who is in love with his chosen profession and is fast reaching an enviable position among his colleagues. Dr. Worrell is a native of Brownsville; was born October 10, 1856. His parents are William and Elizabeth (Duncan) Worrell. The former was born in Washington county, Pa., September 20, 1829; the latter in Bridgeport, Pa., March 5, 1832. William Worrell remained on his father's farm till he reached his seventeenth year, when he came to Bridgeport, where he entered the store of William Graham, and where he remained as manager for him up to Mr. Graham's death. After his death Mr. Worrell became his administrator and guardian of the children, and continued also to manage the business for Mrs. Graham up to 1865, at which time he purchased from Mrs. Graham the building and stock. Shortly afterwards the store was destroyed by fire. In 1871 he rebuilt and stocked it completely and remained in the drygoods business up to his death, in June, 1872. In 1854 he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of the late Judge Duncan; to this union there were born four children, three of whom are living, Anna, John W., and Sophia. William Worrell was a man held in the highest esteem by his townspeople, upright and honest in all his dealings. He held several town offices of importance. He served with faithfulness in the office of

treasurer and was elected tax collector in 1865, at a time when it was quite difficult to collect the war tax; but he was the proper man to do it. He was a fearless and faithful adherent of the Methodist church, of which he was a trustee and was the main factor, with a few others, in the erection of the Second M. E. church of Bridgeport; he was a very active and energetic member of the building committee. In politics he was a Republican. His widow, Elizabeth, is now conducting the business and manages with marked ability the large drygoods store under the name of E. D. Worrell. William Worrell is the son of Elias, who was born in Chester county, Pa., near Philadelphia, in 1798. His wife's name was Sarah Worrell. Elias was a farmer whose life was uneventful and lived to a good old age. Elias is the son of John Worrell, who removed from Chester county, Pa., to Fayette county, Pa., the same year in which his son Elias was born (1798). He remained there but a short time when he removed to Washington county, Pa. John was a weaver by trade and worked at his profession. John Worrell is the son of Peter, who was a descendant of the Worrells who formed a part of the colony that accompanied William Penn from England. Dr. John W. Worrell was reared at Brownsville, where he received his rudimentary education, after which he entered Mt. Union college, Alliance, Ohio. He entered the office of his uncle, Dr. W. S. Duncan, where he studied medicine. In 1878 he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated with honor in 1881. He spent one year, 1881-82, under the late C. F. Hunter, M. D. He took post-graduate lectures in San Francisco and San Jose, California. In 1891-92 he was on duty as assistant surgeon at the



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Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. After the conclusion of his studies he located at Belle Vernon, this county, where he practiced with success one year, and then removed to Brownsville, where he has since resided and where his practice has become extremely extensive. He belongs to the "regular school" of medicine. Dr. Worrell is a general practitioner, but has performed many of the major surgical operations, including trepanning, amputations and operations for strangulated hernia, with the skill of an expert and the success of a specialist. His literary work includes "Etiology and Course of Epidemic of Typhoid Fever," a work on "Bright's Disease of the Kidneys," and other productions. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Brownsville Lodge, No. 60. He is a member of St. Omer Commandery, No. 7, K. T., and appendant orders. He is also a member of the following orders and clubs: Royal Arcanum, Maccabees, Americus, James Russell Lowell club. He is a member of the Fayette County Medical society, Medical Legislative committee of Pennsylvania, H. C. Wood Medical society of Philadelphia, Pan American Medical congress, and is medical examiner for many of the old line life insurance companies. He has served his town as councilman and was active as a member of the school board. March 16, 1886, he married Miss Catherine T., daughter of Capt. P. C. Williams, of Brownsville. Dr. and Mrs. Worrell have two children, Duncan A., born April 7, 1887; and Alice, born December 16, 1889. Mrs. Catherine T. Worrell was born in Brownsville, in January, 1862.

SAMUEL HINGLEY PEARSALL, coal operator, business manager and member of the

Knob Coal Co., was born in South Staffordshire, England, July 16, 1846. His parents were Daniel and Sarah Pearsall, natives of England, where Daniel died aged sixty-six years, while his wife died in Bridgeport, Fayette county, aged sixty-five years. They were respectable and honorable people. Daniel Pearsall was a miner, and also a stationary engineer. Their family consisted of eleven children, five of whom are now living. Samuel H. Pearsall came to this country in 1869, arriving at New York in November of that year. He located first in Fair Haven, near Pittsburg, Pa., where he engaged in mining. In 1876 he went to California, Pa., where he spent one year in the same business, and in 1878 removed to Brownsville, where he has since been extensively engaged in coal mining and speculating. In the spring of 1878 he, with seventeen others, formed a stock company and purchased the lease of the Knob coal mines. In 1881 the company purchased the entire mines for the consideration of forty-six thousand dollars. Since then the number of stockholders has been reduced to seven, but their capital has been increasing continually, while each one holds an equal share. This is the only company now in existence that began operations twenty years ago in the Fourth pool. Their mines are situated west of West Brownsville in Washington county, and are among the best equipped in the Monongahela valley. The output is eighteen thousand bushels per day, and is equal to Pittsburg coal, and greatly in demand. The company employs two hundred and fifty men, and is connected with the McKinley Coal Company, whose office is 239 Water street, Pittsburg. D. H. Pearsall, brother of Samuel H., and a member of this company, superintends the largest general store in Bridgeport, which has been

operated by this company for eighteen years. On February 8, 1875, Samuel H. Pearsall married Martha, daughter of J. D. and Mary Bakewell. They had six children: Walter T., who is secretary and treasurer of Brownsville Ice and Storage Co.; Daniel B., who is attending Washington-Jefferson college; May (deceased); Mary D., attending Mt. Aloysius seminary at Cresson, Pa.; Elgy and Hazel. Mrs. Martha Pearsall is a native of England and came to this country with her parents when she was four years old. Mr. Samuel H. Pearsall holds the same relation to the company he held twenty years ago, viz: business manager and treasurer. He keeps his own books, and while he never studied book-keeping his doubly entry book would shame an expert. Mr. Pearsall and his brother have been remarkable in their business careers. Their coal speculations in the Monongahela valley have been extremely profitable. Samuel H. Pearsall has an interest in three steamers plying between Brownsville and Charleroi and to Pittsburg, and owns valuable property in Fayette and Washington counties. He is a member of Brownsville Lodge, No. 60, F. and A. M.; Brownsville Chapter, No. 164, R. A. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, of which he is eminent commander; Pittsburg Consistory and Syria Temple. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, Order of Americus, and B. P. O. E. He is a Democrat, and has served as councilman, school director and burgess of West Brownsville. Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall are members of Christ Episcopal church.

DR. JOHN WOOD GORDON, a prominent physician of Belle Vernon, Pa., was born January 9, 1856, at Temperanceville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late

Dr. J. M. H. and Margaret (Koontz) Gordon. Dr. J. M. H. Gordon was born April 25, 1825, in Monongahela City, Washington county, Pa. He was a leading physician of Western Pennsylvania, and practiced his profession successfully until his death, August 24, 1883. The grandfather of our subject, James Gordon, moved to Washington county from Franklin county, Pa., with his parents in 1810. He was an influential citizen and took an active part in politics; was for thirty-five years justice of the peace and associate justice, and a member of the electoral college that placed Andrew Jackson in the presidential chair. His interest in education was attested to by his long service as trustee of Jefferson college, which position he filled from 1825 to 1863. The great-grandfather of Dr. John Wood Gordon, and father of James Gordon, was Thomas Gordon, a native of Pennsylvania. He moved from Franklin county, Pa., to Washington county in 1810 with his family. The father of Thomas Gordon and the first of the family to settle in this country was a native of Scotland. He came to America near the close of the eighteenth century, and his descendants are among the most successful citizens of the county. The wife of James Gordon was Mary Ann Officer, of Washington county, Pa. They had nine children. James Gordon died in 1870, at the age of eighty-five years. The maternal grandfather was Hon. John Koontz, of Greensburg, Westmoreland county. He was a leading citizen and active in politics and a prominent member of the Pennsylvania legislature, and took a leading part in all matters of interest and for the advancement of his State. He married a Miss Welty, of Westmoreland county, and died at the age of eighty-six years. The mother of Dr. J. M. H. Gordon, Mrs. Mar-

garet (Koontz) Gordon, is living at the age of seventy-four years. The mother of Dr. Gordon, subject of this sketch, was first married to Samuel Church; there were two children by that marriage, Susan, wife of Col. Joseph M. Key, of Fayette City, and Anna, wife of Irwin Sheplar, of Westmoreland county. The parents of Dr. Gordon were married in 1847, and five children blessed that union: Frank, who lives in Pittsburg; Mrs. Harriet Thirkield, of Fayette City; the immediate subject of this sketch; James, the eldest, who died at the age of thirty-eight, and Thomas, who died in infancy. Dr. Gordon attended the public schools of Monongahela City and the Greensburg academy and was graduated from Jefferson Medical college at Philadelphia in 1878. He located in Fayette City and practiced medicine with his father, commanding a large and lucrative practice until 1895, when he removed to Belle Vernon, Pa., where he is eminently successful in the practice of his profession. He graduated in 1891 from the post graduate college of New York, and spent 1892 in the hospitals of Europe, London, Paris, Rome, Vienna and Berlin. Dr. Gordon was married May 27, 1896, to Miss Jean M., daughter of Samuel and Lydia Graham, of Belle Vernon. Samuel Graham held the office of prothonotary of Fayette county. Dr. and Mrs. Graham have one child, Jean, born May 26, 1897. Dr. Gordon is a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 252, F. and A. M., of Fayette City, of which he is a past master. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and Belle Vernon Tent, of the Order of Maccabees, and B. P. O. E. He is a member of the examining board for pensions and surgeons for the P. & L. E. R. R. Company. In politics he is a Republican. Dr. Gordon's family on both sides are members of the Presbyterian church.

ALBION NEWTON MARSTON, A. M., M. D., a prominent physician of Belle Vernon, was born in Tamworth, N. H., October 31, 1840. His father was Jason Marston, a farmer, who was born in the same place February 22, 1810. He was a member of the Free Baptist church and died in the autumn of 1873. The grandfather, Sheubel Marston, was born in Hampton, N. H., and came to Tamworth with his parents when a small boy. The great-grandfather was John Marston and the family is of English descent. The mother was Dollie Q. Bean, daughter of David and Ann Bean, natives of Tamworth, N. H. The maternal grandfather was a minister of the Free Will Baptist church. The maternal grandmother was Ann Prescott. The grandmother on the paternal side was Elizabeth Remick and she had two brothers who served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war; both received wounds from which they died, one at Valley Forge, the other after his return from service. Some of Dr. Marston's ancestors (maternal) served in the war of 1812. He has two brothers and one sister residing in Mass. Dr. Marston prepared himself for college at New Hampton, N. H. He was graduated from Bates college, Lewiston, Maine. He was principal of the academy at West Lebanon, Maine, in 1871-2; principal of the high school, Rochester, N. H., from 1872 to 1875; first assistant and teacher of natural sciences at the high school of Fitchburg, Mass., from 1875 to 1882, and professor of natural sciences at State Normal school at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 1882. He took one term at the medical department of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1883, and was graduated from the Toledo Medical college in 1884. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Millburg, Ohio, near Toledo, where he remained one year. He then

in 1885, located in Belle Vernon, Pa., where he has ever since been successfully engaged in practice. He is of the board of deacons of the Free Baptist church in Belle Vernon and superintendent of its Sunday-school. He served for two terms as a member of the school board of Belle Vernon. Dr. Marston was married to Miss Catherine Augusta, daughter of Rev. Joel and Adeline (Darby) Baker, natives of Conn., in 1874. Five children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Marston: Grace Edna and Arthur Russell, graduates from the California State Normal school in the class of 1895, and now engaged in teaching; Albion N. and Joel Baker, graduates of the same institution respectively in the classes of 1899 and 1900; and Katie Adelia Marston, who died at three years of age.

REV. JOEL BAKER, a prominent Baptist minister of Belle Vernon, Pa., born August 15, 1824, in West Killingly, Conn., is a son of Joel and Melita Baker, natives of Connecticut. His father was a farmer and representative citizen of the community in which he resided. The parents of Mr. Baker were Presbyterians, and he was reared in the same faith, but after reaching his maturity joined the Free Baptist church. Mr. Baker received his early education in the schools of his native town; after joining the Free Baptist church he entered the New Hampton theological seminary where he prepared for the ministry, graduating from that institution. His first charge was at Alton, N. H., where he remained for two years. His next charge was at South Berwick, Maine; there he remained four years. In 1863 Mr. Baker was sent South and stationed near Norfolk, Va., by the American Board of Missions, where he had charge of the organization of

schools and the placing of teachers for the education of the colored people. He was instrumental in establishing an institute at Harper's Ferry which is in a large measure supported by the Free Baptist church for the preparation of teachers and the higher education of the race. At the close of the war he returned to Amesbury, Mass., where he had charge of a church six years. From there Mr. Baker went to Mendota, Ill., and from there to Epsom, N. H., where he remained several years. Thence he went to Philadelphia and New York, where he remained two years, all the time engaged in his ministerial duties. He has been in Belle Vernon since 1882. He gave up his charge here in 1896, and is at present engaged in ministerial work at Dayton, N. Y. The church was destroyed by fire in Belle Vernon during Mr. Baker's pastorate, and to him more than to anyone else is due the credit for rebuilding the same. He is now seventy-four years old, active and full of energy. September 15, 1845, he married Miss Adelia Darby, a native of Connecticut. There were three children born to this union: Joel and Eugene, who died in infancy, and Catherine Augusta, who graduated in 1868 from New Hampton seminary where her father was educated. She was married to Dr. A. N. Marston, a native of Tamworth, N. H., in 1874. Dr. Marston is a successful physician of Belle Vernon. The wife of Rev. Joel Baker died in May, 1896. She accompanied her husband on his different fields of labor and was of great aid to him in his various duties. Rev. Joel Baker was for many years a Republican, but at present affiliates with the Prohibition party. He is a great friend to the cause of education and has devoted a good portion of his time to educational matters.



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WOODA HENRY LANGE, a successful business man and druggist, of Belle Vernon, was born January 21, 1873, in Belle Vernon, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His father is Henry Lange, who is a resident of Belle Vernon, and a native of that place. His mother's maiden name was Frances Billiter, who was also born in Belle Vernon. His father was born in 1850 and was for many years engaged in the drug business. The paternal grandparents were George and Emily Lange. The grandfather was born in Germany, and came to this country when twenty years of age, locating in Belle Vernon, where for a time he pursued his business as a manufacturer of wagons, and later engaged in the livery business, which he conducted successfully until his death in 1885. He married Miss Emily McCrory, of Washington township, who died in 1897. He was an Odd Fellow and a member of the Lutheran church. Six children were born to George and Emily Lange: Henry, a resident of Webster; Clara, Emma, Josephine, one who died in infancy, and Robert Wilson. To Henry and Frances (Billiter) Lange were born ten children, as follows: Wooda H., George (in business in Belle Vernon), Bessie, Edna, Fannie, Kate, Grace, Jessie, Frances, and one who died. Wooda H. Lange was a student in the public schools of Belle Vernon and completed his education in the California State normal school, at California, Pa., in 1890. In the fall of the same year he entered the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy, where he remained until the spring of 1891; returned in 1892 and was graduated from that institution in 1893. Immediately after his return from college he succeeded his father in the drug business. Mr. Lange's success has placed him among the first of Belle Vernon's substantial business men. He

is the proprietor of what is known as the Belle Vernon pharmacy. He is a member of the Christian church at Belle Vernon, Fayette City Masonic Lodge, and Belle Vernon Tent of the Order of Maccabees; also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. On August 31, 1893, Mr. Lange was married to Miss Jessie, daughter of J. Morgan Bowers. She died December 24, 1893. In politics Mr. Lange is a Republican, and has served as a member of the Belle Vernon city council.

GEORGE FRANCIS BRINKER, from July 3, 1898, to the time of his decease July 19, 1900, was the popular proprietor of the hotel Birmingham, of Belle Vernon. He was born September 15, 1859, in Cumberland, Alleghany county, Maryland. He was a son of John Matthias and Sophia (Suhre) Brinker. John Matthias Brinker was born in Prussia, and came to this country when about twenty years of age. He located at Cumberland, Md., where he lived until his death. He was a bridge and boat builder, and constructed boats for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. He was engaged in that business for about fifteen years, after reaching this country. Later he accepted a situation with the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company as builder of bridges, which position he held until 1877, when he suffered from a stroke of paralysis, and became an invalid for life, dying in 1892. He married Miss Sophia Suhre, a daughter of Matthew Suhre. The children born to them were: Mary, Henry (deceased), George F., Frank, a machinist, and superintendent of the water works for the city of Cumberland, Md.; Agnes, Joseph (died in infancy), Henry (second), died in infancy, Anna and Matilda (deceased). John M. Brinker died at the age

of seventy-three years. George F. Brinker, the immediate subject of this sketch, attended Saints Peter and Paul's Parochial School, at Cumberland, Md.; remained there until he reached the age of twelve years, and then attended a private school for two years. He then entered the candy factory of Mrs. M. Farrell, of Cumberland, and remained there for five years. He afterwards worked for two years for the Baltimore and Ohio rolling mill at Cumberland. In 1880 he located in McKeesport, Pa., where he embarked in the retail grocery business. In 1886 he accepted a situation as traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house in Pittsburg, Pa., where he remained until 1898, and was one of the most successful salesmen in his line on the road, and deservedly popular among all classes. In July, 1898, Mr. Brinker purchased the hotel Birmingham at Belle Vernon, Pa., one of the leading hotels of this section of the State. Mr. Brinker, by his energy, perseverance and business integrity was successful in making many friends and accumulating valuable property. He commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was ever ready to aid a friend, and contributed liberally to what he conceived to be a worthy cause. He had an interesting family, consisting of a wife and four children, whose welfare was the first and controlling thought of his mind. He married Miss Annie D. Firle, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Crouse) Firle, on October 21, 1885. Mrs. Brinker was born November 3, 1861, in Cumberland, Allegany county, Md. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brinker: Joseph M., born October 15, 1887; Marguerite (deceased); Georgia Anna, born October 28, 1889; Corinne, born July 12, 1891, and James Lester, born September 9, 1898. Mr. George F.

Brinker died July 19, 1899, and his widow succeeded him in the management of the Birmingham hotel. The father and mother of Mrs. Brinker are both natives of Germany, and came to the United States when young. Her mother resided with her parents in the city of Baltimore, Md., and had three sisters and one brother. There were born to Henry and Catherine (Crouse) Firle seven children: Joseph A., Nicholas, Elizabeth, John H., Mary L., Mrs. Annie Brinker, and Rosa Firle. Mr. and Mrs. Firle celebrated their golden wedding in May, 1890. Mr. Firle died in 1896, at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife is still living at the age of eighty.

DR. NORMAN BERT LOWMAN is a leading physician of Belle Vernon, and was born July 23, 1867, in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Bell) Lowman. Thomas Lowman was born in Indiana county in 1832, where he was reared and received a common school education. He was for some years a manufacturer of fire brick; later engaged in the mercantile business, and is at present engaged as a retail dealer in coal. The father of Thomas Lowman and the grandfather of Dr. Lowman was John Lowman, a prominent farmer, and a native of Pennsylvania, and a resident of Centre township, Indiana county. Dr. Lowman's mother was Miss Rebecca, daughter of John and Phoebe Bell, both natives of Indiana county, Pa. Five children were born to Thomas and Rebecca Lowman: Ida Belle, John Franklin, Ella (deceased), Norman Bert and Mary Elizabeth. Dr. Lowman received his early education in the common schools of his native county, his literary education being completed in 1883 at the Indiana normal school. He

taught school at various places in his native county for five years, at the expiration of which time he accepted a situation as clerk in his father's store. He entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical college at Pittsburg in 1889, graduating from that institution in 1892. Soon afterwards he was made resident physician at St. Francis hospital and insane asylum in the city of Pittsburg. Owing to failing health he gave up the place in six months. In 1892 Dr. Lowman located in Belle Vernon, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. January 1, 1895, Dr. Lowman married Miss Alice, daughter of W. C. and Amazon (Hammit) Kittle. Mr. Kittle is a leading merchant and prominent business man of Belle Vernon. Dr. and Mrs. Lowman have one child, Rebecca Vida. Dr. Lowman joined the M. E. church when ten years old, and is secretary of the board of stewards for the same. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 363, Monongahela Lodge, and of Belle Vernon Tent, No. 260, Knights of the Maccabees, and record keeper of that order. Dr. Lowman is also a member of the school board of Belle Vernon. He is a Republican in politics. His father and mother are living, the former sixty-six, the latter sixty-two years old, and both are members of the M. E. church.

J. HOWARD McCLURE is a successful business man of Belle Vernon, Pa. He was born in Washington county, near Monongahela, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1861, and is a son of John and Mary (Corwin) McClure. His father was a native of Ireland and came to the United States when eight years old. He enlisted as a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. The grand-

father, McClure, was a soldier in the British army. The mother was Miss Mary, daughter of James Corwin, who was a member of one of the oldest families in Western Pennsylvania, and their history dates back to more than a hundred years in this section of country. The maternal grandfather was a boat builder and worked in the Belle Vernon establishment, where the first steamboat to ply the Monongahela river was built. He was born in 1800 and died seventy-six years later. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian church. J. Howard McClure attended the public schools until he was fourteen years old, when he found employment in a meat market, where he spent several years. After this he was engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and spent two years in Colorado. In 1887 he, with an older brother, opened a confectionery store in Belle Vernon, where he was successfully engaged up to his retiring therefrom in June, 1899. There was one brother, William A. McClure, who was born February, 1859; was engaged in business with the subject of this sketch until his decease in February, 1898, leaving a wife and four children. The children are: Charles, aged eighteen years; Galena, sixteen; Carrie, eleven, and Hazel, five. Mr. McClure's sister was Ella M. McClure, who received her early education in the public schools and graduated from the California normal school in 1879, where she afterwards taught for several years. She was born in 1857 and is the wife of Walton Howell and a resident of Belmont county, Ohio. Three children were born to them, John, Bessie and Howard. J. Howard McClure, the subject of this sketch, is not only one of Fayette county's best citizens, but is a representative and successful business man. He commands the

respect of all, is charitable to the poor and generous to the worthy. He married, March 30, 1899, Miss Ora B., daughter of Charles H. Liston, a livery stable proprietor, of Friendsville, Md. Mr. McClure's identification with the business interests have been various, including meat, confectionery, grocery, cigars, restaurant, etc. He is one of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Belle Vernon.

EDWIN STANTON GUILER, postmaster of Belle Vernon, was born October 26, 1867, in Belle Vernon, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Andrew and Hannah (Singley) Guiler. His father, Andrew Guiler, is a native of Fayette county, Pa., was born December 28, 1823, and later resided in Westmoreland county. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served as second lieutenant. He was in many important engagements during his military service, and later was commissioned first lieutenant of Company H, Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, which office he filled until the close of the war, when he was breveted captain. Andrew Guiler was married to Miss Hannab J., daughter of Peter and Matilda Singley, in 1854. She was born near Blairsville, Indiana county, Pa., June 12, 1833. Six children were born to them: C. C. Guiler, W. L. Guiler, Ella J. (wife of Ephraim Jones, of Belle Vernon); Matilda, and Edwin Stanton, the youngest. The parents of Mr. Guiler are members of the Baptist church in Belle Vernon, and his father, Andrew Guiler, has been a lifelong Democrat. The paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland, and came to this country at an early age. Edwin Stan-

ton Guiler attended the public schools of Belle Vernon until he reached the age of seventeen, and at twenty he entered Duff's Business college at Pittsburg, where after completing his course in that institution he accepted a situation as clerk in a drygoods store, in which he remained until 1891. He then engaged in R. C. Schmertz's glass factory to learn the trade of glass worker. On August 29, 1894, Mr. Guiler was appointed by President Cleveiland to the office of postmaster at Belle Vernon. He was twice appointed by the president to the same office as a mistake occurred in dating the first commission. His second appointment was confirmed by the United States Senate December 11, 1894. Mr. Guiler held two commissions and served four years and five months. He conducted the office in a business-like way and gave satisfaction to all regardless of politics or party. June 18, 1896, Mr. Guiler was married to Miss Elizabeth, the accomplished daughter of Michael and Catherine Croushore, of Washington township, Fayette county, Pa. Mr. Croushore is a prominent and wealthy citizen of Fayette county, and is a large farmer, now in the sixty-fifth year of his age. Mrs. Croushore died February 9, 1882, and was a member of the German Lutheran church, to which her husband belongs. Mrs. Guiler is of German descent. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Guiler, Mae Elizabeth, born May 19, 1897. Mr. Guiler has been a consistent member of the M. E. church since 1889, while Mrs. Guiler is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Guiler is a Democrat and active in the affairs of the party. He has been successful in business and owns valuable property in North Belle Vernon borough.



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ARTHUR LORIAUX, a glass blower, and citizen of Belle Vernon, Pa., was born in Juniet, Belgium, May 25, 1856, and is a son of Jules Loriaux, of the same place. His mother was a Miss Loriaux, and a Belgian. His father was by trade a glass blower. He died in December, 1896, and his widow died June, 1898. Four sons and one daughter were born to them. One son located in Texas in 1878; another resides in Dunkirk, Ind., where he is employed as a glass gatherer; the third lives in Belgium and is a painter by trade, and the sister lives in Charleroi, Belgium, where she conducts a hotel. Mr. Loriaux learned his trade in Belgium, where he was employed. He came to America in 1882, locating first at Meadville, Pa., when after a short time he went to Kent, Ohio, where he remained one year, thence coming to Belle Vernon, September, 1883, where he has since resided, holding a situation as blower in the glass factory of R. C. Schmertz & Co. Mr. Loriaux was married to Mrs. Galina Henry, who was first married to Clement Henry. She is a daughter of Rock Trepague, of Waterloo, Belgium, and was born June 6, 1852. They were married at Meadville, Pa., soon after their arrival in this country. Three children have been born to them, Aurosa, Rosenda and Arthur, all living. Mrs. Loriaux had four children by her first marriage, viz: Clement Henry, Julia Henry, Zenobia and Celina Henry, all living. The eldest son, Clement Henry, married Miss Hortense Mayer, of Jeannette, Pa. They have three children: Charles, Charlotte and Catherine. Mr. Loriaux, the subject of this sketch, has been successful by his energy and industry in accumulating valuable property, and has conducted himself in such a manner as to command both the respect and confidence of the

community in which he resides. He is in politics a Republican, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

ALBERT W. YOUNG is a successful business man and one of the leading coal operators of Pennsylvania. He was born August 4, 1866, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, at Reaches Furnace, and is a son of William and Anna Belle (Morgan) Young. The father of Mr. Young is a native of England, born in 1832, in Durham, and came to the United States in 1852, locating first at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, where he sunk the first shaft ever opened in that locality, which is one of the oldest mines in the country. He also opened the first mine in Michigan, located at Williamstone, and then opened the first mine in Corunna, Mich., and there built three miles of railroad track and opened a slope by tunnelling under a river, a feat which experts had claimed to be an impossibility. He put the slope into working order, and went to Vienna, Ohio, where he opened and successfully operated four mines. He next went to Poland, Ohio,—the old home of President McKinley—where he opened and operated two mines, and located recently in Belle Vernon, where he operates the Shepler Gas Coal Company's mine. He is also interested in the Youghioghny Gas Coal Company, and the Menallen Manufacturing Company. Mr. Young is one of the pioneers of the coal industry, and to him, perhaps, more than to any other man is due the credit of the rapid and successful development of that great and profitable industry in certain sections of this country. Mr. Young is bountifully endowed with that courage and indomitable will power that are capable of overcoming all obstacles. He has been a moving spirit in many of the largest

industries in this and other States. Mr. Young was married to Miss Anna Belle, a daughter of Thomas Morgan, of Canal Dover, Ohio, and four children have been born to them: T. E. Young, a prominent citizen of Cleveland, Ohio, and president of the Sheppler Gas Coal Company, the Youghiogheny Gas Coal Company, and the Menallen Manufacturing Company, and manager for M. A. Hanna & Co., coal operators, and is a thirty-second degree Mason; J. E. Young, deceased; Albert W., the subject of this sketch, and Mary, wife of C. E. Maurer, an attorney, of Youngstown, Ohio. Albert W. Young completed his education at Poland Union seminary at the age of twenty years. Immediately thereafter he accepted a situation in the office of Andrews Bros., rolling mill operators, of Hazeltine, Ohio, where he remained for one year; from there he went to the Port Royal Coal and Coke Company, of Youngstown, Ohio, where he remained for six years. In 1884 he went into partnership with his brother, T. E. Young, of Cleveland, organizing the Sheppler Gas Coal Company. He is also interested in the Youghiogheny Gas Coal Company, and the Menallen Manufacturing Company, and is general manager of the Sheppler Gas Coal Company, whose works have a capacity of one thousand tons daily and employ over two hundred men.

ALFRED JOSEPH DESSERT, who was born in Belgium, December 16, 1865, and now a resident and postmaster of Belle Vernon, is a son of the late Alexis and Mary Dessent. His father, who was manager of several glass factories in Belgium, was born October 20, 1828. The mother of Mr. Dessent was Miss Mary Mayence, who was also a native of Belgium, where she resided until

her death. They had three children, Laura, Zoe and Alfred J. The two former reside in Belgium, and Zoe is married. Mr. Alexis Dessent married a second time, and as a result of that marriage three children were born, Joseph, Esther and Blanche. These reside in Belle Vernon. Joseph, born February 13, 1870, married Miss Ruth Davidson, of Belle Vernon. He is a glass cutter, and works at the factory of R. C. Schmertz & Co., of Belle Vernon. Esther was born February 23, 1871, and Blanche, December 4, 1873. Alfred J. Dessent was educated in the schools of Belgium until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he came with his father to America, locating first in New York city, in January, 1881. He accepted a position in the drygoods store of R. H. Macy & Co. In 1885 he went to Pittsburg, Pa., where he entered the glass factory of Wolfe, Howard & Co., and remained there for one year. In 1886 he returned to Belgium on a visit, and was arrested and placed in the army to serve for a period of three years. He left in 1887, after fourteen months' service. He was pressed into service contrary to his will, as his intention was to make the United States his home. In November, 1887, Mr. Dessent came to Belle Vernon, where he accepted a situation in the R. C. Schmertz glass factory, as assistant bookkeeper, remaining in that capacity for one year. He then was employed as shipping clerk for the same firm for one year, after which he went into the cutting department, where he remained until his appointment as postmaster of Belle Vernon. Mr. Dessent is a member of Accomac Tribe, No. 142, of Red Men, at Belle Vernon; Monongahela Lodge, No. 362, K. of P., at Belle Vernon, and Monongahela Company, No. 57, U. R. K. of P. Mr. Dessent is lieutenant-colonel

of the Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania U. R., K. of P., and a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 252, F. and A. M., of Fayette City, and also a member of Belle Vernon Fire Company. Mr. Dessent is a Republican and has been an active member of the county central committee for six terms. He was made postmaster at Belle Vernon on January 5, 1899, by President McKinley. He is a man of great force of character, and has many friends, and had a large list of voters to support his application for the appointment as postmaster. On December 30, 1899, Mr. Dessent married Mary J., daughter of the late William H. Grant, a native of England, who came in 1881 to Belle Vernon, where he was a blower for the R. C. Schmertz Glass Company up to the time of his death.

DR. ANDREW G. GUILER, physician and surgeon, of Belle Vernon, was born January 29, 1859, in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late Major Absalom and Elizabeth (Jeffries) Guiler. Absalom Guiler was born February 12, 1819, in Franklin township, Fayette county. The father of Absalom Guiler was William Guiler, who came to America and located in Fayette county, Pa. He was a native of Ireland. The wife of William Guiler was a Miss Carr, and a native of Fayette county. William Guiler was born in 1797, and died in 1868, and his wife died May 10, 1872, at the age of seventy-nine years. Five sons and one daughter were born to them: Alexander, Thomas, Andrew, Joseph, Absalom and Mary, who married a Mr. Shaffer. Absalom Guiler, the father of Dr. Guiler, was reared and educated in Fayette county, and also had a private tutor while in Mexico. He was a merchant tailor. On January 24, 1847, he went as sergeant of Company H, Second

Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Colonel Roberts, and served through the Mexican war. He was in the battles of Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo Mountain, and at the storming of Chapultepec; also at the capture of the City of Mexico, and was afterwards promoted, for meritorious conduct, to the rank of lieutenant. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Cerro Gordo Mountain, and was the first, with his company, to enter the great gates of the city of Mexico. In October, 1861, he raised a regiment in Uniontown, at Camp Lafayette, and was elected major of the same. It was known as the Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Before leaving he was presented with a splendid sword and sash by the citizens of Uniontown, as a token of their esteem. How well he merited the gift was shown afterwards by his services in the Peninsular campaign. He was at the battles of Williamsburg, Bailey's Cross Roads, and the siege of Yorktown, serving faithfully until 1862, when he was stricken with camp fever, and was compelled to resign his commission, to the regret of every man in the regiment, and many hearts mourned and brave soldiers shed tears over the loss of their distinguished commander. After his second military career he returned to Uniontown, where he settled down as a merchant tailor. With great prudence and foresight he concluded to better his condition and make provision for those who were to live after him, and therefore bought the excellent farm on which he lived, a short distance from town. There he settled down for the remainder of his days, not to rest, but with his usual energy and industry to beautify and make productive his farm. He remodeled the old mansion, and now a beautiful farm house graces the hillside. Thus lived an honorable and distinguished man, a

devoted husband and father, a noble-hearted and generous friend, a brave soldier in war, always true and faithful, and an agreeable companion. He was married in 1840 to Elizabeth Jeffries, a daughter of Caleb and Rebecca (Martin) Jeffries, of Fayette county. Caleb Jeffries was proprietor of a hotel, and a farmer. Elizabeth Jeffries was born November 24, 1820, and died May 17, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Guiler had seven children: Margaret and Loretta died in infancy; Virginia, now deceased, who married Buchanan Jeffries, of Menallen township; Caleb, fruit grower, at Dayton, Ohio; William G., a prominent attorney, in Pittsburg; Joseph, merchant, at Smock's Station, Fayette county, and our subject. Dr. Guiler received his early education in the high schools of Uniontown and Brownsville. Later he had a private tutor, and was a student in the Maryland academy. In October, 1876, he entered the office of Dr. James B. Ewing, of Uniontown, to read medicine, and in the fall of 1877 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore. Returning home in the spring of 1878 he took charge of the Fayette County Almshouse with Dr. John Hankins. In the fall of that year he returned to Baltimore, and graduated with honors from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in March, 1879. He then took a special course in the examining college for the diseases of women, under Professor Augustus F. Erich. In the fall of 1879 he located at Cook's Mill. In 1880 he was appointed surgeon for the Redstone Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, and remained there until December, 1882, when he located in Belle Vernon, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Guiler is medical advisor for the local board of health, and is exam-

iner for sixteen insurance companies. He is secretary of the school board, member and trustee of the Presbyterian church, surgeon for the Lake Erie Railroad Company, member of the Pittsburg Society of Obstetrics, a member of the Railroad Association of Surgeons and of the Alumni Association of the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Guiler has been quite successful financially, as well as in his practice, and has an extensive practice. He commands the respect and confidence of all who know him. In politics he is a Republican. He has written many interesting articles, professional and otherwise, which have been widely read and favorably commented upon. Dr. Guiler was married on July 21, 1887, to Georgina A., daughter of the late Captain W. W. Williams.

CHARLES SMITH SEMBOWER is one of the most popular of the young men of Belle Vernon. He was born in North Union township, near Uniontown, December 5, 1869, and is a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Crawford) Sembower. John W. Sembower was by trade a carpenter and a leading contractor in Uniontown for eighteen years, under the firm name of Laughhead, Modisette & Co., and was a member of the firm at the time of his death, which resulted from a fall while repairing a residence on Fayette street, Uniontown. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church in Uniontown, of which he was trustee and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was the contractor for the building of the Uniontown M. E. church. His parents were Adam and Eva Sembower, and both were of Fayette county, Pa. John W. and Elizabeth Sembower's children were: Eva, wife of Miller Rockwell, who resides near Charleroi, and have



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seven children, one of which Allen, was a member of Company C, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and fought valiantly in the battle of February 5, 1899, in the Philippines, where he was shot through by a native, but is slowly recovering; Sarah Sembower, married James Browning, of Uniontown, Pa.; Anna, single; Ewing, married, and is a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Julia, first married Frank Strickler, and after his death married John Ward, of Connellsville, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of D. E. Bear, of Pittsburg; Jasper T., married Miss Lizzie Sickles, of Uniontown, and is a contractor and builder of that place; John H., deceased, was married to Miss Cora Detweiler, and Charles S. Sembower, the subject of this sketch. Charles S. Sembower attended the public schools of North Union township and of Uniontown, and after leaving school he filled several responsible positions in Uniontown, from which place he went to Pittsburg, where he remained for several years as clerk in some of the leading dry-goods houses in that city, in which his ability as a salesman was recognized. In 1896 he engaged with J. H. Henry, of Belle Vernon, where he is head salesman in the latter's large establishment and has charge of the dry-goods department. Mr. Sembower is a man of genial disposition, makes friends wherever he goes and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

THE SPEERS FAMILY.—Henry Speers, the older, and Regina Froman, his wife, were born in Germany, and came to Western Pennsylvania in the early days of the settlement of that part of the colony, locating on what is now known as the Gibsonton Distillery farm, below Belle Vernon, in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pa.

Henry Speers died in 1773, having lived only one year after his arrival in Western Pennsylvania. By his will, dated May 14, 1773, he conveyed this farm to his son, Noah Speers, who, by his will, dated June 2, 1832, gave it to his son, Noah W. Speers. He also owned the tract where the ferry is now located, and to which a patent, in connection with the farm above mentioned, was granted to Benjamin Frye and Regina Speers, in trust for the heirs of Henry Speers, deceased, bearing date June 21, 1784. Henry Speers had four sons, Jacob, Solomon, Henry and Noah. Henry emigrated to Kentucky, where he was very successful in business, and from him the Kentucky Speers had their origin. Solomon was killed by the Indians on Salt river, where he was engaged in trading and trapping. Noah died on the old homestead. The last named laid out the town of Belle Vernon, and the first sale of lots took place April 18, 1814. He died from the kick of a horse, June 9, 1832. His wife was a daughter of Samuel Frye, Sr., who was a son of Abraham Frye, who came to Western Pennsylvania with Henry Speers, the older. The remains of Noah Speers and his wife rest on the old homestead farm. Henry Speers, the younger, was born July 8, 1756, and was sixteen years old when his parents settled near the present site of Belle Vernon. He married Rebecca Frye, daughter of Henry Frye, September 24, 1777. She was born March 17, 1761, and died July 16, 1835. Thirteen children were born to Henry and Rebecca (Frye) Speers: Samuel, born January 29, 1779; Sarah, born December 28, 1780; Rebecca, born December 4, 1782; Katherine, born February 4, 1785; Henry, born February 7, 1787; Rachel, born March 1, 1789; Elizabeth, born April 8, 1791; Fanny, born July 1, 1793; Polly, born Sep-

tember 16, 1794; Pleasant, born November 24, 1796; John, born January 17, 1798; Apollos, born September 8, 1801; Nancy, born September 13, 1803. Henry Speers, the younger, resided on the farm called "Speers' Intent," opposite Belle Vernon, in Allen township, Washington county, Pa. The farm was later the property of Apollos Speers, the son of Henry Speers. There he resided for many years after the death of his father. The farm afterwards became the property of Noah and Solomon S., the sons of Apollos Speers, and is held by their heirs, the latter still living. The patent to the farm was granted to Henry Speers, January 12, 1789, on a survey made and entered by John Reef, May 23, 1769, and conveyed to Henry Speers by deed, dated September 14, 1784. Henry was not only a farmer, but also engaged in trapping and running the ferry in the most primitive mode—the Indian canoe. He was long a member of the Baptist church. His earnestness as a worker, and consistency as a Christian gave him great prestige among the early settlers. He was licensed to preach by Enon church, May 5, 1793; was ordained by Rev. John Corbly on the last Saturday of March, 1797, and continued pastor of that church until his death on January 2, 1840. He was chiefly instrumental in building up the congregation of Enon, the members of which worshiped first in the old log church, but afterwards in the old brick house still standing on the hill opposite Belle Vernon, now owned by Solomon C. Speers. The congregation now worship in the new frame building on Maple creek. The brick dwelling house now owned and occupied by the widow of Noah Speers, near the ferry, was erected in 1806 by Henry Speers. Henry, son of Henry Speers, the younger, was a soldier in the war of 1812,

and was with General Jackson in the battle of New Orleans. He died many years ago in the old log house on Maple creek, in which the late Joseph Beazell resided. Samuel was also a soldier in the war of 1812. He became a cripple from exposure while in the service and spent his last days in the home of his brother, Apollos. John spent most of his life at Dunbar, in Fayette county, Pa., where he was engaged in milling and farming. Nancy married George Hill, of "Ten Mile." He was the father of George L. Hill, former treasurer of Washington county, Pa. Pleasant married William Ward. Katie married John McCrory. Apollos married Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of the late Valentine Cooper. He resided for a short time at "Fish Pot" at "Ten Mile;" but with this exception always lived in the brick house at the ferry until his death, on February 23, 1857. His wife died in Marshalltown, Iowa, September 13, 1874. She was born March 22, 1803. Her remains were interred by the side of her husband in Enon cemetery. Apollos and Elizabeth Speers had five sons: Solomon C., Noah, Henry V., Jacob B. and Jasper, and five daughters: Margaret, Nancy, Mary L., Sarah R. and Clara E. Noah resided at the ferry, of which he was the sole owner, until his death, which occurred November 29, 1898. Henry V. enlisted in Captain J. J. Young's Battery, and Jacob in the Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for service to maintain the union of the States. Both served until the close of the war, after which they located in Marshalltown, Iowa, where the former was a merchant, and the latter engaged in farming. Jasper died when sixteen years of age. Solomon C. was born May 12, 1832, and married on May 6, 1857, Miss Ann Eliza Walker,

who was born April 5, 1836. She was a daughter of the late Nathaniel R. and Martha Walker. The father was a native of Boston, Mass.; the mother, Martha Walker, was a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Brownfield, of Smithfield, Fayette county, Pa. There were two sons and two daughters born to bless that union: Charles P., born December 11, 1862, and Albert C., born in October, 1865. Charles P. is a prominent and successful business man, and is manager of the Clipper sand works, at Speers, Pa. He married Miss Elizabeth Underwood, daughter of Joseph Underwood, of Roscoe. Albert C. married Miss Hattie Coyle, of Pittsburg. They had two children, Helene and Elizabeth. He graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and is a successful physician in the city of Pittsburg, where he commands a large and lucrative practice. His residence is on Fifth avenue. Mary Bessie, born September 13, 1870, graduated from the Allegheny General hospital for trained nurses. She resides in Pittsburg. Jessie L. resides at home with her father. She was born December 2, 1873. Solomon Speers and wife began housekeeping where they now reside, on the farm, a part of the "Speers' Intent." He is proprietor of the Clipper sand works, and does a large business in supplying sand to builders, and the manufacturers of glass. From 1853 to 1868 he was engaged in steam boating. His early education was obtained from the common schools, but later he graduated from Duff's Business college in Pittsburg. By his integrity and superior business methods he has acquired a large amount of valuable property, and the reputation of an honorable man and model citizen. Mr. Speers' wife died in 1884, and he has since married again. He is a member of the Cum-

berland Presbyterian church at Charleroi, and one of the trustees of same. He is a Republican. He resides in his splendid home in the town of Speers on the banks of the Monongahela river, where by an exemplary life he commands the respect and enjoys the confidence and good will of all those with whom he is acquainted.

FRED COOPER SPEERS, one of the successful young men of Speers, Pa., was born at that place October 27, 1868. He is a son of Noah and Sarah A. (Ward) Speers. The father was born August 20, 1834, and was educated at Mt. Union college, Ohio. He owned and operated the public ferry, which has been in the family since the first settlement of the Speers family in Western Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather of our subject was William Ward, one of the first settlers of this part of Pennsylvania. Fred Cooper Speers was educated in the public schools of his native county, and completed his education at the California Normal school, California, Pa., in 1891. After that he entered the Eastman Business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he graduated. On returning home he took charge of his father's store at Speers, Pa., where he remained for two years. Since the death of his father, he, in connection with his brother, Van L. Speers, has been operating the steam ferry. He was appointed administrator of his father's estate in December, 1898, his father dying November 29, 1898. His mother is still living at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. Speers is a member of the M. E. church; also a member of Charleroi Lodge, No. 615, F. & A. M. He is a Republican. His father and mother were members of the same church. Noah Speers, his father, was a zealous worker in the cause of

Christianity, and was a man of great liberality who responded freely to every worthy cause, and was one of the largest contributors towards the erection of the Methodist church in Belle Vernon. He was a steward of the M. E. church. Later he erected a church at Speers, to which place he transferred his membership. He was prominent in Masonic circles. He was a member of Henry M. Phillip's Lodge, No. 337, F. & A. M., and later transferred to Charleroi Lodge, of which he was a charter member. He was a member of St. Omer's Commandery, Brownsville, Pa. He was buried at Belle Vernon with Masonic honors. Six children were born to Noah and Sarah A. Speers. Anna Belle, born November 8, 1862, the wife of Frank Richards, who was born January 31, 1864. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards: Alexander C., born January 23, 1883; Harry U., December 10, 1884; Kate Edna, September 1, 1888; John, August 3, 1890; Jane Amanda, April 23, 1897, and Fred Speers Richards, January 27, 1899.

Van Lawrence Speers, an enterprising and leading citizen of Speers, Washington county, Pa., was born September 27, 1864, in Allen township, near where he now resides in the old brick mansion, erected in 1806, and occupied by three generations of Speers. At present the widow of Noah Speers resides in it, and it is owned by the heirs of his estate. Van L. Speers is a son of Noah Speers (deceased), and Sarah A. (Ward) Speers. He attended the public schools of Washington county, and took a business course at Eastman Business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Later he completed his education at Grove City college, Mercer county, Pa. He then engaged in farming for some time on the home place. Later he

went to Idaho, where he remained for two years. After his return he ran the steam ferry between Belle Vernon and Speers. He afterwards was engaged for two years in the mercantile business; he then sold out and accepted a position with the P. & L. E. R. R. Company, as agent at Dunola and Dickerson Run, which he held one year at that place. Since then he has been interested in farming and has also been engaged in the mercantile business, and is in partnership with his brother in conducting the public ferry. Mr. Speers was married to Miss Margaret McLain, daughter of John McLain and Sarah Ellen (Patton) McLain of Fayette county, Pa. Mr. McLain was a miller by trade, and owned and operated a mill. Margaret McLain was born August 30, 1869, and was married to Mr. Speers on December 13, 1888. They have four children: Sarah Martha, born August 11, 1890; Stephen McLain, born July 8, 1893; Noah, born February 14, 1895, and Ray Finley, born March 18, 1896. Mr. Speers is a competent business man, and is in very comfortable circumstances. He owns one of the finest residences in Speers. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Charleroi. Mr. Speers is a Republican.

William Ward Speers was born August 30, 1866. Fred Cooper Speers, born October 27, 1868; Froman Speers, born December 3, 1870; Edna Pleasant Speers, born November 20, 1872, married James Gow, on May 24, 1892; he was born February 7, 1863. They have one child, Jean, born June 18, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Gow reside at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where Mr. Gow is a man of means and an influential citizen.

Froman Speers, born December 3, 1870, is a popular and enterprising young man of Belle Vernon. He was born at the old



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homestead at Speers. He attended the public schools of Washington county, and later took a course in the State Normal school at California, Pa. When he arrived at the age of sixteen years he entered the service of the Penna. R. R. Co. as assistant agent at Belle Vernon, where he remained for a period of three years. In 1889 he went to Dunolo, where he accepted a situation as agent for the Pittsburg and Lake Erie R. R. He remained there and discharged his duties faithfully until 1894, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Speers, Pa., where he remained for two years. In 1896 he moved to Belle Vernon, and accepted a position with the Pittsburg, Brownsville, Geneva and Morgantown Packet Company (old line), and was at the same time made wharf-master at Belle Vernon, both wharves being the property of his father. He also owns and operates Speer's express and transfer, with offices at Belle Vernon. Mr. Speers was married on January 6, 1891, to Miss Lizzie Courtney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Courtney, of Braddock, formerly of Belle Vernon. Mrs. Speers was born April 19, 1869, in Belle Vernon. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Speers: Irene, born August 8, 1895, died July 11, 1897, and Dallas Earl, born September 16, 1896. Mrs. Speers' father was a native of Belle Vernon; her mother was a daughter of James Carnes. Mr. and Mrs. Speers are both members of the M. E. church at Belle Vernon. Mr. Speers is a Republican, and is universally liked and respected.

CALVIN A. PATTERSON, one of Belle Vernon's most substantial citizens, was born January 9, 1847, in Belle Vernon, Fayette county, Pa. He is a son of Thompson

C. and Hannah (Stewart) Patterson. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he attended the common schools. He was one of the following twelve children: John, a cooper by trade, moved to the State of California, where he died; James, who was a boat builder, resided at Brownsville; Robert, who was in the mercantile business in Belle Vernon, died in 1893; William, a stone mason, resided in Belle Vernon; Thompson, a cooper by trade, lived and died in Belle Vernon, but for many years was engaged in the drygoods business; Harriet, never married, died in 1894; Wilson and Jacob, twins, were coopers (Wilson moved to Nebraska, where he died; Jacob resided in Westmoreland county, where he died); Morris, a cooper, died in Pittsburg, Pa.; Israel, a farmer and resident of Westmoreland county, died January, 1892; Samuel, a cooper, died in Westmoreland county; Thompson C. and Jane. Jane, the youngest, who is a resident of Belle Vernon, was born in Westmoreland county in 1828. In 1854 she married John Beasley, who was born in 1812. They had seven children. The paternal grandfather of Calvin A. Patterson was a native of Ireland, and came to this country when a young man. He married Miss Jane Corwin, a daughter of John and Agnes Corwin, of Westmoreland county, Pa. Thompson C. Patterson was a farmer and miller. He married Hannah Stewart, who was the daughter of James Stewart. The wife of James Stewart was a Miss Proctor, of Westmoreland county. Six children were born to Thompson C. and Hannah (Stewart) Patterson: Hester Jane and Harriet died in infancy; Stewart, who was a soldier in the Union army, and a member of the Ringgold Battalion, served three

years, was in several hard fought battles, married Miss Hester Speers, of Fayette county, and died March 30, 1886; Calvin C. Patterson, the subject of this sketch; Annetta, who was the wife of James Morgan, died August 19, 1889; and Harriet Jane, wife of William Noble, resides in Homestead, Pa. Stewart, the oldest child, left six children: Hannah, Carter, Blanche, Alonzo, Franklin and John, three of whom attended the Orphans' school for the children of soldiers at Uniontown. Mr. and Mrs. Noble have only one child, George. Calvin C. Patterson attended the public schools of Belle Vernon, and when at the age of seventeen, he left school to learn the trade of shoemaking, which he has followed diligently and successfully ever since. Mr. Patterson's energy and industry have been liberally rewarded by the accumulation of valuable property in his native town, where he can spend the remainder of his life in comfort and ease. He is admired and respected by all who know him, and his honesty of character and business integrity have given him a name and a credit that any man would be proud to possess. Mr. Patterson married Miss Sarah Jane Brindle, a daughter of Jacob Brindle, of Belle Vernon, on August 15, 1869. Mr. Brindle came from Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, to this town. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had seven children: Charles Austin, born August 3, 1870, (dead); Oliver Q., born January 24, 1872, working at the R. C. Schmertz glass factory; Walter T., born April 18, 1878, clerk in a drygoods store; Bessie, born May 8, 1882; Katie, born October 3, 1888, and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Patterson and daughters are members of the Christian church. The Pattersons are of Irish descent, and the Stewarts of Scotch ancestry.

JAMES MONTGOMERY (deceased), was born October 24, 1824, in Fayette county, Pa. He was one of Fayette county's most representative farmers. The early part of his life was spent in Connellsville, where he received a common school education. He was for a number of years engaged in the construction of flat-bottom boats, to ply the waters of the Youghiogheny river. He resided at Layton for a time, where he took contracts for getting out and placing stone for furnaces in glass factories. While in that business, Mr. Montgomery accumulated a considerable amount of money and valuable property. He married Miss Charlotte Steinel, a native of Fayette county, and they resided in Connellsville for a time after their marriage. In 1869 Mr. Montgomery located in Washington township, and devoted the remainder of his life to farming, and was one of the most successful farmers in that community. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery had four sons and two daughters: Arcilla, died in 1874; Victoria, unmarried, resides at home with her mother; Alexander, married Miss Belle Stephens, of Washington township, is a successful farmer, commands the respect and confidence of the community in which he resides, has three children: Annie May, Florence L. and Harry. Mr. Montgomery with his wife are members of the M. E. church; Alfred married Miss Lucy Bolen, of Washington township, and resides on the estate, where he is successfully engaged in farming; McClelland Montgomery, is an employe of a watch factory in Canton, Ohio, where he resides and married Miss Sadie McCune, of Fayette City, having five children of whom those living are: Marion and Eva; John Montgomery, born June 15, 1868, in Perry township, Fayette county. John Montgomery, when a year old, was taken

by his parents to Washington township, where he attended the public schools. When he was twenty years old he went to Jeanette, Westmoreland county, and was employed in the Chambers and McKee glass factory, where he remained for six years. He also spent one year at Kensing, and at present is working in the R. C. Schmertz glass factory at Belle Vernon. John Montgomery is a Republican. James Montgomery (subject of this sketch) died December 20, 1896, and Charlotte, his wife, is living at the age of seventy-two years. She is a member of the Disciple church at Fayette City.

ABE LEWIS, a resident of Pittsburg, and proprietor of the largest clothing establishment in Belle Vernon, Pa., was born October 2, 1862, in Poland, and is a son of Leon and Dora (Goldenson) Lewis, who were natives of Poland. They came to Pittsburg in 1868, where they resided until the death of Leon Lewis, in May, 1896. There were born to Leon and Dora Lewis five sons and one daughter: David and Lazarus, who reside in England; Henry, a resident of South Dakota; Philip and Harry, live in Belle Vernon, and all are engaged in mercantile business except the latter who is a clerk in the clothing establishment of the subject of this sketch, and Sarah, who resides in Pittsburg with her mother. Mr. Lewis attended the public schools of Pittsburg until he was seventeen years of age, when he obtained a situation in the clothing house of J. M. Gusky, of Pittsburg, where he remained for five years, then he located in Brownsville, where he remained for another five years in the clothing and drygoods business, under the firm name of Lewis & Levy, in which he was very successful. In 1890 Mr. Lewis went to Belle Vernon, Pa., where he has

since conducted a large and successful clothing and gentlemen's furnishing establishment. He is numbered among Belle Vernon's most prosperous business men, and in 1899 became a member of the well known firm of Joseph Bennett & Co., manufacturers of pantaloons in Pittsburg, where Mr. Lewis now resides. He still retains his Belle Vernon business interests. Mr. Lewis deserves great credit for the success he has attained, as he started entirely on his own resources, and by industry and integrity has reached his present position and owns valuable real estate in Belle Vernon. He was married February 26, 1888, to Miss Aronson, of New York, daughter of Isaac H. and Ethel Aronson. They have four children: Frances H., born April 6, 1891; Isaac H., born May 8, 1892; Edith, born March 28, 1894, and Leon, born October 28, 1896. Mr. Lewis is a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 252, F. & A. M., of Fayette City.

LOUIS MERCHANT KYLE, a popular citizen of Belle Vernon and proprietor of the hotel Kyle, was born December 31, 1858, in Fayette City, Fayette county, Pa. He is a son of William and Margaret Kyle. William Kyle was born at Perryopolis, Fayette county, Pa., in 1816, where he was reared and educated. He was engaged in Fayette City from 1845 to 1855 as a manufacturer of glass, at the end of which period he was engaged in the mercantile business at Fayette City until 1868, when under the administration of President Grant he was appointed by the collector of internal revenue as storekeeper at Gibsonton and the greater part of his service was spent at that place. He served in that capacity for sixteen years under the administrations of Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur, and retired from the

service in 1884, after which he never engaged in active business pursuits. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of James and Hester McCrory, both natives of Fayette county. He resided in Belle Vernon from 1865 until his death, October 27, 1894, and his widow is living at the age of seventy-four. She was born in 1824, and her mother, a Miss Sisley, lived to be one hundred and four years old. Ten children were born to William and Margaret Kyle: Naomi, James, E. M. Kyle, Sarah, Mary, Louis M., Emma, Wilson, William and Samuel Kyle. Louis M. Kyle was educated at the public schools of Belle Vernon, and left school at the age of eighteen years to engage in the grocery business in Belle Vernon, where he remained for five years, after which he was engaged in the drug business for six years. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster of Belle Vernon, which office he filled until 1894. At the time of Mr. Kyle's appointment the office was of the fourth class, but in a short time he succeeded in having the same raised and placed in the class of presidential appointments, the salary being raised from six hundred dollars to one thousand three hundred dollars per annum. In 1891 he was appointed by President Harrison, and his appointment was confirmed by the U. S. Senate for four years. At the expiration of his term he built the hotel Kyle which he has conducted successfully since. Mr. Kyle bears an enviable reputation for his honesty and business integrity; he is a liberal contributor to every worthy cause and he has many friends. Mr. Kyle is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council of Belle Vernon. In 1882 he was married to Miss Ida, daughter of George W. and Sarah Patton, of Belle Vernon. Two children bless that union: Frank, born in 1883, and Frederick, in 1891.

ELMER J. GUILER, who is a prominent citizen of Belle Vernon, Fayette county, Pa., was born May 22, 1863, in Rostraver township, Pa., and is a son of Andrew and Hannah Jane (Singley) Guiler, of Belle Vernon. Andrew Guiler was born December 28, 1823, in Fayette county, Pa., and is a citizen of Belle Vernon. He entered the Union army in 1862 with the rank of second lieutenant of Company F, 168th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a good officer and soldier and took part in many of the engagements of the war. For valiant service he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant Company H, 211th Regiment, with which rank he served until the close of hostilities, after which he was breveted captain. The father of Andrew Guiler was William Guiler, who came to Fayette county from Ireland and located in Franklin township, where he worked as a contractor. He came to this country about the latter part of the eighteenth century and died in Fayette county, May 24, 1868, at the age of seventy-one. He married a Miss Carr, who died May 10, 1872, at the age of seventy-nine. There were born to William Guiler five sons and one daughter: Alexander, Thomas, Andrew, Joseph, Absalom and Mary, who married a Mr. Schaffer. Absalom, who was the father of Dr. Andrew Guiler, of Belle Vernon, was an officer in the Mexican war and also an officer in the Civil war; in the latter he was a major; in the former war he was at the battles of Vera Cruz, of Cerro Gordo Mountain, and at the storming of the Castle of Chapultepec, and was the first with his company to enter the great gates of the city of Mexico; was wounded at Cerro Gordo Mountain and was promoted to be lieutenant for meritorious conduct. Andrew Guiler married Hannah



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Jane Singley, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., June 12, 1833, and a daughter of Peter and Matilda Singley. Peter Singley was a farmer. The children born to Andrew and Hannah J. Guiler were: C. C. Guiler, W. E. Guiler, Elina J., wife of Ephraim Jones, of Belle Vernon; Elmer J. (of this sketch); Matilda and Edward, and the latter served as postmaster until the spring of 1899, having been appointed by Mr. Cleveland. Elmer J. Guiler came to Belle Vernon from Westmoreland county, when a mere youth, with his parents, and has since resided there. At the age of fourteen, he worked with the firm of Springer & Anderson, where he remained for two years, and then obtained a position with L. M. & W. F. Spear, remaining there for one year. When seventeen years old he had charge of the machinery in the new mill of the R. C. Schmertz glass factory in the manufacturing department, and later took charge of the machinery of the Belle Vernon Saw & Planing Mill Co., of Belle Vernon, where he remained for a number of years. Afterwards he was in the employ of Moore & Sinot, of Gibsonton, and in the fall of 1887 he was employed by the Belle Vernon Light & Heat Co., when the same was first put in operation, having been organized in 1886. Mr. Guiler has had charge of all the field work and domestic service since the same has been in operation up to the present time. The first well was drilled on the farm of John Carson in what is known as the Maple Creek district, from which the Light & Heat Co. has supplied gas to Belle Vernon and surrounding towns. Well No. 2 was drilled on the Parsons farm in Washington county near Ebenezer church and created great excitement in the Washington county gas belt and it was perhaps the

largest producer of any of the Washington county wells. The company, under the supervision of Mr. Guiler has drilled dozens of large producers and is continuing the work on other wells in both Washington and Westmoreland counties. Mr. Guiler has charge of the interests for several large gas companies. The Belle Vernon Light & Heat Co. supply light and heat to numerous towns. Mr. Guiler turned on the first gas used in the town of Monessen which was first used in the residence of Edwin Jeffries, superintendent of the tin plate works. Mr. Guiler has charge of the gas wells of T. L. Daily & Co. He is a man of great energy and business activity. He owns and conducts a plumbing supply business in Belle Vernon and employs a number of men. He is also superintendent of the Belle Vernon water works and a stockholder in same; this company was organized in 1895 and supplies water to the boroughs of Belle Vernon and North Belle Vernon. The company furnish a large number of people with heat and water. Mr. Guiler is a member of Council No. 531, Royal Arcanum, at Belle Vernon, and has been a member since he was twenty-one years of age. He is also a member of the Association of Stationary Engineers. He is a Democrat. He deserves great credit for his success in life, for it is the result of his wonderful energy, industry and perseverance. Mr. Guiler was married April 10, 1886, to Miss Annie, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Weimer) Dean. Mrs. Guiler was born March 9, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Guiler have two children: Bessie, born September 25, 1887, and Lizzie, born April 2, 1889, both attending the public schools in Belle Vernon. The family attend the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM PARKS BATES, manager and superintendent of the J. H. Sommers Fuel Co., in Pennsylvania, with general offices in Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Athens county, Ohio, June 10, 1860. He is a son of Eli and Ruth (Hill) Bates, of Ohio. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Bates were Nicholas and Eunice (Coe) Bates, who were natives of Rhode Island and among the first settlers of New England. They landed at "Plymouth Rock" and were among the pilgrims of the "Mayflower." Mr. Bates also dates his paternal ancestry to the Hulls who were natives of Providence, R. I. The grandfather Bates emigrated from Providence, R. I., to what is now known as Nelsonville, Ohio, in 1808. He built and operated the first water mill that was ever constructed in that section of Ohio. The same is still owned and operated by the descendants of Nicholas Bates. Eleven children were born to Nicholas Bates, four of whom are living. These children were: Charles, Eli, Susan, Caroline, John, Westley, Joseph, Saline and three who died in infancy. Eli, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born July 15, 1826, at Nelsonville, Ohio, and is now a resident of Carroll, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he has farm interests and is numbered among the best and most substantial citizens of that section. The mother of William Park Bates was a daughter of Johnson and Phoebe (Rush) Hill, and a native of Washington county, Pa. Nine children were born to Eli and Ruth Bates: Harriet, wife of Gardner Arnold, of Franklin county, Ohio, and three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Oren, a resident of Columbus, O., and deputy sheriff of Franklin county; Carl, died in 1886, when eighteen years old; Eunice, died in 1872, aged three years); Oren Bates, died in in-

fancy; Eugene, died in infancy; Sewell, wife of Oscar Dawley, of Carbon Hill, Hocking county, Ohio; Clara, wife of Allen Brenholts, resides in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Brenholts is a coal operator and general auditor of the Hocking Coal Co., the largest coal syndicate in Ohio, and they have one son, Roy Brenholts, aged twelve years; William P. Bates, subject of this sketch; Arthur Dow, who was general bookkeeper and manager of the Belle Vernon Supply Company, and general bookkeeper for J. H. Sommers Fuel Company, was also interested in coal mines in the Sandy Creek Valley, was killed October 13, 1898, by a fall of earth while on a pleasure trip to the mines, and was thirty-six years of age at the time of his death; Walter Joseph and Westley Carl (twins), born May 11, 1866; Walter Joseph, store manager of the Belle Vernon Supply Co., of Belle Vernon, Pa., married Miss May Clark, of Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, May, 1887, and three children bless that union: Clark, Ruth and Lucille; while Westley C., born May 11, 1866, is an attorney at 87 North High street, Columbus, Ohio, and a graduate of the Ohio State University and the Cincinnati law school, married Miss Florence MacDowell, of Columbus, Ohio, and they have three children, Eli, Merritt and Margaret. William P. Bates, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools until fifteen years old, and went one term to Nelson high school and another at Logan high school. In the spring of 1878 he accepted a situation with J. H. Sommers as chore boy around a tipple from which he went into the mines as driver of mules, where he remained for eighteen months. He was then a miner for seven years, and quit the mines and moved to Finley, Ohio, where he served two years on the police force, which

he left to engage in the oil business for two years. Then, under the firm name of Darrow & Bates, he became a contractor, remaining in that business four years. They built street railroads, sewers and water works in Clyde, Ohio; seven miles of sewers in Oberlin, Ohio, and had charge of other important contracts. After dissolving partnership he went to Oakdale as superintendent of mines, remaining there nine months. November 1, 1894, Mr. Bates came to Belle Vernon to take charge of the J. H. Sommers Fuel Co. works and has been superintendent and manager of the same ever since. Mr. Bates has charge of three mines, operating with over six hundred men. In his charge the company has grown from a small concern to one of the largest and most important in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Bates was married in 1880, to Miss Ellen, daughter of Smith and Susiana Speneer, of Nelsonville, Ohio, formerly of Manchester, Lancashire, England. Five children were born to them: Henry Hugh, Letha, Berenice, William and one who died in infancy. The family are Presbyterians. Mr. Bates is a man of great executive ability which is always essential to the successful management of large concerns. He is a Republican. Many of his ancestors were in the various wars of the country and have been prominent both in civil and military life.

JOHN S. VAN VOORHIS, M. D.—A finished scholar, a cultured gentleman, a man of wide experience in the affairs of the world and one of the most pronounced believers in the future of Belle Vernon, is Dr. John S. Van Voorhis. Dr. Van Voorhis was born May 8, 1823, near Monongahela City, Pa., just a few miles below Belle Vernon, and has spent his entire life among the people of this sec-

tion of the country. He graduated from Washington college, September 25, 1844, later entering Jefferson Medical college from which institution he was graduated March 25, 1847, locating in Belle Vernon in May of the same year, where he has practiced continuously ever since, with the exception of three years at Monongahela City. Soon after locating in Belle Vernon, Dr. Van Voorhis was married to Miss Elizabeth Plummer Smith, (born December 25, 1829,) an estimable lady and his home has always been one of the most pleasant in the city. Mrs. Van Voorhis died August 16, 1895. She was a granddaughter of Hon. George Plummer. While devoted to his profession and ranking as one of its most skillful members, Dr. Van Voorhis has found time to engage in many other important projects, all of which have been most beneficial to the best interests of the Monongahela valley. He was one of the first to advocate the construction of railroads in the Monongahela valley, and with voice and pen labored diligently in that direction. The efforts of few men have been crowned with greater success. He was the organizer of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston R. R. Co., which road he has seen grow to be one of the most important branches of the Pennsylvania system. He also worked early and late in the interests of the McKeesport & Belle Vernon road; and in recognition of his services and standing in the community, was made chairman of the general committee on celebration, and delivered the address of welcome when the road was opened to Belle Vernon. In 1857 he represented Washington county in the legislature, and he has been an honored member of the American Medical association since 1872. In 1885 he made an extended tour through Europe. His latest

work, in addition to the practice of his profession, was the preparation of a volume devoted to the history and biography of the Monongahela valley. He enjoys the respect and esteem of all classes and his labors have been crowned with success. He is a deep thinker and a man of broad information and is accepted as authority on all matters pertaining to the history of this section of the State.

Dr. Van Voorhis had two children, Mary E. L. and Isaac S. Mary Elizabeth Lachapelle Van Voorhis was born June 30, 1848, and died November 26, 1877. She married John C. Cunningham and left one child, Bettie Plummer, who was born January 24, 1872, married David Stewart, May 22, 1893, and has two children: John C., born March 28, 1898, and Elizabeth Plummer, born September 11, 1897. Isaac Smith Van Voorhis was born June 5, 1881, and died December 14, 1896. He married Jennie M. Gib, on April 9, 1878, and they had two children: John S., born April 24, 1880, and Lavernia, born January 10, 1885.

Dr. John S. Van Voorhis was born May 8, 1823, and is a son of Isaac Van Voorhis, of near Monongahela City, Pa., who was born March 15, 1794, and died June 4, 1875. He married May 13, 1819, Mary Hair, who was born March 10, 1797, and died April 14, 1876. Isaac was a son of Daniel Van Voorhis, who was born July 8, 1738, and died February 21, 1819. He married May 1, 1791, Nancy Meyers (died February 17, 1840) and settled at Rancocas creek, N. J., going from Oyster Bay, L. I., prior to 1776. He was a sea captain in service for the Government during the war of the Revolution. His name appears among the list of officers of Philadelphia Associators "Belonging to City and Liberty" in service December 24,

1776. Captain Van Voorhis was a son of Daniel Van Voorhis, of Oyster Bay, L. I., who was born December 17, 1701, and married March 27, 1724, Femmetje Bennet (born April 24, 1706). He was a son of Cornelis Coerte Van Voorhees, of Flatlands, L. I., who was baptized January 23, 1678, and married Altze Remsen. He was an ensign of the Foot Company of the town of Amesfoot in 1700. His name is on the assessment roll of Flatlands, in 1738. He was a son of Coert Stevense, of Flatlands, L. I. (born 1637, died 1702), who married in 1663, Marretje Gerritse Van Conenhoren (baptized April 10, 1644). He was deacon of Dutch church of Flatlands in 1677, a magistrate in 1664-1673, and captain of militia December 27, 1689. He was commissioned by Lieutenant Governor Jacob Leisler. He was a member of the General Assembly held in City Hall, New Amsterdam, on April 10, 1664; a representative of Flatlands in the Provincial Assembly of March 19, 1664, and a delegate to the convention held at New Orange to confer with Governor Colve on March 26, 1674. He was one of the original patentees of Flatlands—on patent granted by Governor Dongan, March 11, 1685, and took oath of allegiance in Flatlands in September, 1687. He was a son of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees, of province of Drenthe, Holland, and was born in 1600, at Hees, Holland, and died February 16, 1684, at Flatlands. He married prior to 1677, a second wife, Willempie Roeloffse Senbering (born 1619, died 1690). His first wife's name is unknown. He came to America in April, 1660, in ship "Bontekoe" (Spotted-Cow) under Captain Pieter Lucasen. He was a member of Dutch church at Flatlands and his name is on assessment rolls from 1675 to 1683. He was a magis-



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trate in 1664. He was one of the original patentees of Amesfoot, N. Y., on patent granted by Governor Nichol, October, 1667. He was a son of Coert Alberts Van Voor Hees, who resided prior to 1600 in front of village of Hees, near town of Ruven, in province of Drenthe, Holland, and was a son of Albert Van Voor Hees.

CHARLES FREDERICK EGGERS, a prominent contractor and lumber merchant of Belle Vernon and Monessen, Pa., and a citizen of Belle Vernon, Fayette county, Pa., was born May 5, 1860, in Allegheny, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late Ernest, Jr., and Margaretta (Walthers) Eggers. The father of Mr. Eggers was born in Allegheny City, Pa., where he was reared and educated and was one of the leading contractors of that city. He married Miss Margaretta Walthers, and three sons and one daughter were born to them: George B., a citizen of Belle Vernon, and employed as gatherer at the R. C. Schmertz & Co.'s glass factory; Ernest F., who has charge of the hammer department of T. Woods & Sons' rolling mill at McKeesport, Pa., where he resides; C. F., and Emma, who died at the age of six years. Ernest Eggers, Jr., was a prominent and respected business man of Allegheny, where he was a member of the Robert Bloome Lodge of Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias. He was a Lutheran, as was his wife. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Ernest Eggers, Sr., and a native of Germany. He was a successful contractor and lived in Allegheny. There are living two brothers and two sisters of Ernest Eggers, Jr.: Henry F., a prominent underwriter of Pittsburg, Pa.; Frederick H., a leading druggist of Pittsburg and Allegheny, conducting three large establish-

ments in those cities. He was also president of the school of pharmacy in Pittsburg; Mary, wife of William Fincke, and they reside at Etna, a suburb of Pittsburg, where he is engaged as a dealer in ice; and Josephine, who is the wife of Henry Douber, of Allegheny, Pa. Charles Frederick Eggers attended the public schools of his native city until he was fourteen years old, then took a situation in a box factory, where he remained until January, 1880, at which time he left Allegheny and came to Belle Vernon, Pa., accepting a situation in the box manufacturing department of the R. C. Schmertz & Co.'s glass factory, remaining until 1896, only losing one-half day from his work during a period of eleven years. For fourteen years of that period Mr. Eggers had charge of the box department. In 1894, two years prior to his leaving the factory, Mr. Eggers formed a partnership with Mr. S. M. Graham (the latter then prothonotary of Fayette county), in the lumber business in Belle Vernon, where they conducted a large and lucrative business. In 1897 they established a builders' and contractors' supply store and lumber yard at Monessen. Mr. Eggers started in life a poor boy and by energy, industry and thorough business methods has placed himself in the foremost rank of business men. He has accumulated large and valuable property interests. The firm of Eggers & Graham own a plot of thirty lots in Belle Vernon and also a number of splendid houses and lots in the same place; they own five valuable lots in Monessen, four of which they use for their private business. The fifth they have improved by building a large store room and dwelling, which they rent. Mr. Eggers has an elegant home in Belle Vernon, where he with his family resides. He is largely interested in the future of Belle

Vernon and one of the largest property holders of the place. Mr. Eggers was married March 26, 1882, to Sarah E., daughter of A. C. and Rachel Reppert, of Belle Vernon, and four children bless that union: Georgiana, Mary Etta, Alison Carl and Katharine. Mr. and Mrs. Eggers are members of the M. E. church at Belle Vernon. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum. He is a staunch Republican and has served three years as a member of the board of education for Belle Vernon, two years of which he was president of the same. He contributes liberally of his time and means to all matters of public interest.

ROBERT JOHN LINTON, a leading manufacturer and one of Belle Vernon's most prominent citizens, was born July 24, 1834, in County Antrim, Ireland. He is a son of Joseph and Mary Linton. The father was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and was a son of John and Margaret Linton (nee Boyd), who were born at Linton, Scotland, twenty-six miles from Edinburgh. Mary Linton, the mother of Robert John Linton, was a daughter of William and Jane Linton, natives of Scotland, who had emigrated to Ireland. The paternal and maternal ancestors of our subject, while of the same name, were not related. The Lintons were farmers and belonged to the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Linton died in County Antrim, Ireland, the former in 1865 at the age of seventy-two years, and the latter in 1882 at the age of eighty years. They had six children, Adam Linton, a resident of County Antrim, Ireland; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Shaw, and resided until her death in Ireland; Robert J., the subject of this sketch; William, who came to this country in 1859, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and

served in a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment, and received wounds at the battle of Gettysburg from which he died; Jane, the wife of Andrew Gregg, a resident of Ireland, and Joseph, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, came to the United States and was a soldier during the Civil war in the Union army, and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va. Robert J. Linton came to the United States in 1855, when he was twenty-one years of age. He located in Allegheny City, Pa., where he accepted a situation as an assistant in a coal mine, and later he entered the Adams express office, where he remained for a period of nine months, when feeling the need of a more liberal education, he entered Twinsburg institute at Twinsburg, O., where he remained in school for two and one-half years. From Twinsburg he went to Pittsburg, where he entered Duff's Business college, and completed a course in bookkeeping, after which he accepted a situation as warehouseman for J. C. Kilpatrick & Co., of Pittsburg, remaining there only for a short time. He then took a position with the firm of Schmertz & Blakeley, having charge of the store as salesman, and at the same time spending a large portion of his time as traveling salesman for the firm. Remaining there for a period of five years, he entered the employ of the National Refining and Storing Company, of Pittsburg, as buyer and shipper of oil for the firm. He was stationed at Oil City and Pithole City. He took out the first oil that was produced at Pithole City. After remaining here for six months he accepted a position with Wright and Chittendon, at a salary double that which he had been receiving, having charge of the entire interests of the firm, including its oil interest. He stayed there for nine months, when he returned to Pittsburg and accepted a position with his former employer as sales-

man for window glass, in which capacity he remained for five years, representing that firm in various States, and building up a large and profitable trade in the face of the strongest competition. In the fall of 1868 Mr. Linton became general manager of this company, which position he still holds. From a small concern this factory has grown to be one of the largest industries of Western Pennsylvania. This will be seen when it is stated that when Mr. Linton first became associated with the company it had but sixteen pots, employing seventy men, and now it has one hundred and two pots, employing over five hundred people, the majority of whom are skilled laborers, and the best paid of any industry in the country. Mr. Linton is also a large stockholder in the firm. He is prominently identified with the interests of the town and owns the large electric plant here that furnishes light and power to the towns of Belle Vernon, Charleroi, California, Fayette City, Coal Centre, Monessen, Lock No. 4 and other places along the Monongahela river. He is also interested in the Belle Vernon Light and Heat Company, and owns a large interest in the British Columbia Gold Mining Co., which is located in the rich fields of the Caraboo district, and was made president of the latter after its organization. Mr. Linton commands not only the confidence but the admiration and highest esteem of all who know him. His life is an exemplary one, and worthy of imitation. Mr. Linton was married in August, 1864, to Miss Caroline Doolittle, daughter of Rev. Giles and Electra Doolittle, of Hudson, O. The father of Mrs. Linton was a Presbyterian minister. Mr. and Mrs. Linton have had three children: Clara, deceased, who was the wife of Rev. William H. Hamilton, of Washington, Pa., who subsequently with his wife became

missionaries to Chinanfoo, China, where Mrs. Hamilton died January 10, 1889; Robert, born in Hudson, O., May 29, 1870, received his education at Washington and Jefferson college, from which he went to Berlin, Germany, where he entered the university, taking a special course in the manufacture of glass, now occupying the position of assistant manager of the glass factory, and married Miss Margaret McElveen, daughter of Hugh McElveen, of Allegheny, Pa., and Grace, born April 23, 1874, and died April 24, 1898. Mr. Linton is a member of Charleroi Lodge, No. 615, F. and A. M. He is a Republican and a member and elder of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Caroline (Doolittle) Linton died September 21, 1887, and Mr. Linton was married a second time, October 23, 1889, to Mary Robeson, of Belvidere, N. J. Of four children born of this marriage, two, John Hamilton Linton and Marion R. Linton, survive, while Mary Caroline Linton died at eight years of age and Maurice Linton died in infancy.

JAMES LAIRD, superintendent of the Shepler Gas Coal Company and a resident of Fayette county, Pa., was born May 3, 1853, in Sletlandshire, Scotland, and is a son of James and Margaret (Cowan) Laird. James Laird, the father, was born and reared in Sletlandshire, where he was a contractor in mining, and had charge of the Grange Mouth Coal Company on the banks of the Corson river, where he spent his life. He was a Presbyterian and member of the Order of Free Gardeners. He died July, 1892, and his wife, Margaret (Cowan) Laird, was a daughter of David and Jane (Hodge) Cowan. The mother of Jane Hodge was Margaret McChickie (Taylor) wife of John Taylor. The paternal grandfather of the subject of

this sketch was James Laird. All of Mr. Laird's ancestors were Scotch Presbyterians. Of the children born to James and Margaret Laird were: James, the subject of this sketch; Jane, wife of Alexander McCollery, and who are residents of Scotland; Divinia, wife of Alexander Penman; Charles, who resides in Allegheny valley, Pa., and married Miss Jane Colson; Margaret, wife of William Martin; David, single; John and Alexander. All except James and Charles are residents of Scotland. James, the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of his native place until ten years of age, when he started out as a miner at the Grange Mouth coal works, where he remained until 1877, when he became a contractor at the Condon works, where he remained for one year. From there he came to the United States, landing in 1880, locating in the Monongahela coal belt and engaged in mining. In 1882 Mr. Laird was made assistant mine boss for W. M. Robbins & Co., where he remained until 1890, when he came to Shepler, accepting a situation as superintendent, opening up and operating the Shepler coal mines, remaining in that capacity until 1897. He then took charge of the electric machinery for the Shepler Gas Coal Company, owned and operated by Young Bros., of Cleveland and Belle Vernon, Pa. Mr. Laird has recently been made superintendent of the entire interests of that company, operating with several hundred men. He is a member of Stephen Bayard Lodge, No. 526, F. and A. M., at Elizabeth; also a member of Coal Valley Lodge of Odd Fellows of the same place, and a member of the K. of P., Youghiogheny Lodge, at Coal Valley, and the Golden Willow Lodge of the Order of the Free Gardeners of Scotland. Mr. Laird is a Presbyterian. He was married to Miss

Margaret Gordon McIntosh, daughter of Gordon and Isabella (Stevenson) McIntosh, of Scotland, February 23, 1876. Mrs. Laird's father was born in the Highlands of Scotland. Five children were born to their union: James, who married Miss Margaret, daughter of Henry and Mary Boyd (one child was born to them, named Francis Laird); Margaret (deceased); Isabella, William Brown and Gordon McIntosh Laird. Mr. Laird deserves great credit for the success he has attained by his systematic business methods and is held in very high esteem by all classes of the community. He owns valuable property in Monessen. His family is at present residing at Brownsville.

CONRAD METZ, one of the substantial citizens of Belle Vernon, was born November 28, 1865, in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and is a son of Heinrich and Louisa (Nizpel) Metz of the town of Ober-Oflerden, on the banks of the river Ohm. Conrad Metz attended the village school of his native town until he had reached the age of fourteen, when he left school to aid his mother in the management of the hotel, which she conducted in the town of Ober-Oflerden. When he reached the age of sixteen, some years prior to which his father having died, young Metz, with that courage which has been characteristic of his whole life, decided to leave home and cast his lot in the great Republic beyond the Atlantic. He came over with some friends and on his arrival in this country started at once for Allegheny county, where his uncle, whose name was Conrad Metz (his father's brother), resided. There he remained for one year with his uncle, who was a gardener, and then entered a shop in South Pittsburg to learn the trade of barber. After being there three years the owner of the shop, engaging in



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another business, sold the shop to Mr. Metz on easy terms, which he conducted successfully for three years, when he sold out. August 15, 1888, Mr. Metz then located in Belle Vernon, Pa., and opened a shop on the hill, remaining there two years. He then moved down on Main street, where he remained for two years, and from which place he removed to a large business block, where he remained two years. In February, 1893, he purchased a valuable piece of property on Main street, in Belle Vernon, which is located in the center of the business section of the town, where he built a splendid shop and residence for his family, costing several thousand dollars. Mr. Metz received liberal patronage from the best people of Belle Vernon; is possessed of great business integrity as well as high moral character, and no man in Fayette county is more worthy of success than Conrad Metz. He was married June 22, 1891, to Miss Jessie, daughter of Elias and Kate Browneller, who live near Belle Vernon in Westmoreland county. Elias Browneller is one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of this section of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Metz have one child, Katie Emma Metz, born June 19, 1893. Mr. Metz is a Republican. Heinrich Metz, his father, was born in 1840 in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. His mother, Louisa (Nizpel) Metz, was born in the same locality. The ancestors of Mr. Metz came from Alsace-Lorraine. Heinrich Metz was the proprietor of a hotel at Ober-Oflerden. He died in 1876. He also had farm interests and was a member of the Lutheran church. Louisa Metz was born in 1843, and is yet living. The children born to Heinrich and Louisa Metz were: Marie, who resides with her mother; Heinrich, formerly a traveling salesman, but at present conducting a large drygoods and notion

business in his native town of Ober-Oflerden; Margaret, at home; Wilhelm, associated in business with his brother Heinrich; Conrad and one other. Louisa Metz was married a second time, her last husband being a Mr. Richber, and as a result of that marriage there were two children. The mother of Conrad Metz is conducting a hotel at Ober-Oflerden, where she has been quite successful in business.

WILLIAM NELSON EMPFIELD, a leading citizen and manager of the Webster Gas Coal Company, of Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, was born in June, 1866, at Brush valley, Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of William Harrison and Margaret M. (Irwin) Empfield. William H. Empfield and his wife were born in Indiana county. He was born March 19, 1837, and is a farmer. Peter Empfield, our subject's paternal grandfather, also resided in Indiana county, as did John and Catherine Irwin, his maternal grandparents. Mr. William H. Empfield was the youngest of fourteen children. He was a soldier in Company B, Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves. He was in the fight at the Wilderness, and many other important engagements. He was severely wounded by the explosion of a shell, having one side of his head crushed in, was taken off the battlefield by the enemy, but was put on parole after nine days, and taken to the army hospital, remaining there for six months, when he was honorably discharged, undergoing an operation on his return home, which was performed by Drs. Stewart and St. Clair, of Indiana county. He is at present a member of the G. A. R. Nine children were born to William H. and Margaret Empfield: Catherine (died in infancy); William Nelson, Elizabeth (wife of P. M. Bowers, of

Sun Cliff, Indiana county, Pa.); Gertrude, (wife of L. M. Mordick, Brush Valley, Indiana county, Pa.); Jennie (married to G. H. Mordick, of Indiana county); Alta (wife of A. Hoover, Indiana county); Myrtle V. (at home with parents); John I. (married Miss Mamie Finley, and resides at Sheppler, Pa.), and Harry Banks, unmarried, who lives at home. William Nelson Empfield attended the schools of his native county until he had reached the age of seventeen, when he left school to engage in farming, which he followed for two years. When nineteen years of age he accepted a situation at Fair Port Harbor, O., where he worked in the iron ore and coal mines, remaining there for one year, when he was promoted to the position of foreman, serving in that capacity for one year, and then was made assistant manager, which position he held until 1897. He then accepted the position of general manager of the Webster Gas Coal Company, having charge of several large mines, employing from eight hundred and fifty to nine hundred men. He located in Belle Vernon in 1898. Mr. Empfield is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 28, F. and A. M.; Paynesville Chapter, No. 46; Eagle Commandery, No. 29, of Paynesville; Lake Erie Consistory and Alkoran Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland. Mr. Empfield was married February 27, 1889, to Miss Nellie G. Shaffer, daughter of John and Charlotte Shaffer, of Indiana county, Pa. They have one child, Dale, born January 27, 1890. Mr. Empfield is a Republican, and served as county chairman of the Republican committee of Lake county, O., for six years. He was nominated for sheriff of Lake county, O., but refused the nomination. He was elected mayor on the Republican ticket of Paynesville, O., which office he filled until

he left the State in 1898. He has always taken an active interest in the success of his party. He is a man of splendid character, and a valuable addition to the citizenship of Belle Vernon.

SAMUEL BISHOP GRAHAM, one of Fayette county's representative and most substantial citizens, was born April 7, 1850, in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of John and Mary (Bishop) Graham. The father, John Graham, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1808, and came to this country with his parents in 1817 and located in Philadelphia. The father of John and grandfather of Samuel Bishop Graham was James Graham, who located in Philadelphia, where he remained until his death. John Graham was a blacksmith in Philadelphia, where he remained until 1840, when he removed to Pittsburg, where he owned a shop and was engaged in his business until 1879, when he died. He married Miss Mary Bishop, of Philadelphia, who was born in 1809 and died in 1884. There were born to John and Mary Graham the following children: Thomas, who is a resident of Seward, Neb.; William, deceased, of Pittsburg; John A., a resident of Union Run P. O., Allegheny county, Pa.; Albert, of Crofton, Allegheny county, a manufacturer; Frank A. Graham, a bookkeeper in Pittsburg, and Mary, deceased, was the wife of James R. Bly. John Graham, the father, was a member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 362, Odd Fellows, Pittsburg, and a member of the M. E. church. William and John Graham, brothers of the subject of this sketch, were both soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war and served in Pennsylvania regiments. Samuel B. Graham, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of

Allegheny county until he was seventeen years old, when he went to work in a blacksmith's shop, remaining there for four years. He then entered the steel mill of Singer, Minnick & Co., Pittsburg, where he remained for nine years. In 1882 Mr. Graham located at Tremont, on the banks of the Monongahela river, one mile from Belle Vernon, in Fayette county, where he became superintendent and manager of the Tremont coal mines for John A. Wood & Co., which position he has filled for seventeen years. Mr. Graham was married May 13, 1875, to Miss Lillian E., daughter of Matthew and Rebecca (Coots) Grier, of Pittsburg, Pa. Matthew Grier was a magistrate and alderman of the Thirty-sixth ward of Pittsburg. He was born in 1807 and died in 1886, and his wife, who was born in 1816, is still living. The sons and daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Grier were: Mary, wife of William Stewart, resides in California; Nancy, married William Batty, Methodist minister of Marshall, Mo.; Jennie, wife of George Purvis, of Abeline, Kan., and Lillian E., wife of Samuel Graham, the subject of this sketch; Robert, of Empire, Col., and George, who was a soldier in company G, One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment of Infantry, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died while in service. The Griers were Methodists. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Graham four daughters and two sons: Eva May, married W. A. Mitchner, of Belle Vernon, now in the bank of S. F. Jones & Co.; William, a graduate of the California Normal school, and a teacher in the public schools of Belle Vernon; Ella, Elmer, Anna and Charles, at home and attending school at Belle Vernon. Mr. Graham is a member of Gummert Lodge, No 252, F. and A. M., at Fayette City, and Belle Vernon Lodge, of the Order of Maccabees. He has

been a member of the M. E. church since 1872, and is at present trustee and steward of the M. E. church at Belle Vernon. He is a Republican and takes an active part for the success of his party yet has never been an aspirant for office. Mr. Graham has charge of a business which gives employment to a large number of men. His success has been attained through honesty and fidelity to duty, which fact is attested by the long period of unbroken service in the position he fills.

WILLIAM TYRELL, a leading man and citizen of Belle Vernon, Pa., and proprietor of the Central hotel, was born in Ireland June 15, 1854, and came to Pittsburg in the spring of 1870, obtaining a position with Jones & Laughlin, where he remained for eleven years. He was then employed by Sanky Bros., where he learned the brick trade; remained there for three years, when he entered the firm of Keeling & Son, manufacturers of brick, being in charge of that business for five years. After that he located in Charleroi, there having charge of the manufacture of the brick that was used in the building of the Charleroi plate glass factory, at which he was engaged two years. Then for the next three years Mr. Tyrell conducted a hotel in Charleroi, and in 1896 opened the Central hotel in Belle Vernon, which he has conducted profitably up to the present time. He has a host of friends and a liberal patronage. He has been a member of K. of P. since 1874; joined South Side Lodge, No. 158, of Pittsburg, but has since transferred his membership to Charleroi Lodge, No. 363, and has filled all the chairs in the lodge three times. Mr. Tyrell is also a member of I. O. O. F. of Charleroi and a charter member of the same; a member of Company 57, Uniform Rank of Knights of Py-

thias, Sixth Regiment of Pennsylvania, being captain of the company for two years, and a member of the Fraternities' Accident Order of Philadelphia. He is a Republican, but has never aspired to any office. He is a man of more than ordinary business ability. He was married in 1877 to Miss Martha Davidson and five children were born to them: Arthur, born in Pittsburg, February 2, 1880; William, born in 1878, and died when two years of age; May, born in May, 1882; Frank; and Sadie, born in 1892 at Charleroi, Pa. Mr. Tyrell started life entirely on his own resources and by industry and energy has accumulated valuable property and is universally esteemed for his many admirable qualities.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT COOK (deceased), who was a prominent and leading citizen of Washington township, Fayette county, was born in the above township January 13, 1817, at the Cook homestead, known as the mansion. He was a son of James and Mary (Bell) Cook. James Cook was born in 1772 near the site of the Cook mansion. His father, Colonel Edward Cook, was born in 1741 in Chester county, Pa., was a member of the Continental congress, and one of the first settlers and foremost citizens of Western Pennsylvania. He drafted the first Declaration of Independence (See Journal of Congress, Vol. 2, page 230). In 1770 he settled in Washington township, Fayette county, where he was one of the largest land holders in the county. He began the "Mansion" in 1771, and completed it in 1776. He was commander of the Continental forces for Western Pennsylvania, and an intimate friend of General George Washington, who was a frequent visitor at his home. The steps in front of the "Mansion" remain to

the present day on which General Washington delivered an address to a large assembly of people, and are made famous by the event. Colonel Cook was also an intimate friend of Albert Gallatin. James Cook, the father of William Elliott Cook, married Miss Mary Bell, who was of Irish descent. The Cooks are of Scotch descent. Mr. Cook was married in 1861 to Miss Henrietta, a daughter of James and Amanda (Rose) Cook, but the families were not related. The maternal grandmother of William Cook, who married a Rose, was a sister to President McKinley's grandmother. Four children were born to William Elliott and Henrietta Cook: Marcus Crawford, of Belle Vernon; Rosa Belle and Mildred, deceased, and Francis Padden. William Elliott Cook was a prominent citizen of the county, enjoying the confidence and respect of all. He was a member of the Home Guard and was tax collector and school director, and filled various offices of trust. He was a Mason for more than forty years and in religious belief was a Presbyterian. Colonel Edward Cook, his grandfather, was one of the founders of Rehoboth church. William Cook died October 13, 1898. He was a liberal man and generous to a fault. Francis P. Cook, the son of W. E. Cook, attended the schools of Washington township and a preparatory school in Beverly, N. J., from which he entered Washington and Jefferson college in the fall of 1887, remaining there until the spring of 1889. In the fall of 1890 Mr. Cook entered the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1892. In the fall of that year he located in Cleveland, O., where he practiced his profession until the declaration of war between this country and Spain, when he enlisted in Troop G, First Ohio Volunteer



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Cavalry, as a private; was mustered out at Columbus, O., as acting first sergeant. He was at Chickamauga, Lakeland, Fla., and Huntsville, Ala. He is a Presbyterian in religious belief, and a Republican in politics.

S. FELL JONES, a prominent citizen and a member of the banking firm of S. F. Jones & Co., of Belle Vernon, Pa., was born June 2, 1835, in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Samuel Jones and Jane (Fell) Jones. Samuel Jones was born in 1800 in Washington county, Pa., and was a farmer. He located in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, about 1825, three miles from Belle Vernon, where he remained until his decease, as the result of an accident in 1867. He was an active member of the M. E. church, a steward and a member of the building committee of the Fell M. E. church, which still stands in Rostraver township. The father of Samuel Jones and grandfather of subject, was William Jones, a resident of Washington county, where he died about 1855 at the age of ninety-nine years and ten months. He came to Washington county, Pa., from near Baltimore, Md. He owned a very large estate near what is known as Ginger Hill, in Washington county, and was one of the wealthiest and most influential men of his day, and the estate is still the property of his descendants. He was twice married, both times in Washington county. He was a leading member of the Methodist church. The children of William Jones were: John, Elijah, Jesse, William, Samuel, Mary, wife of Jos. Alexander, of Monongahela City, Pa.; Delilah, wife of Rev. James Mills; Rose Ann, wife of Hull Williams; Ruth, who was never married. The mother of S. Fell Jones was Jane Fell, who was born March 16, 1805, on a

farm near Webster, in Westmoreland county, Pa. The father of Jane Fell was Benjamin Fell, who was born October 28, 1765. The wife of Benjamin and mother of Jane Fell was Mary Geyer, who died August 17, 1853, at an advanced age. The father of Benjamin Fell and great-grandfather of S. Fell Jones, was Benjamin Fell, who was born April 11, 1739, died April 11, 1811. He married Rebecca Kesner, of Plumbstead, Bucks county, Pa. She died in 1815. The first of the Fells of whom we have any knowledge were John and Margaret Fell, of Longlands, England. Joseph Fell, the first who came to this country, was born at Longlands in the parish of Ukdale, in the County of Cumberland, England: was a son of John and Margaret Fell. Joseph Fell was born October 19, 1668, and served an apprenticeship of four years as a carpenter. He married Bridget Wilson, and after her death he married Elizabeth Doyle, of Middle township, Bucks county, Pa. The Fells of this country all trace their ancestry to Joseph Fell, of Bucks county, and they derive their name from Furness Fells, the general name for High Furness in England. They were of the most ancient families of Furness. The Fells of Redman Hall had been known to have been there for nineteen generations. Another family of the same rank and doubtless of the same antiquity were the Fells of Hawkswell, and from the latter Judge Thomas Fell, of Swarthmore Hall, was descended. It was supposed that the ancestors of the Fells of this country were descendants of the same family. The latter trace their ancestry to 1600, when many of them joined the "Friends." The ancestral estate of the Fells was designated as Longlands. The ancestral home of Joseph Fell is about seventeen miles from Keswick, at Carlisle P. O. The house is long

and solidly built of sandstone; the estate has been in the Fell family for more than six hundred years. The present edifice was built in 1688. To Samuel and Jane Fell Jones were born four children: William, born June 17, 1829; he is a member of the banking firm of S. F. Jones & Co., of Belle Vernon; he has large interests and is one of Westmoreland county's most substantial citizens; he is a member of the M. E. church and a Democrat in politics; he married Miss Sarah Shepler. To them were born the following children: Joseph, of the banking house of S. Fell Jones & Co.; Samuel, a contractor, who operates the planing mill (Belle Vernon), and Ella, wife of E. L. Sears, a merchant of Belle Vernon; Mary Angelina Jones, was born June 5, 1831, wife of Dr. James P. Watson, of Belle Vernon, late of Shaner station, Allegheny county, Pa.; James S. Jones, born March 19, 1833, married Miss Sarah Ann Findley, of Rostraver township, Pa. S. F. Jones (subject) attended the common and select schools of the county. He also studied with the view of entering on the banking business, in which he afterwards engaged. At the age of twenty-five he was married to Miss Sarah E., a daughter of Josiah and Mary (Williams) Thomas. The father of Mrs. Jones was a prominent farmer and a native of Washington county, Pa. Mrs. Jones is a highly educated lady, having received her education at Washington seminary, Washington, Pa. They lived on the farm one and a half miles from Belle Vernon, where the J. H. Somers coal mines are located, ten years after marriage. Mr. Jones sold his farm in 1872 and established the banking firm of S. F. Jones & Co., at Belle Vernon, which is one of the soundest and most substantial financial institutions of this section of the State. The Belle Vernon

Light and Heat Company, of which Mr. Jones is president and general manager, was the pioneer company in the development of natural gas in the Maple Creek district, and later developed the Rostraver township gas field. The company became interested in the development of natural gas in 1886, and laid a pipe line to Belle Vernon in the fall of 1887. Mr. Jones has been president and general manager ever since. The company supplies Belle Vernon, Fayette City, Monessen, North and West Belle Vernon and other points along the river, and also furnishes gas to some of the large manufacturing plants. Mr. Jones is also president and general manager of the Fayette City Natural Gas Company. He was the chief promoter and a large stockholder, and is president of the Belle Vernon Water Company. He also devoted much time in securing rights of way and in encouraging the building of the McKeesport and Belle Vernon R. R.

The firm of S. Fell Jones and Co. is composed of S. Fell Jones, William J., a brother, and Joseph J., son of William J. The firm, in partnership with Samuel J. (the latter a son of William J.), owns and operates the Belle Vernon planing mills. S. F. Jones is president of the Belle Vernon Bridge Co. The firm owns a large amount of real estate in Belle Vernon and elsewhere. Mr. Jones owns valuable interests and is classed with the leading and most substantial business men of Fayette county, and bears an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church since 1861. In 1865 he was elected elder of Rehoboth church, and when the Belle Vernon church was organized in 1873 he was elected to the same office, which place he still fills. He represented his church at the assembly at Portland, Ore., in 1893. He

has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school for twenty-five years. Mr. Jones, while never active in politics, has been a lifelong Republican. He is a member of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 252, Royal Arcanum. A splendid bank building was erected in 1873, but twenty years later was destroyed by fire, and the present imposing bank and residence of Mr. Jones were built on the same site. Mr. Jones combines thorough painstaking with great enterprise and executive ability. He is always active for the public good and is prominent in all of Belle Vernon's most important affairs. His manner is quiet and unostentatious, but the most casual observer cannot fail to be impressed, even after a short conversation, that Mr. Jones is a man with a great reserve force and that he is a safe adviser for any community. Mr. Jones is a member of the Sons of the Revolution and his application was as follows:

"S. Fell Jones, great-grandson of Benjamin Fell, born April 11, 1739, died April 11, 1811; married Rebecca Kesler, of Plumbstead, Bucks county, Pa. Grandson of Benjamin Fell, born November 28, 1765, in Bucks county, Pa., and a son of Jane (Fell) Jones. Claims membership on his mother's side. Benjamin Fell is the ancestor who assisted in the Independence of the United States, as follows: Their first residence was in Buckingham, and all their children were born there. Their second home was in Westmoreland county, Pa., on a hill overlooking the Monongahela river, about one mile from Webster and four miles from West Newton. He was a manufacturer of cotton and leather goods, and when he saw Washington's men barefoot and suffering as they passed on the march in December, 1777, he offered his supplies and premises to the General until all

the leather was made up. His grandson, Benjamin Fell Beazell, who died in 1886, well remembered hearing his mother, Rebecca Fell Beazell, tell of seeing her father's home filled from cellar to garrett with Continental soldiers making and mending shoes for the bare-footed soldiers at Valley Forge. For this brave act the British offered a reward of fifteen hundred pounds for his head and five hundred pounds for the head of his son John, and they took refuge in Washington's lines. His devotion to the cause of the colonists seemed to conflict with the peace principles of the Society of Friends, as about this time he lost his membership. It is said that some years after the Friends offered to reinstate him provided that he would make a statement that he was sorry for the interest he had taken in the Revolutionary war. He replied that he was a citizen of this country and had done only what he had conceived to be his duty, and what little he had done had aided us in gaining our independence, and he was proud of it. He afterwards joined the Methodist church, as did most of his children. His noble character, Christian integrity and patriotism seem still to live in the memory of his descendants. He was a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania in 1781. In 1794, when General Washington sent his friend, General Lee, with troops to Western Pennsylvania to quell the whisky rebellion, during the parley which preceded the times of peace, General Lee with his staff made his headquarters in the house of Benjamin Fell. In the old structure known as Fells M. E. church, Benjamin Fell worshiped, being one of the first members, and in this quiet graveyard he lies buried, a modest stone marking the spot, with this inscription. 'To the mem-

ory of Benjamin Fell, a patriot and a Christian; a friend of Washington and a friend of God.' "

JAMES H. McKNIGHT, a prominent farmer and one of the representative citizens of Washington township, is a son of William and Mahalla (Minniard) McKnight. William McKnight was born April 3, 1822, east of Uniontown on the mountain near the National Road. He resides on the New Salem road near the Jasper Thompson homestead, one and one-half miles from the county home. The father attended the common schools and at the age of seventeen began work in a coal mine, and continued at same until he was fifty-six, when he bought the farm on which he lives and has since been engaged in farming. Henry McKnight, the father of William and grandfather of subject, was a native of Ireland and came to this country when about six months old. He was by trade a charcoal burner, and came to Fayette county, where he lived until his death in 1872, aged eighty-seven years. Mahalla (Minniard) McKnight was born Feb. 10, 1828, and was a daughter of Henry and Esther Minniard. The paternal grandmother of James McKnight was a Miss Washbaugh, of German descent. William McKnight had five sons: Thomas, John and James, deceased, and Henry and William, living. There were born to the grandparents of James McKnight ten children. William McKnight was married in 1845 to Mahalla Minniard, and six sons and one daughter were born to bless that union: Arthur, a resident of Menallen township, lives with William Thompson; Henry, lives in Jefferson township, where he owns a valuable farm; Allen S., resides in Menallen township, and is engaged in mining; Jesse, resides in Washing-

ton, Washington county, Pa., where he has charge of a dairy; John, lives in Menallen township, on the home place with his father; James, subject, and Elizabeth, wife of George Williams, resides in Menallen township. Mr. McKnight was married December 6, 1877, to Miss Adaline, daughter of Levi B. and Mary G. Stephens. Levi Stephens was a descendant of Levi Stephens, who was a surveyor and took land for his work and was a large property owner. He was a son of John Stephens, who came to Fayette county and settled in Washington township about the close of the Revolutionary period. The first of the Stephens family came to this country from Wales and settled in Bucks county, Pa. The father of Levi Stephens was Thomas Stephens, and his father was Levi Stephens, and the father of Levi was John Stephens. Mary G. Stephens, the mother of Mrs. McKnight, was a daughter of Samuel Griffith and Esther (Farquhar) Griffith. Samuel Griffith was a surveyor. Esther Griffith is a daughter of Robert Farquhar, who came to Washington township from Maryland. Esther Griffith is in her ninety-seventh year, and has two sisters ninety and ninety-three years of age respectively. Mr. McKnight has lived at his present home for nearly thirty years, and is one of Fayette county's most honored and respected citizens. He has a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, which is underlaid with coal. Mr. McKnight had two sisters, one living, Elnira, wife of John R. Ruce, of Jefferson township, and Esther Jane (deceased), who married John W. Smith.

JASPER COLDRON, a successful farmer and influential citizen, was born June 7, 1835, in Washington township, and is a son of Jesse and Ann (Stephens) Coldron. Jesse Coldron



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was born in 1787 in Maryland, and came to Fayette county when a small boy. He was first bound to John Willetts, and later to Samuel Cope, to learn the scythe and sickle trade, being sixteen years old when bound to the latter. He married Ann, a daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Brown) Stephens. The father of Levi Stephens was John Stephens, who came to Fayette county from Bucks county, Pa., and was of Welsh descent. Jesse Coldron was for many years engaged in making scythes, etc., and later owned the place where Jasper Coldron resides, and was engaged in farming. The scythe works stood in front of the house where Jasper Coldron now lives. The children born to the parents of Jesse Coldron were John, Ennis, William and Hannah. Nine children have been born to Jesse Coldron and his wife: Levi, died in infancy; Ellis, died at the age of twenty-five; John, married Miss Gould; Sarah, married Mr. Vail; Elizabeth, married Samuel Shepler, and had two children; Mary, married Harrison Stuckslager, resides in Iowa, and has one child: Jasper; Emily, married Jesse Vail, and died; and Thomas, deceased, who never married. Jasper Coldron was married July 13, 1873, to Margaret, daughter of Robert Armstrong. The mother of Mrs. Coldron was a Miss Sample, and lived near Freeport, Pa., on the Allegheny river. Seven children were born to Jasper and Margaret C., six of whom are living: Jesse, born 1874, died in 1886; John, born 1875, lives at home; William, born 1877; Martha, born 1882; Mary, born 1884; Gordon, born 1887; and Sarah, born 1889. Mr. Coldron attended the common schools of his native county, after which he spent several terms at Alliance, O., where he attended Mt. Union college. In 1858 he entered Duff's Business college, Pittsburg, where he graduated. After com-

pleting his education he returned home and engaged in farming. In 1861 he went to California, where he was engaged in gold mining; remained there twelve years and then returned to his home in Washington township, Pa. Mr. Coldron was married in Placer county, Cal., when the lady who became his wife was on a visit from her home in Ohio to her sister. Mr. Coldron returned home and has been farming on the place that formerly belonged to his father; that farm contains one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land and much good timber, on which he has placed a saw-mill. Mr. Coldon is a man of good education and was for a time a teacher in the public schools. He is scrupulously honest and enjoys the esteem of the entire community.

THOMAS EDWARDS.—Among the many good citizens of Washington township there are none of higher character than Thomas Edwards, the subject of this sketch. He was born July 15, 1820, in South Wales, in Monmouthshire, and is a son of William and Mary Edwards, of that place. William Edwards was born in 1798, and when about twenty-two years old enlisted in the British army, in which he served five years. The following is a certificate of honorable discharge: "By Colonel, His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, commanding the Royal Monmouth and Brocon Regiment of Militia: This is to certify that the bearer hereof, William Edwards, private in Captain C. H. Powell's company, aged twenty-seven years; five feet and three inches high; born in Parish of Hanover in the County of Monmouth, and a laborer, hath served honestly and faithfully in the above mentioned corps for the space of five years, but is now hereby discharged, he having completed the per-

iod for which he was enrolled. He having received all just demands of clothing, pay and arrears of pay and all other just demands whatsoever, from the time of his joining the aforesaid regiment and company to the date of his discharge as appears by his receipt on the back hereof. Given under my hand and seal of the Regiment of Monmouth, this the 6th day of January, 1816." The following is the receipt on the back of the discharge:

"I, William Edwards, do acknowledge to have received all my clothing, pay and arrears of pay, and all other demands whatsoever from the time of my joining the regiment and company mentioned on the other side to the date hereof. As witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1816. The X of William Edwards. John Wall, Serg."

The grandfather of Thomas Edwards was William Edwards, but the time of his birth and death are not recorded. Mary Fannin, who became the wife of William Edwards, was born in 1764, and died in 1805. William Edwards, Sr., great-grandfather of Thomas Edwards, was born in 1708, and died in 1770. His wife was Alice Edwards, who was just a few years younger and died at the age of sixty-two. The father of Thomas Edwards was married in 1815, one year before leaving the army, to Miss Mary Tracy, a native of Talamond, Ireland, and four children were born to them: William, born 1817, lived and died in Monmouthshire; Thomas, subject; Jane, born in 1823, married to Llewellyn Williams, both of whom died, leaving two daughters, Mary Jane and Emily, residing in Blonavon, England, and David, who was born in 1826, and is a resident of Monmouthshire. Thomas Edwards attended the common schools of his county, and was married to Miss Mary Fannin in 1844, and their children are: William, born in 1845, an engi-

neer on the river, and lives with his father when at home; the second and third died early; Thomas lives at Mahanoy, Pa.; Jane, married Otto Werburg, a glass blower; Zodie Ann, married Alonzo Sheppler, and died at the age of twenty-seven; David, resides on an adjoining farm; Samuel, at home, and Theophilus, and both work at the Tremont coal works. Mr. Edwards came to the United States about the close of 1854, locating first at South Pittsburg, Pa. He remained there for about one year, when he removed to Tremont, where he resides at present. He rented the farm in 1879, and purchased it five years later, now owning two farms, one of seventy-five and the other of eighty-seven acres. Mr. Edwards is an elder in the Christian church at Belle Vernon and has been connected therewith for forty years. He devotes much time to instructing the young people in vocal music. He visited Wales in 1889. He is greatly esteemed for his many good qualities. His wife was born in 1826 and died forty years later.

NOAH GILLET LUTZ (deceased), was born in Washington township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1840. He was a son of George and Martha (Patton) Lutz. George Lutz was a native of Washington township, born in 1798, and residing here all his life. His wife was born in 1802, and died in 1885. Of Mr. Lutz's children, one died in infancy, the rest attaining their majority, were: Nancy, David, Porter, Martin, Martha, Ellen, Susan, John S., Noah, Josephine, George Washington and Mary, the widow of John Wycoff. Those deceased were Nancy, Martin, Susan, Noah and Josephine. Noah Lutz attended the common schools of the county and taught four win-

ters at Summers Hill schoolhouse and was at the same time engaged in farming on the place where the family now reside. He married Miss Isabella, daughter of John and Margaret (Irwin) Blackburn. Mr. Lutz's mother's maiden name was Margaret Irwin, a daughter of Isaac McConnell Irwin and Isabella (Powers) Irwin, and her father, John Blackburn, was a native of Westmoreland county, who located in Washington township about 1855, where he owned a farm and lived until his death in 1890. John Blackburn was born November 25, 1822, and on December 22, 1846, married Margaret Irwin, who was born December 18, 1825. Seven children were born to them: Mary Elizabeth, wife of George Lutz, of Washington township; John Irwin Blackburn, a Presbyterian minister at Covington, Ky.; Isabella; Loraine, married H. Wycoff, deceased, an attorney in Uniontown, where she resides; Hester Rebecca, married J. P. Slaughterbock; Anna Marguerite, married Joseph Finley, who resides near Webster, in Westmoreland county, and James Powers Blackburn, who is a physician in McKeesport, Pa. Noah C. Lutz was married to Miss Isabella Blackburn January 5, 1871, and the children born to them were: Edna May, born June 26, 1872, married Hallett Gillett Hough in 1895, and died March 23, 1899, leaving one child, Russel B.; Curtis, born December 12, 1876; has charge of the farm; Loyal Graham, born January 6, 1880, and is a student at Washington and Jefferson college, and Carl Lawrence, born July 6, 1884. The oldest son, Curtis, takes great pride in farming and the raising of fine stock. Noah Lutz was the owner of one of the model farms of the township, and was esteemed by all who knew him. He bought the place about 1871, and built the present residence. He was a Democrat,

yet strong in his advocacy of prohibition. The families of Lutz and Blackburn have been Presbyterians for several generations.

JACOB HARRIS, one of the successful farmers and substantial citizens of Fayette county, was born June 11, 1838, at the place where he now resides in Perry township. He is a son of Captain James and Rebecca (Masten) Harris. Captain James Harris was born in Perry township May 17, 1795. Rebecca (Masten) Harris was born in 1812. The father of Captain James Harris was born in 1770 and died December 22, 1852. He was a native of Trenton, N. J., and came with his parents to Fayette county in 1786 and located in Perry township in the stone building known as the Harris homestead. The great-grandfather of Jacob Harris was Benjamin Harris, who was born in England and came to this country, locating in New Jersey, where he married a German girl and reared a family, which had grown up when the Revolutionary war commenced. Jacob Harris, the grandfather of the subject, married Miss Rebecca Morford, who was born in 1772, and died in 1829. Four sons and three daughters were born to them: Benjamin, who lived in a brick building on part of the estate of the first Harris to settle in Perry township; Captain James Harris, lived on part of the estate now occupied by the subject; Isaac, moved to Mercer county, where he remained until his death; Jacob, located on part of the Harris estate; one daughter, never married, one married a Mr. Perrine and went to Washington county, Pa., while another married a Mr. Coon and moved to Indiana; Captain James Harris married Miss Rebecca Masten, a daughter of Levi and Sarah Masten, natives of Fayette county, Pa. The father of Levi Masten was a

native of Ireland and came to Fayette county, locating about one and one-half miles from Fayette City. To Captain James and Rebecca Harris were born four children: Sarah Ann, who married David Byers and lives in Jefferson township, born October 18, 1841, and died October 18, 1898; Eliza Jane, born in 1844, married George Grimm, and lives in Perry township, and Mary V., born in 1850, married Samuel Moss, moved to Sanders county, Neb., where she still resides, and Captain James Harris. Captain James Harris attended the common schools. He was elected captain of the Perry Guards in 1835 and filled that position for eight years. He was a very influential man in the community and a model citizen, which fact is attested to by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Captain Harris and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was a leading Democrat. Benjamin Harris, the great-grandfather, bought a large tract of land containing eight hundred acres, which was known as the Lookwell farm, the greater part of which is in the possession of the descendants of the first Harris. Jacob Harris attended the township schools until he reached the age of twenty-one, after which he was engaged in farming on the home place. He married June 25, 1868, Miss Katharine D., daughter of Mordecai and Susan Cochran. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have had four children: Curtis Morford, born July 30, 1869, married Miss Sarah Hildebrand, daughter of Jacob Hildebrand, and has two children living, Martha D., born 1891, and James J., born 1896; Orion H., born July 22, 1871, died February 22, 1875; Rebecca Viola, born January 10, 1874, married Edward H. Williams, a resident of Perryopolis and merchant of that place, and one child has been born to them,

David Warren; and David Arthur, born March 2, 1876, and at home and single. Jacob Harris is a prominent and active member of the Christian church, of which he has been a member for more than thirty years. Mr. Harris is a staunch Democrat. He owns a valuable farm of two hundred and ten acres and is one of the leading men of his community. The Harris family was represented both in the Revolutionary war and in the war of 1812.

ALPHEUS FARQUHAR, a leading citizen and farmer of Fayette county, was born in Washington township, January 15, 1831, and is a son of William and Sarah (Moss) Farquhar. William Farquhar was born November 8, 1801, in Washington township, and was also a farmer, living near Fayette City all his life. He died January 29, 1856. Sarah (Moss) Farquhar, the wife of William and mother of Alpheus, was born south of Uniontown in Fayette county, in 1801, and died April 14, 1886. The father of William Farquhar and grandfather of Alpheus was Robert Farquhar, born July 13, 1766, near Frederick, Md., and died July 22, 1822. Robert Farquhar was married to Miss Esther, daughter of Joseph Dodson, who owned a large part of the land on which the city of Frederick is located. Robert Farquhar was married in Maryland, and eight children blessed that union: Joseph, born 1789, died 1866; Sarah, born 1798, married Benjamin Brown, died 1835; Mary, born 1796, married Levi Stephens, died 1885; Robert, born 1798, married Mary Masten, died 1876; William, born 1801, married Sarah Moss, died 1856; Esther, born March, 1803, married Samuel Griffith, and is living at the age of ninety-six; Hannah, born 1806, married Seneca McCrory, and died October 22, 1899, aged



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ninety-three; Rachel, born 1809, married Aaron Bugher, she is living aged ninety. William, Robert and Sarah were buried in the Providence (Quaker) burying ground. Allen Farquhar, the father of Robert Farquhar, was a pioneer of Maryland. He was the son of William Farquhar, a Quaker, living in Scotland in the seventeenth century. William Farquhar had several brothers, three of whom were Quaker ministers. William had three sons, two of whom came to America and located in Maryland; both were Quakers. They were Allen and William Farquhar. The sons of William located in York county, Pa., where the name is well known. Allen married Miss Sarah Moore, of Frederick, Md., and to them in Maryland were born four sons and three daughters. He located first in Washington county, Pa., near the West Land Quaker church, which is said to have been there in 1789, but soon removed to Washington township, Fayette county, near the Griffith home. The children of Allen Farquhar were as follows: Thomas, who remained in Washington county, near Centreville; William, who went to near Richmond, O., and died at an advanced age, leaving many descendants; Samuel, who went to Salem, O., where he died at a good old age, likewise leaving many descendants; Robert, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Joseph Tolbert, and lived at Richmond, O., dying at the age of one hundred and three; Sarah, married Amos Elliott, went to Richmond, O., where she died also at a very advanced age; Rachel, married Jeremiah Cook, went to Richmond, Ohio, and died aged ninety-eight years. Sarah (Moss) Farquhar was the daughter of John Moss and a native of Washington county, Pa. She died in 1887, aged eighty-five years. The children born

to William and Sarah Farquhar were: Angelina, married Stewart Hands, and died 1899 in Washington county; Alpheus (subject); William, who died in 1897, lived in Illinois; Zimri, who lives near Fayette City, Pa., and Aaron B., resides in Illinois and is a farmer. Alpheus Farquhar was born near where he resides, about a mile from Fayette City. He attended the common schools and was reared on a farm and has been a farmer all his life. He was married in 1859 to Miss Sarah C., daughter of James and Mary Wycoff, of Fayette county. Six children were born to them: James, born August 4, 1861, is a carpenter and lives in Charleroi, Pa.; William, born in 1865, died in 1868; Elliott, born May 28, 1868, and is engaged in farming; Ida, deceased, was born in 1870; Lorena, born March 11, 1875, and Leonora F., married Ernest Lenhart, who resides in Belle Vernon, and is captain of a steamer. Mr. Farquhar is not only one of the leading citizens of the county, but is a progressive farmer.

WILLIAM CROMBIE, an energetic and prosperous farmer of Washington township, Fayette county, Pa., was born May 1, 1861, near Lochleven, Scotland, Billinary parish, Shire of Fife. Robert Crombie, his father, was born in the same place October 27, 1837, and came to this country nine years later with his parents and settled at McKeesport, Pa., remaining there until 1857. William Crombie, father of Robert Crombie, was born in 1801, and was about fifty-three years of age at the time of his death in 1854. He married Isabella A. Brash, and was buried at McKeesport, while his wife sleeps at Belle Vernon, where she died at the age of seventy-three. She was a native of Scotland. There were born to them nine children.

Those who lived to maturity were: James, Isabella, Alexander, Marguerite, John, Robert and Mary. John lives in Webster, Westmoreland county, Pa., where his sons are in business. Alexander, the eldest, lives in Ohio, and Marguerite lives in Belle Vernon. Robert Crombie attended the schools of his native country and also those of this country. He was married in 1860, to Miss Isabella Anderson, a daughter of Lawrence and Arnott Anderson, of Scotland. He remained in that country until 1881, when he returned to this country with his family, where his wife died in 1879. The children born to Robert and Isabella Crombie were: William Lawrence, born December, 1862, died when eighteen years of age; Bessie, born July, 1864, married Otho Furlong, of Charleroi; Robert, born July, 1865, resides in St. Louis, where he is a prominent and successful dry-goods merchant; Isabella, born in 1867, and died when twelve years old, and George, born in 1871, and remained in his native country, where he is an undertaker and cabinetmaker. Robert Crombie and his father spent the greater part of their lives in mining in this country and in Scotland. William Crombie (subject) was educated in the schools of Scotland. He came to the United States when twenty years old, locating first at Webster, Westmoreland county, where he remained about fifteen years, since which time he has been living near his present residence. He married, August 14, 1888, Miss Catherine, daughter of Abram and Catherine Hough, of Washington township. One child was born to them, Maud Arnott, born June 25, 1889. Abram Hough, the father of Mrs. Crombie, was born in Westmoreland county, October 10, 1803, near Mt. Pleasant, and was a farmer. He moved to Washington township with his parents and settled where John-

son Hough now resides in the Forks of Little Redstone. David Hough was a farmer and died in Jefferson township, and his son, Abram Hough, died February 28, 1872, at sixty-nine years of age. Abram owned two hundred and seventy-five acres of land, and both David and Abram Hough were prosperous farmers. Abram was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. The mother of Catherine (Hough) Crombie was Catherine Waltz, a daughter of Jacob Waltz, a prominent farmer of Westmoreland county, who resided on Big Sewickly creek. In 1896 Mr. Crombie purchased the farm on which he lives, which contains seventy-three acres of valuable land. He is one of the successful farmers of the county and is also engaged in running a dairy. The main building in which he lives is of stone and was erected in 1801; and a part was burnt prior to that time. His farm is one of the oldest and finest in that section. Mr. Crombie is a member of the Redstone Presbyterian church; also of the Christian Endeavor Society. He is a Republican, yet exercises the right to support the best man for office, regardless of his politics. He is a man of high character and a worthy representative of that sturdy class of people who have contributed so much in morality, industry and integrity to the material development of this country. Mr. Crombie's maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Arnott Anderson, are still living in Scotland; the former is eighty-seven, and the latter is eighty-two years of age.

WILLIAM SMITH LYNN is one of the most enterprising farmers of Fayette county, and was born May 26, 1867, in Washington township where he now resides. His father was William Lynn, who was born August 25,

1828, in the county and township named and died October 10, 1869. He was married to Miss Harriet, daughter of John C. and Matilda (Bailey) Murphy, who was born May 31, 1837, and died November 22, 1897. His paternal grandfather, John Lynn, was born on the place where William S. Lynn resides, on September 9, 1794, and married Miss Drusilla Curry, of Fayette City; whose father married Nancy Allen, of Washington county, and owned a large tract of land on the west bank of the Monongahela river, opposite Fayette City. Of the children who were born to John and Drusilla Lynn, all are dead except Denton and Andrew, the former living at the old homestead, and the latter at Moundsville, W. Va. Those deceased were: Mary Ann, wife of John Boyle, of Washington, Pa.; Nancy Lynn, who never married; Jemima, wife of John Baldwin, of Washington township, and Fannie Jane, wife of James Bean, of Fayette City. Andrew Lynn, the father of John Lynn, was born on Town creek, Allegany county, Md., September 23, 1766. Col. Andrew Lynn, the first of the family in this county, came from Ireland and located in Allegany county, Md., from whence he came to Redstone township and settled on the farm which is now owned by the daughters of James M. Lynn, the latter a descendant of Andrew Lynn, the pioneer. Andrew Lynn purchased the farm owned by Denton and William Lynn, which was purchased from the Indians by the former owner, a Mr. Pearce. The farm consists of four hundred and fifty acres, and the deed was executed in 1780 and bears the name of Thomas Mifflin, the first Governor of Pennsylvania. The tract was known as "Fort Ledgy" from the fact that an old fort built of stone stood on it, the walls of which were four feet high and in the shape of a horse-

shoe, and on this tract of land were some of the largest locust trees in existence, one supposed to be more than two hundred years old now measures over twenty feet in circumference. Many Indian relics have been found on the place, such as tomahawks, skeletons, etc. Mr. Lynn's father married Miss Harriet Murphy, March 17, 1853, and their children were: Anna Maria, born 1855, died 1858; Eliza Jane, born 1858, died 1882; Cadarah, born 1862, died 1884; Harry Ruppe, born 1864, died 1876, and William S. (subject), who was born May 26, 1867; a nephew, Mackey Lynn, lives on the farm with him. William S. Lynn attended the public schools of the township, afterwards engaged in farming, and has had the responsibility of the farm for many years, as his father died when he was quite young. He is the only member of his family living and owns the farm which now contains one hundred and eight acres of valuable land, located on the Monongahela river, two miles from Belle Vernon and one from Fayette City. Mr. Lynn is an active and progressive farmer and a good citizen. He is a Republican, but his father was a Democrat.

ROBERT FARQUHAR, a representative farmer and citizen of Washington township, Pa., was born on the farm where he now resides January 3, 1839. He is a son of Robert Farquhar, the latter born July 19, 1798, and died in November, 1876. The wife of Robert Farquhar was Mary Martin. His grandfather was Robert Farquhar, who was born near Frederick, Md., July 13, 1766, and died July 22, 1822. Robert Farquhar married Miss Esther, daughter of Joseph Dodson, of Frederick, Md., a man of considerable wealth and owner of the greater part of the land on which the town of Frederick

is located. Robert Farquhar had eight children: Joseph, born in 1789; Sarah, born in 1794, and married Benjamin Brown; Mary, born in 1796, and married Levi Stephens; Robert, born in 1798, married Mary Martin; William, born in 1801, and married Sarah Moss; Esther, born March 11, 1803, married Samuel Griffith and is living at the age of ninety-six years; Harriet, born 1806, married Seneca McCrory; and died at the age of ninety-three years; and Rachel, born in 1809, married Aaron Bugher. William, Robert and Sarah were buried at the Providence (Quaker) burying ground. Allen Farquhar was the father of Robert, and a pioneer of Maryland; he was a son of William Farquhar, the latter a minister in Scotland of the Society of Friends in the seventeenth century; but further back than that very little is known of the family. There were a number of brothers of William Farquhar, three of whom are said to have been Quaker ministers. William had three sons, two of whom, Allen and William, located at Frederick, Md., and the son of William located at York, Pa., where some of his descendants are well known. Allen married Sarah Moore, of Frederick, Md., and to them were born four sons and three daughters. He settled first in Washington county, Pa., near the West Land Quaker church. This is said to have been there in 1789. Remaining there but a short time he went to Washington township, Fayette county, where Robert Farquhar, the subject of this sketch, resides. The children of Allen Farquhar were as follows: Thomas, who remained in Washington county, and built what is known as the Farquhar house, near Centreville, Pa.; William, settled near Richmond, Ohio, dying there at an advanced age, leaving many descendants; Robert, grand-

father of our subject; Mary, married Joseph Tobbert, of Richmond, Ohio, and lived to be one hundred and three years old; Sarah, married Amos Ellis, moved to Richmond, Ohio, where she also died at an advanced age; and Rachel, married Jeremiah Cook, and lived and died at the same place. Robert Farquhar attended the common schools of the county, afterwards engaged on the farm owned by his father, and which was the first settlement made by the family in this State. He was married in 1867, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of James and Mary (Roughcorn) Wilgus, natives of Fayette county, where James Wilgus is still living, aged eighty-six years, while Mrs. Wilgus died in 1897, aged seventy-nine, and Mrs. Elizabeth Farquhar passed away May 25, 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar were born four sons and two daughters: John, May 3, 1868, who attended the public schools of the county, afterwards farming on the old home place, has never married, and has charge of his father's farm; Frank C., July 15, 1871, who attended the public schools and teaching school; Horace S., June 8, 1875, attended the township schools, and is at home, a carpenter; Lewis, August 11, 1878, resides at home; Bessie, April 13, 1880, at home, and Ellen, November 15, 1883, at home. Robert Farquhar owns a valuable farm which has been in the family for more than one hundred years. He is a good citizen and an active business man, but of late years has nearly lost his sight. He is a Democrat.

WILLIAM B. RISBECK is a successful and enterprising business man of Belle Vernon, who was born in Redstone township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of John Matthew and Nancy J. (Hess) Risbeck. John Matthew Risbeck was born in Ger-



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many in 1847, and came with his parents to Fayette county when three years of age. He remained in Fayette county but a short time, when he moved to Iowa, where he remained until about 1855, when he returned to Fayette county and located in Redstone township, on what was then known as the Nelson Bowman farm, remaining there until 1896, when he bought a farm in Perry township, where he at present resides. His father was John L. Risbeck, a native of Germany. John Matthew Risbeck was married December 31, 1868, to Miss Nancy J. Hess, of Fayette county, of Scotch-Irish descent. There were born to John M. and Nancy Risbeck three sons: George Washington, born in 1869, for a time a teacher in the public schools, but now a clerk in a hardware store in Brownsville; William B., was born March 6, 1871, and Walter Lawrence, born in 1883. William B. Risbeck was reared on a farm and attended the public schools of the county until eighteen years of age, when he went to Uniontown to fill a position as assistant in an undertaking and furniture establishment, where he remained for four years. From there he went to Brownsville and in 1896 located in Belle Vernon, where he became manager of the hardware establishment of Merchant Collier, which place he filled for two years, when he was made manager of the branch office of the Uniontown Brewing Company, located at Belle Vernon, which is now a branch of the Pittsburg Brewing Company. Mr. Risbeck is one of the most successful business men of Belle Vernon, and is very popular. He is a Democrat, as were his ancestors. In 1899 he was nominated for the office of judge of elections for Belle Vernon and was elected over his Republican opponent in a borough where the Republican vote has been nearly four

to one. He attends both the State and county Democratic conventions. Mr. Risbeck is an Odd Fellow, being a member of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 656. He was married October 15, 1891, to Miss Leah Gadd, who was born in Illinois, and reared by her grandfather, Stephen I. Gadd, of Fayette county.

JOHN HENRY COURTNEY, a representative and leading citizen of Belle Vernon, was born March 11, 1850, at Belle Vernon, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he has since resided. He received his education in the public schools of Belle Vernon, and entered Duff's Business college, at Pittsburg, in 1869, where he was graduated. He then obtained a position as clerk with William Semple in Allegheny, where he remained for one year, and afterwards was for a time at Oil City, Pa. From there he returned to Belle Vernon, where he was engaged in business for a number of years. During the last term of President Cleveland's administration, Mr. Courtney was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue at Gibsonton, which office he filled until 1898. He has been an Odd Fellow for twenty-eight years—Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 656—and has filled all the offices of the subordinate lodge, representing it in the Grand Lodge at Allentown in 1899. Mr. Courtney has always been a Democrat. He is a member of and inspector of the board of elections for the borough of Belle Vernon; has represented his party as a delegate to most of the county conventions, being at the State convention that nominated Jenks for governor, at Altoona, and at the last Democratic State convention, held at Harrisburg, which nominated Judge Mestrezat for the supreme bench, in 1899. Mr. Courtney has never married.

The parents of John Henry Courtney were Joseph Bernard and Indiana (Wells) Courtney, the former a Democrat, and of Quaker stock, and both members of the Free Will Baptist church, of Belle Vernon. His father, who was an engineer, was born at Coatesville, Chester county, Pa., April 2, 1815, and when he was eighteen years old removed to Fayette county, locating at Fayette City, where he remained four or five years. From there he went to Belle Vernon, Pa., where he lived until his death, November 20, 1897. His father was James Courtney, who was a native of England. He came to this country when a young man and located in Chester county, where he lived until his death. James Courtney married Anna Miller Wacker, who was a native of Chester county, and of English parentage. After the death of her husband she came to Fayette county with her son, Joseph B. Courtney. The children born to James and Anna Courtney were: William, Washington, who moved to Illinois; James L. and Joseph B., and two daughters, Mary Ann, who died in Chester county, and a daughter, who married a Mr. Scott, and has been dead many years. James B. Courtney, the grandfather, was a blacksmith. Joseph Bernard Courtney married Miss Indiana Wells, a daughter of Richard and Nancy (McTag) Wells, born in 1815, in Westmoreland county. Richard Wells was of Irish descent, a farmer and native of Fayette county. The father of Richard Wells, and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was Valentine Wells, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and died while in service. There were two sons and two daughters born to Valentine Wells: Thomas and Richard, and Anna, who married Mr. Jones, and Nancy, who married a Mr. Campbell. Four children were born to

Richard and Nancy (McTag) Wells: Rebecca, who married John H. Cook, of Fayette City; Jane, widow of William Jacobs, and lives in Belle Vernon, and John B., who died soon after his return from the Union army in Pittsburg. Three children were born to Joseph B. and Indiana (Wells) Courtney: Charles E. Courtney, died when two years old; William Henry, and Eliza J., married Robert Barron, of Elizabeth, Pa., who was killed a year or so after their marriage, which was blessed with one child, John E. Barron, who is a cutter in the R. C. Schertz glass factory, in Belle Vernon. J. E. Barron is a Democrat and a most popular young man; a member of the Masonic Lodge at Fayette City; also of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 656, of Odd Fellows. Mr. Courtney, the subject of this sketch, his sister, Mrs. Barron, and her son, John E., reside in Belle Vernon.

ARTHUR PALMER SWEARER, a leading citizen of Belle Vernon, Pa., was born in Brownsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1855, and is a son of Alfred M. and Lucinda (Clelland) Swearer. Alfred Swearer, the father, was born in Belle Vernon, Pa., in 1829, and is to-day among the oldest and most respected citizens of the county. His entire life has been spent in Belle Vernon and Brownsville. In early life he was engaged in the manufacture of glass, and has been for more than thirty years engaged in the mercantile business and is numbered among the substantial business men of the county. He is an active and leading member of the M. E. church. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. His mother was born in 1834 and is still living, and his father, Peter Swearer, for many years resided at Belle Vernon, where he was engaged in the man-

ufacture of glass, and was a prominent and active citizen. He removed to Brownsville in 1839, where he remained until his death in 1876. To Peter Swearer were born three sons and three daughters: James, who died in Brownsville; Nelson, a glass cutter, of Pittsburg; Alfred, Emily, wife of George Wilkinson, both deceased; Sarah, deceased, and Laura, single. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Swearer were Alexander and Emily Clelland, of West Virginia. There were born to Alfred and Lucinda Swearer six children: Arthur P., Luella, wife of Richard Tatum, of Glasgow, Mo.; Peter, a glass gatherer, of Brownsville; Emma, at home; Anna, wife of George T. Bishop, of Cleveland, Ohio; Sarah, single, and at home. Arthur P. Swearer was a student in the schools of Brownsville until he was fifteen years old, when he entered the cutting rooms of the G. W. Wells Glass Company to learn the trade, remaining there until 1875, when he went to Detroit, Mich. From there he returned to Belle Vernon in the fall of 1876, and entered the employ of the R. C. Schmertz Glass Company as a cutter, remaining in Belle Vernon until 1895, where he had accumulated property and went to Worth county, Ga., where, in 1895, he purchased valuable farming interests which he still owns. Mr. Swearer returned to Belle Vernon in the fall of 1898 and entered the cutting rooms of the same firm as formerly, and is still there. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is a Methodist. He was married July 7, 1875, to Miss Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Moses and Hattie (Melchi) Wright. They have one adopted daughter, a niece, Hattie Swearer. Mr. Swearer is a man of character and business integrity, and in politics is a Democrat.

LEANDER M. TRUXALL, editor and publisher of the Belle Vernon "Enterprise," of Belle Vernon, Pa., was born at Millsboro, Washington county, August 6, 1857. He is a son of Dr. Norval W. and Elizabeth Ellen (Dalby) Truxall, both natives of Washington county, Pa. Dr. Truxall was born at Greensburg, Pa., June 14, 1822, and was a prominent physician and practiced until his death, July 11, 1893. He was a member of the G. A. R. His parents were of Dutch descent and came from Somerset county. Dr. Truxall devoted a large part of his life to literary pursuits. He was the editor and proprietor of a paper at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., also a paper at California, Pa. In 1861, when the war was declared between the States, he gave up his paper and the practice of his profession and enlisted as a private in the Fifth West Virginia Cavalry. After a short time he was promoted to the rank of captain, which position he filled until the close of the war. His father-in-law, Enoch Dalby, was a native of Millsboro, Washington county. Mr. Dalby was a gunsmith, and a Democrat in politics. His daughter, Rebecca (Dalby) Truxall, died February 1, 1897. L. M. Truxall attended school at Brownsville and the California State Normal school. He served an apprenticeship in the office of Hon. Seth T. Hurd, of Brownsville, on the Brownsville "Clipper," 1870-73. In 1873 the paper was sold to E. A. Hastings, and Mr. Truxall continued in the office until 1874. In January, 1877, he was with J. T. McAlpin, when he founded the Belle Vernon "Courier," and remained there until June, 1878. In 1879 he worked on the Uniontown "Democrat," and in 1880 he located in Belle Vernon, where he established a job printing office. In April,

1886, he established the Belle Vernon "Enterprise," which he has conducted successfully to the present time, and it has been liberally patronized by the public. Mr. Truxall has been quite successful in business and has acquired some valuable property, being one of the substantial business men of Belle Vernon. Mr. Truxall was married to Miss Mattie A. Davidson, a daughter of Rev. James Davidson and Rosa Ann Davidson. They were married December 25, 1877, and have had three children: Claud H. and Katie, living, and James, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Truxall and family are all members of the M. E. church in Belle Vernon. Mr. Truxall is a member of the K. of M., a charter member of Belle Vernon Tent, No. 260, and B. C. Grace Camp, No. 265, Sons of Veterans. He is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM HENRY BINNS, of the banking firm of Binns, Cope & Brown, Fayette City, Fayette county, Pa., was born March 2, 1848. He is a son of the late William and Ruth (Gibson) Binns, the former a native of Skipton, Yorkshire, England, the latter of Loudon county, Va. The parents of the late William Binns came to the United States in 1818, when he was ten years of age. They located shortly after their arrival in this country in Brownsville, Fayette county, Pa., where David Binns, the father of William Binns, was successively farmer and merchant, and had other business connections contributory to the growth and development of the home of his adoption. He was a man of strong character and sterling worth, a Quaker by religious predilection as were the immediate family and ancestors for a number of generations.

The genealogy of the Binns family has been traced with authenticity to the close of the

sixteenth century. David Binns was one of the organizers of the Monongahela Bridge Company and a stockholder in the Monongahela Bank, and otherwise left a lasting and creditable impress upon his community. Of his children, William Binns, the father of the immediate subject of this sketch, learned tanning under his father and as a young man established a tannery, near Perryopolis, which he successfully conducted until 1840. He then removed to Harrison county, Ohio, where he pursued agriculture until 1871, when he located at Columbus, Ohio, where he continued to reside in retirement from business until his decease. His wife was a daughter of Amos Gibson, a farmer, of Loudon county, Va., whence he removed to the vicinity of Brownsville, Fayette county, Pa., where he followed farming throughout his life. William Henry Binns received his initial schooling in his native township and completed his education at Friends' school, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. He thereafter assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm until his twenty-first year, when he was appointed teller of the First National Bank at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, where he remained for two years. He then entered the Commercial National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, where he was employed as individual and general bookkeeper for a period of four years. In 1876 he became associated with the Columbus and Hocking Valley Railroad Company as an office employee, at Columbus, incidentally acting as assistant paymaster of that road. In the spring of 1878 Mr. Binns located at Fayette City, where he immediately formed an association with the banking institution with which he has ever since been identified. The banking firm of Binns, Cope & Brown was organized in 1875, the then senior member of the firm being



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the late Gibson Binns, elder brother of William H. Binns. Throughout the greater part of the period of his banking connection at Fayette City, Mr. W. H. Binns has been a resident of Jefferson township, where he cultivates a farm. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank of California, Pa., and acted as its cashier for two years. In 1893 Mr. Binns was the Republican nominee for the office of register and recorder of Fayette county, was elected, and served capably for the full term of three years. During his incumbency of this office, Mr. Binns assisted in the formation of the Second National Bank of Uniontown, of the directory of which he is still a member. Through private investments Mr. Binns has been contributory to the coal development of Fayette county. He was married September 3, 1878, to Elmo, daughter of the late Samuel Cope, whose personal memoirs are in the sketch of Louis Cope. Mr. and Mrs. Binns have four children: Willetts C. Binns, a graduate of California State Normal school, for a time assistant in the bank at Fayette City, and now teller of the Bank of Charleroi; James Garfield Binns, a student in the junior year, California State Normal school, and Benjamin and David Holden Binns. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

GIBSON BINNS, late of the banking firm of Binns, Cope & Brown, Fayette City, Pa., was born in 1832, and died in May, 1896. His father was William Binns, whose personal memoirs are contained in this volume in the sketch of William Henry Binns. Gibson Binns completed his education at Friends' seminary, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. He spent the main part of his life in Fayette City and vicinity, where he was recognized as a notably progressive and successful busi-

ness man. He was one of the founders of the old established banking firm of Binns, Cope & Brown, Fayette City, took the initiative in the utilization and development of the natural gas resources of the vicinity, and projected the flouring mills plant at Fayette City. He was a stalwart Republican, and closely identified with the interests of his party in Fayette county, serving frequently as a member of the county committee. He had followed the business of surveying in early manhood, and was at one time his party's nominee for the office of county surveyor, at a time when that party was in a hopeless minority, in consequence of which Mr. Binns was defeated. He was a man of uncompromising integrity, whose word was as good as his bond. As a resident of Fayette City he devoted his time and ability to advancing its general welfare, taking especial interest in the cause of education, and serving for some years as a member of its school board. He was one of the board of trustees of the State Normal school, was for several years president of the Monongahela National Bank, of Brownsville, Pa., president of Fayette City Natural Gas Company, and was in various other ways identified with such conspicuous interests of the county as were materially helpful to its healthy and substantial development. He married Martha V., daughter of the late Samuel Cope. Mrs. Martha V. (Cope) Binns died without issue. Mr. Binns then married Mrs. Martha R. Russell, of Colerain, Belmont county, Ohio. She survives her husband, and resides in Ohio.

E. C. HIGBEE, one of the prominent young members of the Fayette County bar, and a leading citizen of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, was born October 28, 1869, in Jefferson

township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, son of Israel and Eliza Jane (Carter) Higbee, both of Fayette county, Pa. The father was by trade a wagonmaker, but for some years past has been engaged in farming. In 1890 the father moved from Jefferson to Lower Tyrone township, where he at present resides at the age of sixty-two years. The mother of the subject of this sketch is living at the age of sixty-five years. Her grandmother, Mary Patterson, ruled the first sheet of paper made west of the Allegheny mountains. The paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Elizabeth Higbee, who came to this section of Pennsylvania from New England. The grandfather Higbee was twice married. Two sons were born to the first marriage; to the second marriage four children were born, viz: Elizabeth, deceased; Sarah, wife of Elwood Crawford; Israel, father of the subject of this sketch, and John, three of whom are living. The maternal grandparents were Zephaniah Carter, a merchant of Brownsville, who married Mary Patterson, daughter of William and Mary Patterson, all of Fayette county, Pa. Zephaniah Carter was twice married. To the first marriage there were two children: Amanda, deceased, and Eliza Jane, the latter the mother of the subject of this sketch. His second marriage was to Mrs. Turnan, to whom there were born two daughters: Harriet, wife of Captain H. B. Cock, of Brownsville; Josephine, wife of ex-Sheriff Isaac Mason, of St. Louis, Mo. There were born to the parents of Mr. Higbee two children: E. C., the subject of this sketch, and Oliphant, two years younger, who is engaged in farming in Lower Tyrone township. He was married to Miss Hattie Strickler, daughter of Daniel S. and Sophia Strickler. Mr. Higbee, the subject of this

sketch, attended the public schools of Laurel-dale, and one term at the Merrittstown academy, after which he taught one winter. When sixteen years old he went to Mt. Union college at Alliance, Ohio, where he entered and remained for three years. After his return from college he accepted a professorship in the Monongahela college at Jefferson, Pa., where he remained for two years. From there he went to Waynesburg, where he taught one term. He returned to Monongahela college where he taught the classics and higher branches for one year. The latter half of 1895 he worked on the farm as he had registered to read law in June of that year. March 1, 1896, he entered the law office of Hon. S. Leslie Mestrezat, one of the present justices of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. There he completed his law course and was admitted to the bar June 11, 1897, at which time he was appointed by Judge Ewing to conduct his first case. September 17, 1897, he located in Connellsville, with office in the Dunn & Paine building. The style of the firm was Fulton & Higbee, but on February 1, 1900, the firm was changed to Sterling, Higbee & Dumbauld. The firm enjoys a large and lucrative practice in the courts of Fayette county. Mr. Higbee has not only demonstrated his ability in his chosen profession, but as a strong adherent to the principles of the Democratic party, his services as a campaign orator are always in demand by the leaders of the party whenever and wherever there is any hard campaigning to be done. In the presidential campaign of 1896 he made speeches both in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and his speeches were always effective. He was elected city attorney for Connellsville in 1898; was re-elected, and is the present incumbent; has defended two murder cases

and stands in the front rank among the young members of the Fayette County bar. Mr. Higbee was married September 22, 1897, to Miss Emma Lint, daughter of William and James Lint, of Fayette county. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Higbee, viz: Mestrezat Higbee, born January 17, 1899. The firm of Sterling, Higbee & Dumbauld have offices in Uniontown and Conneville, and commands a large practice. The parents of Mr. Higbee are members of the Presbyterian church.

ANDREW BROWN, banker and farmer, and one of the leading citizens of Fayette county, was born October 8, 1850, where he now resides, on the farm purchased by his grandfather in 1779, one and one-half miles east of Fayette City, in Washington township. He was educated in the district schools and the Fayette City high school, received a business education at the Iron City Commercial college, Pittsburg, and engaged in agriculture on his four hundred acre farm. He was one of the founders of the banking house of Binns, Cope & Brown, in Fayette City, and is still one of the firm. He was married October 13, 1897, to Miss Mary N., daughter of John S. Patterson, of Westmoreland county. They have one child, John Andrew, born December 19, 1898. Both are members of Rehoboth Presbyterian church, Fayette City. Mr. Brown is a Prohibitionist. His paternal grandfather, Andrew Brown, was born in Ireland in 1759. He emigrated to America in 1779, and settled on West Conococheague creek, in Franklin county, Pa. His wealth at that time consisted of one shilling. He remained there just long enough to make the money to bring him to Fayette county. When he came here he settled on Mill run, one and a half miles east

of Fayette City, where he bought a farm from Colonel Edward Cook. He engaged in farming, and continued in that occupation all his life. April 24, 1788, he married Jane Biggam, of Westmoreland county, Pa. They had seven daughters and three sons. Of the children, Hester and Andrew died young; Elizabeth married Hugh C. Ford; Nancy died single; Polly married Captain Duncan Campbell; Jane married John Moore; Martha C. died single; Margaret married James Torrance. Andrew Brown was for forty years an elder in the Presbyterian church of Rehoboth. He died March 27, 1823. Jane, his wife, departed this life April 7, 1833, aged sixty-nine years.

John was the seventh child, and the only one of the sons who grew to manhood. He was born April 1, 1805, and died April 15, 1872. His early life was passed upon his father's farm. His opportunities for early education were limited, being confined to the common schools. The little learning he gathered there was supplemented by extensive reading in after years. His father died in 1823, and the management of the farm devolved upon him. He proved himself a successful manager, and although a liberal giver to all benevolent causes, he added largely to what he inherited from his father. He was married December 12, 1844, to Sarah H. Power, of Allegheny county, Pa., and a daughter of Dr. James Power. They had five children: Ada and Anna, died at two years of age; Nannie J., died at the age of twenty; Mary Emma, married M. M. Willson, of Westmoreland county. They have one child living, Andrew Brown Willson. Andrew Brown, the only son, resides with his mother upon the old homestead. John Brown held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He was a man of

peace. He rarely charged anything for his services, and always counseled an amicable settlement of difficulties between neighbors. He was for many years an active member and liberal supporter of the Rehoboth Presbyterian church. His family are all members of the same communion. He left his family valuable possessions, a good name, lands, etc. His family and friends bless his memory, and love to tell of his charities, gentleness, lowliness of heart, and many other Christian graces. His virtues were many.

HARRY LUTHER KIEHL, physician and surgeon, Fayette City, Pa., was born at Scenery Hill, Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1867. He is a son of George and Anna (Dague) Kiehl, the former a farmer of Washington county, Pa. He is the eldest of a family of four sons, was educated in the district schools, California State Normal school and Waynesburg college, and studied medicine under Dr. J. Y. Scott, of Washington, Pa., graduating from the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1896. He entered at once upon the practice of his profession at Fayette City, where he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice and has the confidence and respect of all who know him. The doctor was united in marriage March 8, 1899, to Miss Edna L., daughter of James and Sarah Millinger, of Pittsburg. Both are members of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Kiehl is a member of the K. O. T. M., and Royal Arcanum. He is a Republican, and a credit to his chosen profession.

SAMUEL O'NEIL, coal operator and superintendent of the Fayette City coal works, was born at Beck's Run, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1843. He re-

ceived his education in the public schools and Duff's Commercial college, and began as bookkeeper and later acted as assistant superintendent, under his father at the coal works at Coal Valley, Allegheny county, Pa., and came to Fayette City with his father when he purchased the Fayette City coal works in 1887, entering upon his duties as superintendent of these works. The capacity of the mines is about thirty-five thousand bushels a day, and they employ about two hundred hands. Mr. O'Neil was married August 28, 1866, to Miss Martha, daughter of Abner Lloyd, of Huntingdon, Pa., and their children are: John S., bookkeeper for the company; Denny, deceased; Samuel, deceased; James A., employed at the mines; Margaret, Callie, Gertrude, William, employed at the mines; Catharine and Nixon. Mrs. O'Neil died January 19, 1895. Mr. O'Neil's second marriage was on July 3, 1897, when he married Mrs. Elinor Wilson, of Fayette City. The family are members of the M. E. church. Mr. O'Neil is a member of the F. and A. M., and Jr. O. U. A. M. He has served as councilman three times and is a Republican. John O'Neil, Sr., was born at Carlisle, Pa. His father was a devout Catholic, who came from Ireland to America previous to the war of the Revolution. He died and was buried in a Catholic cemetery. His widow and children joined the Methodist Episcopal church. His son, John O'Neil, Jr., was born in Allegheny county, received an elementary education in the old subscription schools, and was variously employed until 1848, when he engaged in the coal business. In 1887 he purchased the Fayette City coal works, which he operated until his death, March 12, 1889. July 22, 1837, he was married to Margaret Craven, daughter of James Craven, of Washington county, who lived



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three years beyond the age of a nonagenarian. Of their union was born six children: Sarah, dead; Samuel, Elizabeth, dead; Denny, James and John W. Denny is in the coal business in Tennessee. John O'Neil, Jr., was a man of sterling integrity and deservedly popular; he began business with but little capital, but acquired a fortune and lost most of it by reverses. He enjoyed the confidence of his associates and the respect of the public generally. During the strikes the men in his employ remained at their work, and always sustained and defended the course he pursued. During the late war he sought out and gave unsparingly of his means to the families of Union soldiers and lived to see the country again reunited and prosperous. He was a member of church, and for fifty years his house was a home for the minister of the gospel. The "Christian Advocate" said: "But few men of his time were more extensively or more favorably known by the people of Pittsburg. He was a patriot without boasting, and a Christian without cant. His loyalty and devotion to country and church alike made him popular. With all his public duties and repeated acts of beneficence, his immediate home circle was the center of his influence, and the recipient of his thought and sweetest affection."

LOUIS COPE was born at Redstone, Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the Cope farm, February 15, 1836. He is a descendant of Oliver Cope, a yeoman, who came from Wiltshire, England, in 1682, with William Penn, and purchased a farm property from said Penn at Naaman's creek, Chester county, Pa. John Cope, the youngest child of Oliver Cope, was born at Naaman's creek, November 26, 1723, and died June 14, 1770. He succeeded his father as

farmer on the original tract. He married Charity Evans, who bore him eight children. John, the fourth child of John and Charity Cope, was born at Naaman's creek, November 1, 1755, and also became a farmer in Chester county. He was married twice; first, to Grace Cloud, who bore him four children. His second wife, Mary Dickinson, had eleven children. He, with his family, moved to the present Cope farm in Jefferson township, Fayette county, in 1784, where he died September 5, 1805. Samuel Cope, the second child of John and Mary Cope, was born in Chester county, Pa., May 4, 1762. He received but little education, and became a scythe and sickle maker, and a well-to-do, prominent man. He married Sarah, daughter of John Willitts, of Virginia, in 1797. They had eight children: Rachel W., Jos. H., Samuel, Willitts, Lydia, Dawsey, Eliza and Elma. The family were Quakers. Mr. Cope was a Whig, and died November 4, 1854. Samuel Cope, son of Samuel and Sarah Cope, was born September 3, 1803, and spent his life on the home farm. He was married in 1829 to Miss Mercy, daughter of Samuel Vail, of Fayette county, who bore him five children: Jasper, died in infancy; Martha V., deceased, wife of the late Gibson Binns; Louis (our subject); Willitts, died aged twenty-one years, and Elma, wife of Wm. H. Binns. The father died April 25, 1843, and his wife died March 19, 1862. She was born January 17, 1808.

Louis Cope, farmer, banker, merchant and miller, received a good education in the district schools, and the Society of Friends (Quaker) boarding school at Mt. Pleasant, O., and followed farming until 1871. He then began dealing in stock (horses and cattle), following the same for seven years. He then opened a general store at what is now Gilles-

pie P. O., and after three years sold out, and bought the Red Lion store at Redstone P. O., where he still does business. He is also postmaster there. He was one of the founders of the Fayette City Bank, and in 1895 bought the Fayette City grist mill. He was married September 24, 1861, to Miss Hannah Y., daughter of Samuel Hollingsworth, of Ohio. She was born January 4, 1838. They had eight children: Florence N., wife of T. S. Lackey, of Uniontown; Edith G., at home; Priscilla P., wife of W. G. Goslin, New Kensington, Pa.; Martha B., wife of Frank W. Forsythe, of Fayette City; Samuel W., born in 1870, received a superior education, and after two years on the farm entered the Fayette City Bank, and later with his father purchased the Fayette City grist mill. He married January 8, 1896, Miss Elinor Alton, of Fayette City, and died February 28, 1896; Louis, who died at thirteen years old; Elma, who resides at home, and Jasper, a graduate of Duff's Commercial college, Pittsburg, and now associated with his father in operating the Fayette City mill.

JOSEPH A. MCKEE.—John McKee, a native of Ireland, learned the weaver's trade, and came to America at the beginning of the Revolutionary war and at once enlisted, serving four years. He married Mary Seaburn, who bore him the following children: Anna, born April 16, 1790; John, October 17, 1792; Thomas, January 22, 1796; Henry, May 11, 1798; Hugh, April 18, 1800; Catherine, January 29, 1802; Francis, September 19, 1806; Mary, January 17, 1808; Margaret, January 5, 1810; Jesse, January 6, 1812, and Ephraim, January 4, 1815. Of the sons, Hugh and Henry went to Washington county, Pa., and Thomas removed to Wayne county, O. The father

successively removed from his early home in Bucks county to residences in Northampton and Lycoming counties, and finally settled in Washington township, Fayette county, where he died in 1809. Francis McKee, the sixth child of John and Mary McKee, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., September 19, 1804, and came to Fayette county with his parents in 1809. He had no school privileges, but fitted himself and taught school for a time. He later secured a position as clerk in a store in Brownsville, and later opened a store for himself, and from this, step by step, worked up to a position of means and influence. He was a man of strong character and uncompromising integrity. He was stalwart in his affiliation with the Democratic party. He had especially pronounced convictions on the currency question, being radically opposed to banking on general principles, and National banking especially. As illustrative of his feeling on these political and economic subjects witness the birth record made by him of his son Joseph, the subject of this sketch: "And born of Democratic parents, shall be taught Democratic principles, and when he becomes a man I hope he will oppose the United States Bank." On March 22, 1836, he married Miss Joanne, daughter of Joseph Allen. Mr. Allen was a large property owner, which he accumulated by dint of indefatigable industry from an humble beginning. His first work for pay was the making with his own hands of a small boat (skiff). This he sold, and with the proceeds bought more lumber, with which he built several boats. From this modest start he managed to amass thirty thousand dollars, a fortune in those days. He died before attaining his forty-fifth year. To Mr. and Mrs. McKee were

born five children: Annette, born March 5, 1837, wife of John S. Harah, of Uniontown; Josephine, born April 15, 1838 (deceased), married S. S. Jock, of Decatur, Ill.; Joseph A., subject of this sketch; Mary (deceased), married Calvin Powers; Celia, born November 23, 1848, wife of A. L. Moser, of Uniontown. The father died December 15, 1863, and the mother, who resided with her daughter, Mrs. John S. Harah, in Uniontown, died September 6, 1899, in her eighty-fourth year. Joseph A. McKee, notary public, Fayette City, and one of the prominent men of the county, was born in Fayette City, December 4, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of Fayette City and Washington college. He was largely instrumental in getting the P. & L. E. R. R. extended to Fayette City. He was a justice of the peace for fifteen years, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum and F. and A. M., in which society he is a past master, and by service a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He married December 20, 1877, Susan M., daughter of the late Samuel and Margaret (Kuhns) Church. The late Samuel Church was proprietor for a number of years of the Fayette City glass works, which his father had founded. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. McKee have two children living: Frederick W., born October 11, 1880, and Margaret Elizabeth, born December 16, 1886. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McKee's handsome residence, which was built in 1876, is located on what is known as Whisky Mount, a spot commanding a comprehensive view of the Monongahela valley and the boroughs of Fayette City and Allentown. Whisky Mount received its name from its having been one of the camping places of the "Liberty Boys" during the Whisky Insurrection.

GEORGE W. SPALTER, of the firm of G. W. Spalter & Co., Fayette City, was born in that town April 29, 1858, and is a son of Christopher and Eliza Spalter. Christopher Spalter, born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1801, and a tailor by trade, came to America in 1844, and located at Fayette City, where he worked at his trade until his death in 1891. His second wife was Eliza Whetzler, of Fayette City, who bore him five children: Jennie (deceased); John W., of Pittsburg; George W.; William, of Fayette City, and Alberta. Mrs. Spalter lives in Fayette City. George W. Spalter attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered the store of John Mullen, where he was employed until 1887, when he and R. M. Thurkield bought the business, and have continued it successfully ever since. He married in 1889 Miss Addie, daughter of Daniel Harmony, of Fayette City. She died September 3, 1891. Mr. Spalter is one of the representative business men of Fayette City. He has twice been a member of the town council. He is a member of the M. E. church, the Free Masons and Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN ANDREW WILLSON, engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Fayette City, Pa., was born at Concord, O., August 10, 1862. He is a son of Zaccheus A. and Jemima Willson. His father, Zaccheus A., was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pa., September 29, 1829, and was a son of John A. Willson, who was a prominent farmer of Allegheny county. Zaccheus A. Willson was a carpenter by trade. He married Miss Jemima A., daughter of Jacob Harris, of Perry township, Fayette county, who bore him seven children: Wm. L., a miner of Fayette City; Charles,

who died in infancy; Harris P., a miner of Fayette City; John A., of whom we write; Anna L., wife of David Woodward, of Illinois; Minnie M., wife of Charles Brightwell, of Fayette City, and Orvis Z., a miner of Fayette City. Mr. Willson died in Allegheny City, Pa., August 15, 1871, and soon after Mrs. Willson moved to Fayette City, where she still lives. John A. Willson was nine years of age when his father died, and he went out to work among the farmers for his board and clothes and schooling, until sixteen years of age, when he entered the employ of Michael Slotterbeck, of Fayette City, to learn the tinner's trade. This he accomplished and remained in this man's employ until 1888, when he bought out the business and continued to be engaged therein until 1895. Then he sold out and bought the undertaking business of L. R. Walters, conducting the same until March 1, 1899. He then purchased the furniture business of J. N. Mullen, and combining the two, now conducts the only furniture and undertaking business in Fayette City. Mr. Willson married, June 14, 1888, Miss Anna, daughter of John Pfeighardt, of Fayette City. Mr. and Mrs. Willson had one child, Albert Benjamin Willson, who died when nearing his third birthday. Both are members of the M. E. church. Mr. Willson is a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 252, F. and A. M., the K. O. T. M. and Royal Arcanum. He has served two terms as school director. In politics he is a Republican, and ranks as a representative citizen and a self-made man.

EDWIN HOWARD McCUNE, postmaster of Fayette City, was born in Allegheny City, June 25, 1870, and is a son of the late William A. and Orthelia (Mullen) McCune. Edwin H. received his education in the Fayette

City high school, Indiana State Normal school, California State Normal school and Washington and Jefferson college. He began reading medicine under Dr. J. H. Gordon, now of Belle Vernon, but his health failing he gave up medicine and learned glass cutting, following the same two years. He then secured a position as bookkeeper for the Jutte Coal Company, remained there two years and was then elected one of the board of county auditors, serving in that capacity also two years, when he resigned to take the postmastership at Fayette City, to which he was appointed June 15, 1898. October 3, 1898, Mr. McCune married Miss Lida R., daughter of Albert G. Messmore, of Uniontown, Pa., and they have one child, Robert Mullen McCune. In politics Mr. McCune is a Republican.

Among the earlier settlers in the Cumberland valley was one, some of whose descendants were destined to become of historic interest. This was Hugh Brady, who emigrated from the north of Ireland about the year 1730, and settled in Cumberland county. At this time the county was settled only by a few Scotch and Irish emigrants, simple, religious and sincere. Here he reared a family of nine children: John, Joseph, Samuel, Hugh, William, Ebenezer, James, Margaret and Mary. Of these children John was the father of Captain Samuel Brady, the celebrated Indian fighter, and General Hugh Brady, of military fame. General Hugh Brady married Jean Young, and they had nine children. One of the daughters, Hannah Brady, married Samuel McCune. His brother, James McCune, was an eminent citizen of Greensburg, and represented the county in the State senate, and was at one time secretary of the Commonwealth. Samuel McCune, who married Hannah Brady,

was a son of James McCune, who with his brother came from Ireland about the middle of the last century and jointly took up a tract of four hundred and thirty-seven acres of land in Cumberland county, where some of his descendants now live. Samuel McCune had eight children. Hugh Brady McCune, the second son, was born October 11, 1805, died September 7, 1881. He married Isabel, daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (McKee) Kirkpatrick, January 11, 1832, a descendant of two of the oldest and most prominent families of Chambersburg. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters, only four of whom survive. William Alexander McCune, the second son, born April 27, 1844, died May 28, 1882. After acquiring his education he left Cumberland county and came to Fayette City, where he engaged in the drug business, and on October 25, 1866, was married to Miss Orthelia, daughter of R. G. Mullen, a prominent and wealthy merchant of that place. They had two sons, Robt. M. and Edward Howard. Robert M. was born August 27, 1867, and was married May 12, 1892, to Lulu P., daughter of D. P. and Sara (Harper) Tritt, of Dickinson township, Pa. Sarah Harper was a daughter of Hon. William Harper, of Penn township, Pa., who died March 31, 1873. He was a strong supporter of the Democratic party and was elected two terms as member of the legislature. Robert M. and Lulu McCune had two daughters, Frances Harper, born September 25, 1893, and died August 15, 1894, and Marguerite Mullen, born July 22, 1897. Robert M. McCune is a merchant of remarkable business ability, and occupies the same stand his grandfather, R. G. Mullen, did for so many years before him. The McCunes, Bradys and Mutchmores were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians

and came to this country together in a ship they christened the Dove (emblem of innocence). Rev. S. A. Mutelmore, D. D., one of the most widely known and prominent clergymen in the Presbyterian church (very lately deceased), was a grandson of General Hugh Brady's sister.

JOHN J. McFARLAND, the late popular proprietor of the Central hotel, of Dunbar, was born at Mapletown, Greene county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Susan (Brown) McFarland. Jacob McFarland was born in Greene county in 1824, and died in 1880. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, was a large contractor and builder and extensively engaged in the lumber business. Some years prior to his death he came to Fayette county and died in Connellsville. Seven sons and six daughters were born to Jacob and Susan McFarland: Rebecca, deceased; Mary Ann, John J., Jesse, James Lindsay, deceased; Caroline and Sarah Ellen, deceased; Malinda, Thomas, Minor, Dallas, Jacob and William. John J. McFarland attended the schools of his native county until he was twenty years of age, and one year later he went to Ohiopyle, where he engaged in the lumber business for six years. He then erected a planing mill at Uniontown, where he was largely engaged in the lumber business and contracting. After the great strike in 1892 and the business stagnation that followed, he sold his planing mill and went into the hotel business. He has been in Dunbar since 1894, and the hotel of which he was proprietor is one of the best and most complete in the county, and was finished in 1899. He was a genial host and received a liberal patronage. Mr. McFarland was married first to Miss Annie, daughter of J. D. Vanhorn, of Mt. Pleasant,

Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1877, and they had three children: Frank, a graduate of the public schools of Dunbar, and book and time-keeper at the Blue Stone furnace; Caroline, a graduate of the public schools of Dunbar, and Winifred, who is still attending school. Mr. McFarland's last wife was Miss Jennie, daughter of Dr. B. A. Feichner, of Confluence, Somerset county, Pa. There are by the last marriage two children, Lindsay Feichner and John J. Mr. McFarland is an uncompromising Democrat and has figured actively in all the important political battles of the county for a number of years, and in the contest between McKinley and Bryan he served as an elector on the Democratic ticket. He is a great admirer of William J. Bryan and the principles of the Chicago platform of 1896, and refused to withdraw from the ticket, although solicited by a number of the gold standard papers to do so. Mr. McFarland was for six years mercantile appraiser for Fayette county. He has a host of friends and is very popular in the county.

JOSEPH H. WILSON, a leading citizen and justice of the peace of Dunbar, was born April 23, 1863, in Dunbar, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Tedrow) Wilson. Samuel Wilson was born in Pennsylvania and at present resides in Georges township, near Fairchance, where he owns real estate and was for thirty-four years a citizen of Dunbar, where he owns real estate, which he purchased from Dr. Longanecker, of Fairchance. He is sixty-one years of age, while his wife is sixty. The maternal grandparents were Michael and Ellen Tedrow, the former of German, the latter of Irish descent. Eight children were born to Samuel and Nancy Wilson, all of whom are living: Ida May, wife of Samuel Coyle; Joseph H. (subject);

Ella, wife of Chas. Bryner; George, married and lives in Dunbar; Charles, also lives in Dunbar; Belle, John and Gertrude, all at home on the farm. Joseph H. Wilson attended the public schools of Dunbar until he was sixteen years old, when he went to learn the trade of engineer, at which he continued until the spring of 1889. He then went to Johnstown, where he had charge of machinery, and remained there until the destruction of the town by the flood and was a witness to the same. He was married June 22, 1889, to Miss Jennie A., a daughter of Thomas and Ellen Blacka, of Waynesburg, Pa. Two children bless that union, Beatrice, born August 29, 1891, at Homestead, Pa., and Earl, born August 11, 1893, at same place. Mr. Wilson was for some time a resident of Homestead, but returned to Dunbar in 1897. He is a Republican and stands high in the community. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has been since he was twenty-four years of age. The parents of Mr. Wilson are members of the M. E. church, while he holds the same belief. He was a resident of Homestead when the great strike occurred, and was an eye-witness of the scenes then enacted. Mr. Wilson is deservedly popular and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

WILLIAM JACOBS, a popular and substantial young business man of Dunbar, Pa., was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 28, 1870. He is a son of David and Jane (McConnell) Jacobs. The parents of Mr. Jacobs were both natives of Londonderry, Ireland, and are now deceased. David Jacobs came to this country when sixteen years of age and located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed until he was twenty-one years of age. He then en-

tered the United States navy, in which he served for a period of four years, from the beginning to the close of the Civil war. After his term of service in the navy had expired, he returned to Brooklyn, where he resumed his trade, following the same until 1875, when he removed to Dunbar. David Jacobs was married to Jane McConnell, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, who came to Brooklyn, New York, with her parents, and was married in Brooklyn. She was a daughter of William and Jane McConnell, both natives of Ireland. The maternal grandparents both returned to Ireland and died there. The paternal grandparents were David and Martha Jacobs. David Jacobs died in Ireland, but his wife came to this country after the death of her husband. Six children were born to David and Martha Jacobs: David, the father of the subject of this sketch; George, a native of Ireland, who came to this country when a young man, located in Brooklyn, New York, where he followed the latter's trade, and after remaining in Brooklyn for several years removed to Dunbar about 1878; Elizabeth, came to Brooklyn, New York, where she married John Goodwin, and where she now resides; Annie (deceased), was the wife of John McDuff, a resident of Brooklyn; Maggie single, is a resident of Brooklyn; William, died in Ireland when a mere youth. David Jacobs came to Dunbar in 1875, and was a coke drawer at Reed's works. Later he engaged in the retail grocery business in Dunbar, which he followed for sixteen years, until his death, and with his wife and mother-in-law are buried at Connellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were both members of the Presbyterian church, he being one of the organizers of the Dunbar Presbyterian church. He was also a member of Post No. 165, G. A. R., at Dunbar, and a Republican in poli-

tics. He was a member of the first board of the council after the incorporation of the borough, and served four years as a member of that body. He was an active worker for the success of his party. Three sons were born to David and Jane Jacobs: William, the subject of this sketch; James, born February 16, 1872, was educated in the public schools of Dunbar, and is boss at a large coal works at Fairmont, W. Va.; David Moxwell, born in Dunbar, Pa., February 4, 1874, educated in the public schools of Dunbar and also attended a school of pharmacy in Pittsburgh, and is a graduate of the Columbus, O., school of pharmacy, and has been in the drug business for a period of six years. William Jacobs, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Dunbar, and left school when twenty-two years of age to accept a situation as clerk in the general store of J. M. Husted in Dunbar, and has been with the firm of Husted & Semans since its organization in 1894. He is a member of the Dunbar Presbyterian church and has been a member of the Knights of Pythias since 1891, and is also a charter member of Dunbar Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and takes an active interest in the success of his party. He has served as executive committeeman for Dunbar township, and is at present auditor of the borough of Dunbar. He is popular and stands high in the community. He is honest and fair in his dealings, and there is no young man in the township who has more friends or who is more popular than William Jacobs.

HARRY COOK, auditor and accountant for the Dunbar Furnace Company, was born October 26, 1853, in Easton, Pennsylvania. He is a son of James and Elizabeth Cathe-

rine (Wilhelm) Cook. James H. Cook was born in Stewartville, N. J., and died in 1880 at the age of sixty-three years. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and moved to Philadelphia in 1855. His wife was of German descent. Six children were born to James and Elizabeth Cook: Frank, William, Mary, Harry (subject), Elizabeth and Frederick. Harry Cook received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia and Lafayette college. At the age of eighteen he accepted a situation in a wholesale hardware house in Philadelphia; later he entered the employ of the National Life Insurance Company, and successively was in the employ of the Union Transfer Company, in the auditing department, and the Reading express, in their offices in Philadelphia. In January, 1887, he came to Dunbar to accept a place in the office of the Dunbar Furnace Company, which he has filled to the present time with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the firm with which he is connected. The thirteen years that Mr. Cook has devoted to the interests of the Dunbar Furnace Company furnish the strongest proof of his worth and ability, and the appreciation of the same by those men who own and furnish the financial backing for so large a concern as the Dunbar Furnace Company. They are men of strong business judgment, and are quick to recognize ability and to appreciate worth. He was married to Mrs. Elmira W. Potter in March, 1882. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook: Harriet Warner, James H. and Benjamin C. Mr. Cook is a member of the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection of Philadelphia, the Royal Arcanum, Council No. 754, at Dunbar, Pa. He has filled all the chairs and is at present district grand deputy regent, and is representative of Dunbar Council to the Grand Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook are Episcopalians, as were their ancestors. While prudent in politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He has many friends, and when he takes an active interest can easily make himself felt in local politics. Mr. and Mrs. Cook take a leading part socially and are thoroughly appreciated by the young people of Dunbar. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Cook was Dr. Silas Cook, of Scotch descent, who in his day was a leading physician of New Jersey, where he died. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary Wilhelm, of German descent.

DR. WILLIAM W. WARNE, a prominent physician of Dunbar, Pa., was born November 14, 1862, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Nicholls) Warne, the former a native of Washington county and a successful farmer, who died in February, 1896, at the age of seventy-four years, and the latter a daughter of James and Rebecca (Devore) Nicholls, of Allegheny county, Pa., was born near Round Hill, in September, 1836, and is living at the age of sixty-three. The paternal grandfather, Major James Warne, came from New Jersey when quite a youth with his parents, and located near Monongahela City in Washington county, where he married a Miss Parkerson, who resided near Parkerson's ferry, in Washington county. He was engaged in mercantile business and also interested in farming. He died in 1856 at the age of seventy-three, and his wife died about ten years later aged eighty-four. The maternal grandfather, James Nicholls, died in 1848, at the age of sixty-two, and the maternal grandmother died about 1880, aged eighty-three. There were born to Hiram and Elizabeth (Nicholls) Warne five sons and two

daughters: James Calvin, Rebecca Florence, Allen Clark, cashier of a bank, and lives in Washington county; Boyd Elmer, an attorney in Washington, Pa.; Howard Fulton, a farmer, near Washington; Marietta May and William W., subject of this sketch. Dr. Warne attended the public schools of his county, was graduated from Washington and Jefferson college in the class of 1886, and entered Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, graduating in 1889. Dr. Warne first located at Wilmerding, where he remained two years, and then came to Dunbar, where he has a large and lucrative practice and ranks highly as a physician. He is a man of fine literary attainments and skilled in his profession. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Dunbar, and also belongs to the Independent Order of Heptasophs and the Jr. O. U. A. M. He is a Republican in politics. His father, prior to the war, was a Democrat, but was a Republican at the time of his death. Dr. Warne was married October 16, 1895, to Miss Mary Belle, daughter of George and Martha (Scott) Porter, of Dunbar, and they have one child, Boyd, born January 18, 1897.

GEORGE HENRY SWEARINGEN, a prominent business man and leading citizen of Dunbar borough, was born February 13, 1853, at Hopwood, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, a noted place on the National Road, and now a suburb of Uniontown. He is a son of Daniel and Mary Elizabeth Swearingen, received an academical education at Hopwood and Uniontown, and when sixteen years of age, desiring to learn the trade of painter, went to Pittsburg, where he followed painting on steamboats until 1871. He then served as a clerk at Broad Ford for E. H. Reed, and when the latter sold out, accepted a clerkship with Watt, Reed & Company, of

Dunbar, which he held until 1876. In that year he became a partner with George W. Porter in the general mercantile business at Dunbar, buying out Mr. Porter on October 13, 1880, and three years later removed his store from his present dwelling and across the street to a building which was burned in 1893, with a loss of five thousand dollars above the insurance. Mr. Swearingen (then at the World's Fair) returned and soon opened a store in his present brick building, originally built for a wareroom. He does over forty thousand dollars worth of business yearly, is a large property holder in the borough and is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and he and his family are communicant members of the Dunbar Presbyterian church. He is a Republican, and one who is well acquainted with him says: "George H. Swearingen is a strong adherent to the principles of government taught by Alexander Hamilton and Abraham Lincoln and put into execution by the able and patriotic administration of William McKinley. He stands high in the councils of his party, and believing the principles of that party to stand for that which is noblest and best in our civil and political institutions, as well as for the material development and social advancement of our people and our country. He is an ardent supporter and indefatigable worker for the success of his party. Mr. Swearingen has been an active factor in the politics of Fayette county for the past fifteen years. For a number of years he has been a member of the executive committee of Fayette county, as well as a committeeman for the borough of Dunbar. He was appointed postmaster at Dunbar by President McKinley, and the appointment was confirmed by the United States Senate June 15, 1897. Mr.

Swearingen served as Congressman Acheson's (of the Twenty-fourth Congressional district) first conferee, and is a staunch supporter of Senator Quay. He is liberal in his views, yet firm in his convictions, of strong personality and prepossessing in appearance, possessed of clear cut and well defined features, that would quickly impress even a stranger with the true worth and high character of the man. He is generous, yet judicious in all matters. He enjoys the highest esteem, regard and confidence of all whose privilege it is to know him. Mr. Swearingen has been a resident of Dunbar for twenty-seven years, and has taken an active interest in every move that would be of material interest to the place, and enjoys an enviable reputation with all classes for his high sense of honor and his unimpeachable integrity in business transactions, which are striking traits of a well rounded character. Mr. Swearingen was married December 23, 1875, to Miss Sarah M. Porter, daughter of Alexander and Mary Ann (Watt) Porter, the latter natives of the North of Ireland, but old and prominent citizens of this community. The parents of Mrs. Swearingen are both dead. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen: May, an accomplished daughter, who attends the Pittsburg Female college, and was successful in winning the medal awarded for excellency in music, and Sadie, now deceased. Mr. Swearingen in a reminiscent mood can relate much of interest in connection with the past history of Fayette county. He has a vivid recollection of the first locomotive to enter Uniontown on the B. & O. R. R., which was the first road constructed to that place; also remembers to have seen, when a boy, the drovers with their innumerable herds of cattle, sheep and turkeys, pass through Uniontown on the Na-

tional Road, for the Washington, Baltimore and other Eastern markets, when he and his boy associates would aid them in crossing the mountains. Mr. Swearingen, although a man in the prime of life, remembers distinctly when Fayette was a county of plain and substantial farmers, and has witnessed her change in the past thirty years to the richest coal and coke district in the world. He has seen her citizens rise from the humble walks of life to the fabulous wealth of a Croesus. In his day he has witnessed the development of a half hundred mines, either of which is as rich as the famous Golconda. The Swearingens trace their ancestry back to 1636, the date of the birth of Gerret Van Swearingen at Beemsterdam, Holland. He was a younger son of one of the nobility of that country, and of liberal education. He was connected with the Dutch West India Company, and in 1656, when that company fitted out the ship "Prince Maurice," with emigrants and supplies for the Dutch colony on the Delaware river, he was appointed its supercargo. This vessel sailed from the port of Amsterdam on the 21st of December, 1656, and was to have touched at New Amsterdam (New York city); but on March 8, 1657, was stranded off Fire Island, now the southern coast of Long Island. The following day, in freezing weather, the passengers and crew in a frail boat got to the barren shore, where they remained several days without fire. On the third day they saw some Indians, one of whom was sent with word to Stuyvesant, then governor of New Amsterdam, who came with a sloop and carried them to that place. A part of the cargo of the stranded ship had been saved before the ship went to pieces, and was put on board another ship chartered at New Amsterdam, and on the 16th of April they sailed for their

destination, which they reached in safety in five days. According to an account furnished by Gerret Swearingen, the colonists sailed for New Castle, Delaware, on the "Beaver," a vessel hired in New York, after the wreck of the "Prince Maurice," and with a company of soldiers consisting of sixty men to take possession of the fort, then called New Castle, April 25, 1657, when the soldiers of the West India Company quitted the same. Gerret Swearingen was married to Miss Barbara De Barrette, who was born at Vallennes, France. He was sheriff, commissary and a member of the council, was interested in the cultivation of some lowlands, a duck pond, etc. In 1660 he and his wife visited Holland, where they remained for one year and a half. Shortly after the surrender of New Amsterdam in 1664, he removed to Maryland, and in April, 1669, he and his wife and two children, on their petition to Lord Baltimore, were naturalized as English subjects. The importance of this act will be seen when it is stated that the ownership of the land was restricted to British subjects. He was an "innholder" at St. Mary's, and owned land in that and Talbot counties. In the proclamation of the charter of the city of St. Mary's, issued by Lord Baltimore, in 1668, he was appointed an alderman of the city, and in 1674 he built the city's stocks and whipping post. He was appointed sheriff of the county in 1686, and again in 1687. Barbara, his wife, died in 1670, and he married Mary Smith, of St. Mary's, October 5, 1676. He died in 1698, and his wife some years later. The issue of the first marriage were Elizabeth, Zacharia and Thomas; and of the second marriage, Joseph, Charles, Eleanor, who married a Carroll; Theresa, Dorothy and one other daughter, who married William Bladen. Thomas Swearingen was born

in St. Mary's, Md., about 1665. His wife's given name was Jane. He resided in Somerset county, where he died in 1710, and where he owned land. He left four sons, Thomas, Van, Samuel and John. The family is divided into four branches, each branch representing the descendants of one of the four named sons. Thomas was born in Somerset county, Md., about 1688, and married Lizzie Riley in 1712. She was born in 1691, and died in 1764. He settled in 1734 on the Potomac near the present site of Shepherdstown, W. Va., where he remained until his death, and accumulated great wealth. He had two sons, Thomas and Van. From these that branch of the family became numerous, and has turned out many distinguished men, some of whom were gallant soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and officers high in military rank, intimate friends and advisers of Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, and stood high in the councils of the nation. The second branch descended from Van Swearingen, known as "Maryland Van," who was probably born in Somerset county, Md., about 1692. He married Elizabeth Walker. He lived in Washington county, Md., where he died at the age of one hundred and nine years, having lived in three centuries. He has had many descendants, who are numerous in nearly every State of the Union. Samuel Swearingen, founder of the third branch, was probably born in Somerset county, Md., about 1700, and emigrated to Edgecombe county, N. C., about 1735; he resided in Edgecombe and Anson counties. His sons were Isaac, Eli, Van, John, Bowling, Henry, Frederick, Thomas and Richard. They fought valiantly in the Revolutionary war, in which they became officers. They left numerous descendants in all the Southern States. Many of them inherited the military

genius of their ancestors and have been gallant soldiers in every way in which this country has participated, and have been and are to-day leaders in every State in legislation, in the professions and in business pursuits.

John Swearingen, founder of the fourth branch, was born in Somerset county, Md., in 1702, and emigrated to Montgomery county, Md., settling on Rock creek not far from where the city of Washington now stands. Issue: Thomas, Samuel, Van and John and several daughters. Thomas, a son of John Swearingen was born about 1730 in Montgomery county, Md. He was married twice, his children numbered upwards of twenty, and among them were John, Thomas, Daniel, Elimelech, Samuel, William, Van, Josiah and Hezekiah. Daniel was born in Montgomery county, Md., about 1755, and married Eleanor Dawson. He settled in Brooke county, Va., near Steubenville, O. His descendants are as follows: Thomas, who married a Wilcoxon and was sheriff of Hancock county, Va., later moved to Illinois; Eleanor, married Thomas Moss; George Dawson, married Elizabeth Swearingen, and died in Natchez; Henry, born in 1787, and married Mary Swearingen; settled near Steubenville, O.; was sheriff of Jefferson county several terms and representative in congress from 1840-41 from an Ohio district. He died returning from California by water and was buried at sea. Lemuel and Samuel married Wilcoxons. William Dawson was born October 30, 1800, and married Elizabeth Swearingen. Daniel was born in 1796, married Nellie Swearingen, and died in Iowa in 1864. Nicholas Dawson married an Owens and resided in Huron City, O.; Ruth married Benoni Swearingen; Elimelech Swearingen was born in the Pan Handle, Va., December 31, 1791; he married Sarah Wilcoxon June 11,

1810, and lived near Wellsville, O., farming and milling until 1839, when he moved to Hanover, O., where he died July 20, 1876. The family were Presbyterians and he was in the war of 1812.

William Dawson Swearingen was born October 30, 1800, and married Elizabeth Swearingen. They lived in Fayette county, Pa., near Uniontown, where he died in 1868, and she in 1879. Issue: Rebecca, George, Dawson, Elizabeth, William D. and Daniel. Rebecca married William McCleary and died in Uniontown. Her children were: Ewing, a successful merchant at Jefferson, Greene county, Pa.; Elizabeth Dawson, married Matthew Holmes and lives at Clarksburg, W. Va., and Catherine, who married Warren Mitchell and resides at Washington, D. C., where he is in the Government service. George Dawson Swearingen married Lucinda J. Schaffer, and died in 1889. Issue: Elizabeth, married W. P. Tinkham; Isabel, teacher in the Kansas Wesleyan university at Salina, and George P., a conductor on the Union Pacific R. R. Elizabeth married Rev. William Wallace and lives at Waynesburg, Greene county, Pa. William D. was born September 20, 1832, and is married. He is in the flour mill business at Uniontown. Issue: William, deceased; Mary and Ellen. Daniel was born August 3, 1827, and married Mary E. Ingle in 1852. He was born in North Union township, Fayette county, reared on a farm and learned the trade of painting, and is at present living in Uniontown. Mary E. Ingle was born in 1835; was a daughter of John P. and Catherine Ingle, who came to Fayette county from near Hagerstown, Md., and settled at Hopwood, Pa., in the early part of this century. Daniel Swearingen served in company A, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry,

and fought gallantly in many battles. He was at Gettysburg and the Wilderness and was slightly wounded once during his service as a soldier. There were born to Daniel and Mary E. (Ingle) Swearingen the following children: George Henry (the subject of this sketch); Catherine, at home with her parents; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Chas. E. Kremer, of Uniontown; Rebecca, wife of William Case, Uniontown; Minnie, wife of Amzi Crawford, Uniontown; John, conductor on a railroad from Kansas City, Mo., to Council Bluff, Iowa; Jacob S., married Miss Lizzie Porter, and is merchandizing with his brother George H. in Dunbar, Pa.; Catherine, at home, and Daniel, who died when a mere child.

Elizabeth Swearingen, wife of William Dawson Swearingen, and grandmother on the father's side of George H. Swearingen, was a daughter of William Swearingen, the latter born in Montgomery county, Md., in 1766, and married Elizabeth Dawson. They removed to and lived in Fayette county, Pa. He served as a colonel in the war of 1812. Their children were: George, Samuel, William, who married Ruth Swearingen; Nellie, married John Gilchrist; Polly, married Charles McLaughlin; Elizabeth, married William Dawson Swearingen, and Kate, married John K. Bryson. George Swearingen was born in Fayette county, Pa., November 12, 1794, and married Elizabeth Swearingen. She died and he married again. He died in 1878 and his widow resides in Allegheny City, Pa. Issue: William, born in 1820, and married Dorcas Bryson. They lived near Uniontown, where he died in 1873. Lizzie married William E. Barrett and resides in Connellsville. William B. married Margaret J. Francis and lives on and owns the old homestead settled by his great-

grandfather, which originally included many other adjoining farms. The property has been in the family for more than a hundred years. Annie F. married J. V. E. Ellis, a prominent citizen of Uniontown, where they at present reside. Emma L. teaches music in Uniontown. John Q. is a leading attorney of Uniontown, and graduated from Mt. Pleasant institute in 1886 with the highest honors of his class, and in 1888 graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity.

William Swearingen, who was born in Montgomery county, Md., in 1766, was a son of Samuel Swearingen, who was born about 1732 in the same place and married Catherine Condell. Shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war he settled in what is now Hanover township, Beaver county, Pa. His house was the stopping place for the Indian scouts; the farm that he settled still belongs to his descendants. His daughter Mary married Jacob Colvin and lived near her father in Beaver county. On account of her beautiful hair, the Indians fancied her and wanted her to be the wife of a chief. She and her husband and child were returning home from a visit to her parents, both on the same horse, when the Indians fired on them with the intention, as it was subsequently ascertained, of killing Colvin and capturing his wife. Both were wounded and fell from the horse. The Indians then rushed up, and although Colvin endeavored to save his wife and child, he was compelled to flee. Securing aid he soon returned, but found his wife and child dead. The other children of Samuel are William, John, Van, Thomas, Samuel, Basil and Zachariah.

The father of Samuel, who was born in 1732, and married Catherine Condell, was

John Swearingen, the head of the fourth branch of the family. John Swearingen was born in 1702 in Somerset county, Md., and emigrated to Montgomery county, Md., and settled on Rock creek, near the present site of Washington, D. C.

It can be seen here from the concise history given of the family that it has in every generation sustained with dignity the worthy name of its illustrious ancestors. The name Swearingen is so intimately associated with the civil, political and military history of some sections of this country, that it will ever be a proud heritage to future generations. The name Van Swearingen was changed to Swearingen, the prefix Van being dropped by numerous members of the American branch of the family.

JOHN LESTER KEFFER is the oldest son of Lutelles L. and Keziah (Miller) Keffer, and was born on the farm now known as the Hill farm in Dunbar township, February 20, 1854, under the administration of Franklin Pierce, a few months before the birth of the Republican party. His paternal grandfather, Peter Keffer, of German descent, came from the east and settled in Bullskin township, Fayette county, in the early part of the present century. His wife was Elizabeth Keffer. Peter Keffer was a blacksmith and in connection with his shop also conducted a farm. The father of the subject of this sketch was the youngest of a large family, and was born March 17, 1837, and is living at the age of sixty-two. When but sixteen years of age he married Miss Keziah Miller, a daughter of John and Sarah R. Miller, both natives of New Jersey, who came to Fayette county in 1810 and located in Dunbar township, where they owned property. John Miller died in 1865, and his wife

died in 1883 at the age of eighty-nine years. There were fourteen children born to John and Sarah Miller, of whom Keziah was the twelfth, and she is still living at the age of sixty-four years. The ancestors, as well as the immediate family of Mr. Keffer, were members of the Methodist church. Mr. Keffer's father and grandfathers were Democrats, and both the latter served in the war of 1812 under General Harrison, and although Democrats, supported General Harrison for the presidency in 1840. The grandfather Miller was hauled to the polls in 1864 and cast his last vote for G. B. McClelland for president; his ten sons, two of whom were in the army, also supported "Little Mac."

The first school he attended was old Franklin school, now used as the residence of the keeper of Franklin cemetery. From an infant he was a lover of books, and in every school he attended he won the respect and approbation of his teachers, among whom were John Junk, John R. Bunker, Robert Allen, Annon McDowell, A. M. Haggerty, Mary Herron and J. N. Anderson. At the age of sixteen he left the public schools and for the next four years was connected in the capacity of timekeeper and coal weighmaster with the coke firm of E. M. Ferguson & Co. In August, 1874, in order to fit himself to take charge of that company's books he attended the Actual Business college of Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated early the next year. Returning home when the panic following the demonetization of silver was at its height and finding the coke works idle, with no immediate prospect of starting, he helped construct the S. W. P. R. R. and in the centennial year (the H. C. Frick Co. in the meantime having been organized and having absorbed the Ferguson

plant) he worked at manual labor for the then fire-brick firm of Bliss & Marshall. During this year he met J. N. Anderson, and was by him led again to take up his studies and prepare for teaching. He secured a certificate in 1877, under County Superintendent W. H. Cooke, and taught the Hughes school that winter, attending the next succeeding summers the Greensburg Normal school and taking in addition the C. L. S. C. reading course. With the exception of parts of two terms he has since taught continuously. Mr. Keffer entered the arena of politics not as a candidate, but as an active worker before he had attained his majority, and in 1875, unacquainted with the methods Republicans adopt to reduce the Democratic vote and believing them sincere in their professions of loyalty to the Prohibition cause, cast his first ballot for Brown and Penny-packer, the Prohibition candidates for governor and lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. As these candidates had but seven votes in Dunbar No. 1, and Mr. Keffer could account for five of the seven, he cut clear from those who preached but did not practice, and allied himself with the cause of the plain people, winning his first laurels in the congressional fight between Hon. E. C. Pechin and Hon. C. E. Boyle in 1876. Since then he has been prominently identified with his party, as one of the most active and persistent workers in the ranks. He walks about with the proverbial chip on his shoulder, ready at all times, in all places and under all circumstances to do battle for his party, and his wide course of general reading, his apparently inexhaustible storehouse of accurate historical knowledge, his recognized readiness in debate, and his cool mastery of sarcasm make him an adversary few of his opponents care to meet. Yet all admit

he is absolutely fair in debate, will take no unfair advantages of an opponent, but will stand by the facts, hold to the truth and hew to the lines. His political services in the press, on the stump and at the polls are recognized and appreciated by his party, whose leaders know he can neither be bribed, persuaded nor frightened. Mr. Keffer is a member of the national bureau of volunteer speakers, whose headquarters are at St. Louis, Mo., and whose duty is to use every opportunity to advance the cause of bimetallicism; a member of the American Bimetallic union of Washington, D. C., a great admirer of Mr. Bryan, and one of the most ardent believers in and advocates of the Chicago platform. His private envelopes contain the following (his) condensation of that famous document: "16 to 1—No Compromise. Equality of Justice. Equality of Opportunity; a Revenue Tariff; and Income Tax; Death to Trusts; No Bank Domination; No Government by Injunction. We Propose to Fight it out on this line." His home is adorned with portraits of great Democrats, and his extensive library with books explaining and defending his faith. He is also a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Uniontown, and of the M. E. church of Dunbar. As a teacher he ranks among the very first in the county, and is always in demand at teachers' institutes where his speeches are accorded attention, and his decisions considered authority. He is the only teacher in Dunbar township ever appointed by the State superintendent of public instruction to a place on the permanent certificate committee. Mr. Keffer has been twice married. First to Miss Mary J. Dalton, of Trenton, N. J., April 25, 1882, and second on May 19, 1897, to Miss Adda Herrington, a teacher and the eldest daugh-

ter of B. F. Herrington, of Masontown. Three children, Anna J., aged sixteen; Sadie Ray, aged fourteen, and Grover C., aged thirteen, represent the first marriage, and one, John Herrington (a year old), the second marriage. Mr. Keffer is five feet eight and one-half inches tall, medium build, dark complexion and hazel eyes. His health is good and the future has promise for him of still greater usefulness. His pastime when out of the school room is gardening and poultry raising, and he is also a pigeon fancier, and a great admirer of the peerless queen of the dairy, the Jersey cow.

WILLIAM DEAN BLACKA, son of Richard and Eden (Dean) Blacka, was born in Bridgeport, Fayette county, Pa., March 24, 1844. His parents were natives of England, and were married when they came to this country. They located first in Brownsville, and later settled at Pike Run, Washington county. The father was by trade a plasterer and roofer and put the roof on the old stone bank in Brownsville. After his death, his widow married a Mr. Wynn, of Brownsville, and both died about the same time at Bridgeport. Sixteen children were born to Richard and Eden (Dean) Blacka, four of whom are living: Thomas at Homestead, Pa.; Annie, single; Robert, on the home place in Washington county, and William Dean Blacka, subject of this sketch. Mr. Blacka attended the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in an independent company, commanded by Captain Greenfield, and fought valiantly in a number of battles, until 1864 when he was detached from the above company and mustered in Company B, of the 22d Pennsylvania Regiment. Captain Greenfield was made lieutenant-colonel of the 22d Pennsylvania Regiment, and this regiment was in

many hard fought engagements, and was considered one of the best and most effective in the Valley of Virginia. Mr. Blacka was honorably discharged after three years of service. After returning from the war he entered the oil belt of Greene county, where he remained for two years, drilling for oil, and where he was married to Miss Barbara Wilkinson, a daughter of Samuel Wilkinson, of Greene county. Six children were born to this union: Robert H., a clerk at the Racket store in Uniontown; Thomas Milton (deceased); Samuel R., drives a team at Mahoney; William (deceased); Elva E., wife of Thomas Kelly, of Dunbar township, and Albert Ellsworth, driver of a team for his father at Dunbar, Pa. Mr. Blacka is a member of the G. A. R. Post, 165, at Dunbar. He is a Republican, and has ever taken an active interest in the success of his party, and has served both as delegate and committeeman. He is a consistent member of the M. P. church. He has resided in Dunbar for more than twenty years, and by his energy, industry and perseverance he has reared a family and saved something for the declining years of his life.

JOHN MILLER McDOWELL, a leading citizen and druggist of Dunbar, Pa., was born on December 11, 1853, in Dunbar township, Pa. He is a son of William Henry and Rebecca (Miller) McDowell, of Dunbar. William Henry McDowell was a native of Wharton township, but has for many years resided in Dunbar township. The grandfather, Andrew McDowell, was a native of Ireland, who came to this country during the early history of the Republic, and died sixty years ago. The maternal grandfather was John Miller. There were born to John Miller nine sons and five daughters. Five



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children were born to William H. and Rebecca McDowell: John, immediate subject of the sketch; Sarah Jane, wife of Harvey Holland, and who resides in Dunbar; Bradford Wilson, a resident of Georges township, and who is a track layer in the mines for the H. C. Frick Co.; Adam Keffer, a resident of North Union township, formerly in the mercantile business, but at present farming and running teams; William Alexander, a resident of North Union township and employed in laying tracks for the H. C. Frick Co., was also formerly in the mercantile business. John M. McDowell received a limited education in the public schools of Fayette county, only attending school about one year. He started in life on his own resources, and worked at the mines for a number of years. He was married in 1877 to Miss Margaret Matthews, daughter of William Matthews, of North Union township. Seven children bless that union: Thomas William, born January, 1880; Elizabeth, October, 1882; Clara Rebecca, January, 1885; Isa Pearl, October, 1888; John Irwin, August, 1892; Ethel, December, 1895; Margaret Isabel, November 30, 1898, all of whom are living. Mrs. McDowell is one of a family of fourteen children. Mr. McDowell was for some years engaged in the mercantile business in North Union township, conducting two stores; one was destroyed by fire, and he sold the other to the McClure Coke Co. Mr. McDowell has been burned out twice, losing heavily each time. In one fire he lost six hundred dollars in money. He has always been generous and willing to aid those in distress whenever it is in his power to do so; he lost more than ten thousand dollars during the big strike. Notwithstanding all this, he has been successful in business, and has accumulated

a good property, owning a fine drug store in Dunbar; also other fine properties in Dunbar, and is heavily interested in timber and devotes much of his time to that business. He is a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M., and Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar. He is a Democrat, and has served as school director for North Union township, and is at present a director at Dunbar. He has been solicited by his friends to run for county commissioner, but refused as his business is of such importance he could not give it up.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER HUGHES, a prominent and successful lumberman and farmer, was born on the Hughes homestead, near the place where he now resides. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Butler) Hughes, of Dunbar township. William Hughes, Sr., was born in Shade township, Somerset county, Pa., and when six years of age, he went to live with John McMullen, a prominent citizen of Somerset county, who resided on the National Road, and when fourteen years old came to Dunbar township, and engaged with Cane, Vance & Miller, since which time he had been a citizen of Dunbar, where he owns valuable farm lands, until recently, when he moved to a farm in Stewart township. Mr. Hughes' first work was with the New Laurel furnace on the mountains, which was owned and operated by Cane, Vance & Miller. William Hughes, Sr., married Miss Elizabeth Butler, who was left an orphan and reared by Col. James Paull, who was a prominent and wealthy citizen of Dunbar township. She died February 6, 1886, and was buried at the family cemetery on the farm at Tucker run. The father located on the place which he owns in Dunbar

township in 1857. He was a man of high character and had many friends. The farm on Tucker run, purchased by William Hughes, Sr., contains three hundred and sixty-three acres. The second marriage of William Hughes, Sr., was to Miss Susanna Wells, in October, 1891. They now reside in Stewart township on a farm they own near Greenbriar school house. William Hughes, Sr., was for many years director of schools in Dunbar township, and has been until recently a director of the schools in Stewart, but resigned the office on account of ill health. There were born to William and Elizabeth (Butler) Hughes nine children: Joseph, the eldest, who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, was in many hard fought battles; served out his term of enlistment, three years; now owns a farm and is a successful farmer; and a Democrat; James H., a resident on Tucker run, owns a good farm, is engaged in farming and is a Democrat; married first Miss Lydia Ann Allen, of Stewart township, and after her death, Miss Eliza James, of Wharton township; Jonah, owns a farm, is engaged in farming in Tucker Run valley; is a Democrat and married Miss Elizabeth Lowery; William A.; one daughter living and three dead; and George Paull, born March 22, 1863, at Tucker run, near where he at present resides, and once attended the public schools.

Since leaving school George P. Hughes has been engaged in the lumber business, the carpenter trade and farming. He owns two valuable farms, one on which he resides containing seventy-one acres, another of about eighty-two acres; and also has saw-mill interests. He was married to Miss Maggie Hall, of Dunbar township, September 3, 1882. Eight children bless that union:

Pearl, born March 6, 1884; Arthur, May 9, 1885; Ethel May, April 23, 1887; Clyde, February 13, 1889; Roy, June 19, 1891; Clarence, September 17, 1893; Alva, September 4, 1895; Ines, November 4, 1897. Mr. Geo. Paull Hughes has been a Democrat all his life. He is honest and upright, and has been quite successful in business.

William Alexander Hughes, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of the township. Left school when nineteen years of age to engage in farming on the home place, remaining there until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when under the first administration of Cleveland he secured the appointment of railway mail clerk, on the Pittsburg and New York division. After a time he was compelled to give up this position owing to failing health. He then embarked in the saw-mill and timber business and in farming in Dunbar township, in which he has been engaged since 1885. Mr. Hughes owns a valuable farm of sixty acres, on which he resides, and also owns a half interest in two hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable timber land. Mr. Hughes was married January 8, 1881, to Miss Mary Jane Dalton, a daughter of Edward and Annie Dalton, of Trenton, N. J. She was born July 8, 1862. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes: Annie, born June 28, 1882; Albert, born August 21, 1884; Eddie, October 14, 1887; Willard, October 13, 1892, and Ewing, September 13, 1895. Mr. Hughes is a staunch Democrat. He was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of commissioner, but did not receive the nomination. He was nominated on the Democratic ticket in 1895 as director of the county home, but as the entire Democratic ticket was defeated that year he went down with his party. He is well known

and has many friends, and is numbered among the leading citizens of the county.

MORGAN JEROME STEWART, a prominent and successful farmer of Dunbar township, was born September 7, 1857, at Brownsville, Pa. He is a son of Addison S. and Annie (Kelly) Stewart. Addison Stewart was born November 9, 1820, near Brownsville, and died May 25, 1886. He was a farmer and resided in Franklin township for thirty years, where he owned a farm. Mrs. Stewart was born November 8, 1841, in Brownsville and was a daughter of John M. and Jane Kelly, of Greene county, Pa. Her parents were of Irish descent, while his great-grandparents were natives of Ireland. To Addison S. and Annie (Kelly) Stewart were born seven children: Morgan J., Harriet Emma, wife of Henry Walters, of Upper Tyrone township; Laura Belle, married James Martin, of Perryopolis, and a farmer of near Oxford, Neb., since 1887; Elizabeth, married Ellis Vance, of North Union township, where she died in 1896; George B. McClelland, a resident of Charleroi, Pa., married Miss Olive Sutton, of that place, is a Democrat and second master furnaceman in the lamp chimney works at Charleroi; Bertha Olive, wife of James Blythe, a farmer of Red Lion, Jefferson township; Margaret, single, and with her mother at Charleroi. Morgan Jerome Stewart attended school at the Cunningham school in Franklin township, where the family was educated, while Olive also attended school at New Salem. Mr. Stewart left school when sixteen years of age, and for a number of years was engaged in driving a team, saw milling and various other occupations. In 1885 he moved to Leisenring, where he was stable boss for a while, and from there he went to Beeson mills, and was in the employ

of the H. C. Frick Co., remaining there two years. In October, 1895, he moved to Dunbar township, and has since been successfully engaged in farming on the place where he now resides, except one year when he was in the employ of the H. C. Frick Co. By hard work, energy and the aid of a faithful wife, Mr. Stewart has been able to purchase a valuable farm of fifty-four acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He supplies Dunbar and surrounding towns with vegetables and other products from his farm, and is an authority on approved and successful methods of farming. He married Miss Eliza Ann May, a daughter of John May, of Franklin township, on June 13, 1877. Seven children were born to that union: Rosetta, born May 5, 1878, died June 25, 1886; Grace O., born July 6, 1880; Clara V., born January 11, 1883; Wilbur P., born October 30, 1885; Walter M., born February 29, 1888, died August 14, 1888; Annie May, born February 11, 1890; Ruth Elizabeth, born October 11, 1892. Mr. Stewart is a member and a deacon of the First Baptist church of Dunbar, and is secretary of the Monongahela association. Mrs. Stewart and one daughter, Clara, are members of the same denomination. Mr. Stewart is a Democrat and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

JOSEPH CRAWFORD YAW, an honest and progressive farmer and citizen of Dunbar township, Pennsylvania, was born January 16, 1843, in Dunbar township. He is a son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Clark) Yaw, the latter of whom came from near Carlisle and located in Connellsville, Pa. Thomas Yaw came to Fayette county when a young man and located in Dunbar township. He was born in Westmoreland county in 1808; he

also resided for a short time in Ohio. Thomas Yaw's mother was a Miss Mary Dermer, who died while he was an infant. Thomas Yaw was married twice, Mary Ann Clark being his second wife, and to whom he was married in 1842. Six children were born of this union: Mary Agnes (deceased), married Orthinele Livingston; Susan Elizabeth (deceased); Margaret Ellen, wife of T. J. Lincoln, of South Connellsville; Louisa Ann (deceased), was the wife of James Long and resided in Belmont county, O.; Henry (deceased), and Joseph Crawford Yaw, subject of this sketch. Joseph C. Yaw was born on a farm in Dunbar township near New Haven, and has devoted his life to farming in Dunbar township, with the exception of one year, when he was engaged in farming in Iowa. He purchased a valuable farm in Dunbar township, on which he resides, of sixty-eight acres, underlaid with fine coking coal. He has a splendid residence and a large barn. The farm is in a high state of cultivation, and is managed by Mr. Yaw and his nephew. Mr. Yaw's father died February 27, 1894, in his eighty-sixth year. The mother is living with Mr. Yaw and was eighty-three years old in May, 1899. Mr. Yaw has aided in the support of three families, and owing to this great responsibility has never married, although he has been successful in accumulating good property. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. He is a Democrat, and adheres, as did his father, to the principles of that party. He served one term as school director of Dunbar township, and could have been re-elected by either the Republicans or Democrats if he would have accepted. He is honest and just in his dealings, and no man is better liked in the community, or has more friends, than Joseph C. Yaw.

William Howard Yaw, one of the worthy young men of Dunbar township, and nephew of Joseph Crawford Yaw, was born April 1, 1873, in Dunbar. He married Miss Alma Young, daughter of Eric and Caroline Young, natives of Sweden. Alma (Young) Yaw was born May 16, 1874, and was married February 16, 1898. She came to the United States with her parents in 1882 and located in Dunbar township, until the death of her parents, Eric dying February 5, 1887, aged thirty-seven years, and Caroline December 28, 1896, aged forty-seven years. Eric and Caroline Young had four children, one son, deceased, one son at Braddock, and two daughters, Mrs. Yaw and Hilda, who married Clarence B. Humbert, of Dunbar township. Mr. Yaw worked on his uncle's farm and attended the public schools of Dunbar township. In the summer of 1893 he attended the Dunbar normal school, and since that time has been engaged in farming. He joined the Presbyterian church at Dunbar in 1898. He is a Democrat and served as register of the district. He is a man of splendid character and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a host of friends. He is honest in his dealings, and is respected by the entire community. He has one sister, Ada, who is the wife of Theodore Matthews, a farmer of Dunbar township. She was born in January, 1879, and was married in March, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yaw have one child, Charles Howard Yaw, born December 31, 1899. Mrs. Yaw joined the M. E. church in 1890, but eight years later, with her husband, united with the Presbyterian church.

EBENEZER FINLEY WOODWARD, one of the leading and most successful farmers of Dunbar township, Fayette county, was born in Fayette county on the farm on which he

now resides, September 11, 1840. He is a son of Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward. Davis Woodward was a native of Fayette county and was born in Menallen township near New Salem in 1806. He was one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Fayette county. He reared to maturity twelve children, leaving to each a home. The paternal grandfather was Caleb Woodward, also a native of Fayette county, and a successful farmer of Menallen township, where he resided until his death. One son and five daughters were born to Caleb Woodward: Davis, Phoebe, wife of Ebenezer Finley, a farmer in Menallen township; Lydia, wife of Zadock Jackson, a farmer of Menallen township, after whose death she married a Mr. Tracey; Hannah, wife of William Jones, and after his death married William Hague; one died in infancy, and Eliza, wife of William Campbell. Davis Woodward married Miss Mary Boyd, of Menallen township, who was born in 1810. She was a daughter of Robert and Rebecca Boyd, who had five sons and three daughters: Samuel, who was twice elected sheriff of Fayette county on the Democratic ticket; William, a farmer, born and reared in Menallen township, and was the father of Hon. A. D. Boyd, a prominent attorney of Uniontown, a leading Democrat, and serving as State senator, representing the counties of Fayette and Greene; Joseph, a farmer and resident of Illinois; Dempsey and Robert, managers of furnaces (both are dead); Mary (Boyd) Woodward; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Caleb Antram, a prominent farmer of Menallen township, and a daughter who married Hugh Wilson and moved to Iowa. Robert Boyd, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Woodward, was a prominent citizen of the county and served for many years as associate judge of Fayette

county. He was a Democrat. Thirteen children were born to Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward: Robert Boyd, who died in Illinois, where he left a family, and was engaged in farming; Caleb, resided near Uniontown, where he died, leaving a family; Samuel Work, a prominent and leading farmer of Menallen township, has a large and interesting family; Davis, died when a child; Joseph, a farmer, has a family and is a resident of Missouri; Rebecca, wife of Charles Beatty, a leading citizen and successful farmer of Dunbar township; Ebenezer Finley (subject); John William, resides in Franklin township, where he has a family, and is engaged in farming; Phoebe, wife of James Collins, a farmer and resident of Wellsville, Kan.; Mary E., deceased, was the wife of Joseph Cox, and resided in Vanderbilt until her death, when Mr. Cox moved to Kansas; Eliza Jane, wife of Stewart Henderson, a farmer of Warren county, Ill.; Davis Dempsey, married, and resides two miles from Searights, in Redstone township; and Harriette, wife of Stewart Henderson, a leading farmer of Franklin township. Ebenezer F. Woodward attended the common schools and received a common school education. He was reared on a farm and after reaching manhood, engaged in farming on the place where he now resides. He was married in 1868 to Miss Elma Cox, daughter of George Cox, of Dunbar township. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have nine children living and one dead: Sarah Elizabeth, single; Davis Dempsey, at home and engaged in farming; George W., married Miss Etta Dunn, daughter of Wallace Dunn, of near Brownsville, and is a resident of North Union township; Mary E., wife of John Smith, a teacher of Dunbar township, and has one child, Elma; Jessie O., Della Jane,

Ebenezer Finley, Belle (deceased), Joseph and Elma Florence. Mr. Woodward owns a farm of two hundred and thirty-three acres of valuable land in Dunbar township, where he has devoted his life successfully to farming. He has been elected four terms of three years each as road commissioner for Dunbar township, and served ten years until the office was abolished. Mr. Woodward is, as are his brothers, and as were his ancestors on both sides, an active and lifelong Democrat, and ever faithful to the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Red Men and Knights of Pythias. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church. He well deserves the high esteem in which he is held.

SAMUEL HARPER, a representative citizen of Dunbar township, Fayette county, was born in Dunbar township, May 27, 1849. He is a son of William H. and Priscilla (Oldham) Harper. William H. Harper was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, in 1810, where he was reared to manhood and married Miss Priscilla Oldham in 1833. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Harper, was born in Fayette county about 1784, and died in 1860. Daniel Harper married Miss Margery Huston, daughter of William and Mary (Morrison) Huston, of Tyrone township, Fayette county. The paternal great-grandfather was James Harper, of Harper's run, Dunbar township, Fayette county. James Harper had several children, Daniel and William, full brothers, Thomas and John, half brothers to Daniel and William, and Nancy. Daniel remained in Fayette county. William moved to Ohio and later to Virginia with his family, where he died. Thomas and John were born in Ohio, where they reside. Twelve children were born to Daniel

and Margery (Huston) Harper: Two died in infancy; Margaret, the oldest, never married; William H., the father of the subject of this sketch; James, who married Miss Jane Dunn, daughter of Samuel Dunn, of Franklin township, moved to Ohio, where he died; Joseph H., moved to Iowa, where he resided for thirty years, and where he died, married Miss Mary Sechrist, of Dunbar township; Daniel, resided at Dunbar, where he owned property, and married Miss Sarah Ann Hankins, of North Union township, and died in Dunbar, leaving a family; Mary Jane, wife of Rev. Power Baird, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister; Margery Cunningham, wife of Jacob Henderson, of Fayette county; Samuel R., resided near Vanderbilt, where he died in 1896, married Miss Sarah Ann Wadsworth, a native of Franklin township; Sarah Hannah, died at the age of twenty-one years; Eliza Ann, wife of Finley McKee, resides near Buena Vista, Franklin township, and is the only member of the family living, and has five sons, three of whom are Presbyterian ministers, one a Methodist minister and one a physician. Eight children were born to William H. and Priscilla (Oldham) Harper: Sarah, the oldest, single, and resides with the subject of this sketch; Elisha, married Miss Eliza Stoner; Margery, wife of John Rankin, of North Union township, who is a prominent farmer; Annie, single; Priscilla, single; Daniel, married Miss Laura Clingman, and resides in Kansas; Samuel, subject of this sketch, and William Smith, who died when eight years of age. Samuel Harper married Miss Sarah Reynolds, daughter of William R. and Elizabeth Reynolds, of Dunbar township, October 21, 1875. Five children bless that union: Elizabeth E., wife of Emmert E. Hoffman, of New Haven, the latter engaged in the mercantile business, and they

have two children, Olive Pearl and Bertha; James Power Harper, resides at home and is engaged in farming; William Cleveland, Annie P. and Margery May (deceased). Mr. Harper has resided on the farm of thirty acres, which he now owns, for nineteen years. He manages a farm of nearly two hundred acres, the greater part of which is on the property of the H. C. Frick Co. Mr. Harper is a member of the Presbyterian church (Cumberland), at Vanderbilt. In politics he is, as were also his ancestors, a staunch Democrat, and supporter of the principles of that party. Mr. Harper was elected and served one term as school director and two terms as assessor of Dunbar township. William Harper died July 19, 1880, at the age of seventy years, and Priscilla, his wife, died August 11, 1882. Margery (Huston) Harper, wife of Daniel Harper, died in 1870, at the age of eighty years. Daniel Harper (grandfather), was a farmer, and a Democrat, and served for many years as justice of the peace in Dunbar township. The Harpers are of English, and the Hustons of Irish descent. The Oldhams are of Irish descent, first settled in Baltimore, and from there came to Fayette county. The grandfather, Oldham, was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving nine months. Samuel Harper is a man of pleasant address and commands the respect, confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides.

HON. CHARLES SHERRER BEATTY, a leading citizen and successful farmer of Dunbar township, was born in Dunbar township on the farm where he now resides July 28, 1843. He is a son of James and Sarah Jane (Sherrer) Beatty. James Beatty was born July 25, 1822, in Dunbar township, where he devoted his life to farming. He was a

son of John and Isabelle (Hyndman) Beatty. John Beatty was born in New Jersey near Trenton, about 1796. He and his two brothers, James the oldest and Samuel the youngest, came over the mountains from New Jersey and settled in Dunbar township near Laurel Furnace about 1816, they being accompanied by their mother. James Beatty, the great-grandfather, was born in Ireland and with several brothers came to this country, settling near Trenton in New Jersey, prior to the Revolutionary war. He and some of his brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. John, a brother, was captured by the Indians in 1783 and burned to death. James Beatty died about 1790. The family remained in New Jersey until about 1816, when the three sons, as stated above, settled with their mother in Fayette county. The family was one of the wealthy families of the country, but converted their property into Continental money, which became worthless. James Beatty, the oldest son of James Beatty, the first American ancestor, remained in Fayette county, Pa., until his death about 1850. He left four children, one son and three daughters. Thomas, the son, married a Miss Keffer, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and died in 1886, leaving three children: Mattie, who married and moved to Illinois; Mary Jane, who married J. S. Showetter, of Virginia (now West Virginia); and Margaret, who never married. Samuel, the youngest son of James, the great-grandfather, was first engaged in the manufacture of paper. Later he became interested in the manufacture of woolen goods at New Haven, Fayette county, and accumulated great wealth, and afterwards engaged in the mercantile business in Philadelphia. He moved to Bellville, Washington county, where he was engaged in the mercantile busi-

ness. About 1840 he went to Washington, Pa., where he for twenty years was considered as the largest wool dealer in the county. He died about 1894, being about ninety-four years of age. He left four children: Mary A., widow; Preston, a resident of Washington, Pa.; Elizabeth, married a Mr. Smith and resides in Allegheny, Pa.; Gazella, married a minister and went West. The mother of James, John and Samuel Beatty, died in Fayette county about 1830. John Beatty, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1796, and married Isabelle Hyndman, a native of Fayette county about 1820. Six children blessed that union: James (father) born July 27, 1822; Mary Jane, deceased, wife of James Graham (deceased), resided in Dunbar township, where Mr. Graham died (about 1884) and left three children: Geo. B., John S. and Thomas, all of whom reside on the homestead; Samuel, never married and died in 1891; John died in 1848, at the age of twenty years; Joseph, married Miss Lydia Humbert, of Fayette county, and left three children: John C., of Fayette county, married; William, a resident of Allegheny, Pa.; Florence, unmarried, resides at home with her mother; Sarah, married Uriah McNatt, resides in Redstone township, and has three children: Isabella, Amanda, Katherine; and James. James Beatty married July 26, 1842, Miss Sarah Jane Sherrer, daughter of Charles Sherrer, of Baltimore, the latter a native of Germany, born about 1786. Jane Sherrer was born in September, 1823. Nine children were born to James and Jane (Sherrer) Beatty: Charles S., Mary, married John Long and resides in Dunbar township, and whose children were: Granville, Albert, Emma, Clara, Queen, Samuel and Pearl; Isabell, married William Long, and has one child; John C., who married Miss Ella Kelley, and

both are dead, leaving no children; James W., a resident of North Union township, married Miss Mary E. Ache, of Uniontown, and has five children: Blanche, John, James, Edgar and Elizabeth; Alice, unmarried, and resides at home; Emma, married Charles Sherrer and has four children: Gertrude, Grace, Fern and Wilbur.

Charles Sherrer Beatty attended the common schools of Fayette county. He left school when eighteen years of age to engage in farming and teaching—farming in the summer and teaching in the winter. On August 25, 1863, he was married to Miss Rebecca Woodward, daughter of Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward, of Dunbar township, Pa. Eight children bless that union: Luella B., wife of Osmond Thatcher, of Moundsville, W. Va., now of Dunbar township, and has one child, Sidney; Mary Florence, married Thomas Hughes, an engineer, of Scranton, Pa., and resides at Plymouth, Luzerne county, Pa., and has four children: Annie, Maggie, Edna and Llewellen; Davis Woodward, married Miss Annie Hankins, and has four children: John, Robert Lee, Lena May and Davis Dempsey, and resides in Dunbar township; Sarah, married William A. Hankins, formerly of Virginia, but at present resides in Dunbar township, and has four children: Helen Rebekah, James Alired, Flodoris and Rhea Lafayette, of Dunbar township; Charles S., a student of the Allegheny Theological seminary (Presbyterian) and who will graduate in the class of 1900; James Lee, at home; Robert Earl at home, and Eva, the youngest, also at home. Mr. Charles S. Beatty purchased his present farm in 1869; it is valuable and contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of land well improved and in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Beatty is one of the successful farmers

of the county. He has taken an active interest in every move to advance the agricultural interests of the county. He and his ancestors have been lifelong Democrats, and leaders of as well as active workers in the party. Mr. Beatty is strong in his convictions, yet liberal in his views and is deservedly popular with all classes. In 1873-4 he served as secretary of the Democratic county committee; has served fourteen years as a member of the school board and secretary of the same for Dunbar township, and previous to this taught seventeen terms in the public schools of Dunbar township. He is one of the best and most efficient school directors the township has ever had. He was nominated and elected on the Democratic ticket in 1888, and again in 1890, from Fayette county to the house of representatives of Pennsylvania, which office he filled with honor to himself and credit to the county. He was nominated in 1894 on the Democratic ticket for State senator, but was defeated, as were the Democratic nominees nearly all over the county. Mr. Beatty introduced a number of bills of interest to the county while in the legislature, but as his party was in the minority, many measures were defeated for party reasons. Mr. Beatty is a member of the Presbyterian church at Leisenring, and has been an elder since the organization of the church. He has been a member of King David Lodge, No. 826, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Dunbar, for many years. He is a member of Leisenring Lodge, No. 234, K. P., formerly of Dunbar Lodge, No. 410 and has been secretary of same for many years. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men; also a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Leisenring Council, No. 184, and secretary of same; also a member and secretary of Dun-

bar Grange, No. 1022, a member of and secretary of Fayette County, Pomono Grange, No 49. Mr. Beatty is a man of pleasing address, unimpeachable business integrity and splendid intellectual endowments.

JOHN MORELAND HARPER, one of Fayette county's substantial citizens, was born July 4, 1857, in Dunbar township. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah A. (Hankins) Harper. Daniel Harper was born in Dunbar township in 1818, and died in 1884. He was a son of Daniel and Mary (Huston) Harper. Daniel Harper, Sr., was born in Fayette county about 1784 and died in 1860. He married Miss Marjorie Huston, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Morrison) Huston, of Tyrone township. The paternal great-grandfather was James Harper of Harper's run, Dunbar township. Daniel Harper, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch had one brother, William, who moved to Ohio, and later to Virginia with his family, and died at the latter place; two half brothers, Thomas and John, who were born in Ohio, where they resided, and one full sister, Nancy. Daniel and Marjorie (Huston) Harper had a family of twelve children: two died in infancy; Margaret, never married; William H., married Miss Priscilla Oldham; James, married Miss Jane Dunn, of Fayette county and went to Ohio, where he died; Joseph H., married Miss Mary Sechrist, of Fayette county, moved to Iowa, and died there thirty years later; Daniel, who married Miss Sarah Ann Hankins, of North Union township, resided in Dunbar, where he died; Nancy Jane, married Rev. Power Baird, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister; Marjorie Cunningham, married Jacob Henderson, of Fayette county; Samuel R., married Miss Sarah Ann Wadsworth, of Fayette county and resided

near Vanderbilt, where he died in 1896; Sarah Hannah, died at the age of twenty-one years; Eliza Ann, married Finley McKee, of Franklin township, and had five sons, and three daughters, three of whom were Presbyterian ministers, one a Methodist minister and one a physician, and she is the only one of the family living. Daniel Harper, Sr., died in 1860, aged seventy-six years, and his wife died in 1870 at the age of eighty years. The maternal grandfather of our subject was James Hankins, whose wife was a Miss Moreland. They resided in North Union township, and had two sons and two daughters: William Hankins, a resident of North Union township, married Miss Nettie McLain and reared a large family of children, (Stephen, James, John and William, and three daughters, one of whom married Samuel Henshaw, and they reside in North and South Union townships and are among Fayette county's best citizens); Jane Hankins, married John Clark, and had three children, (James and Mary Ann, who reside in Kansas, and Samuel, deceased, was a saddler by trade, and resided near Philadelphia); Sarah Hankins, married Daniel Harper, the father of our subject, and died April 26, 1897; John Hankins, married Miss Rachel Foster, and both are dead; they had six children: Mary, wife of a Mr. Sherrard; Harriet, married a Mr. Work, son of John Work, Sr., of Dunbar township; one, the wife of Frank Rosboro, ex-register and recorder of Fayette county, and one daughter married a Mr. Boyd; John married a Miss Rankin, of North Union township, and James, is deceased. Daniel and Sarah A. (Hankins) Harper had six children: Mary Moreland, wife of John V. Stoffer, of Tyrone township, both dead, and their children were: (Marjorie, deceased; Lucretia, deceased, and Sallie, married Jo-

seph T. Hare, of Dunbar township); Marjorie Harper, married Albert Hagerty, of Perry township, Pa., a school teacher, and also a teacher of vocal music, and their children are: (Bliss, a resident of Perry township, married, and two daughters, both of whom are dead); James Harper, a carpenter and Democrat, married Miss Bird, a lady of English descent, and has two children: (Daniel, deceased, and a daughter, wife of Harry Kelley, of Dunbar township, who has one daughter, Birdie Kelley); Daniel Harper, was born in 1851, and married Miss Eliza Devanney, born near Hopwood, Fayette county, and has nine children, (Maggie, wife of Patrick Mullen, of Dunbar township and has one child, John; Annie, Mary Ellen, Josephine, Daniel, Jr., Eliza, Marjorie and William, Jr.); William, Sr., who married Miss Emma Devan, daughter of Bryson Devan, of Hopwood, Fayette county, and one son Chas. B., who is married and resides in Connellsville, and is engaged in railroading; John Moreland Harper, subject of this sketch, married Miss Bridget Finnerty, daughter of Dennis Finnerty, October 12, 1882, and seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harper: Katie, Mary Moreland, Daniel (deceased), Armide, John and Dennis (twins) (Dennis deceased), and James Robert.

John M. Harper is one of the active Democrats of Dunbar township, and is an energetic and untiring worker for the success of his party. He is a member of the school board of the township. He is a man of good judgment and practical ability. His brother, Daniel, is central committeeman for Dunbar township, and an active worker for the success of his party and his father, Daniel Harper, was also an active Democrat, and served as justice of the peace and postmaster at

Dunbar. The Harper estate consists of over five hundred acres in Dunbar and Stewart townships. Mr. Harper resides in the old stone building where he was born. Mr. Harper has passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellows; also the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Junior Order American Mechanics. He is a strict member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Harper has worked for but two companies, the Dunbar Furnace Company, where he remained ten years, and the sand stone works, where he has been manager for over eleven years. He is industrious and energetic, and successful in business, and commands the respect and confidence of the entire community, and well deserves the good reputation that he enjoys in the county. He is genial in disposition, and makes friends readily. He is fair in his dealings and scrupulously honest.

JOHN LONG, a representative citizen and prominent farmer of Dunbar township, was born June 1, 1846 in Flushing township, Belmont county, O.; died November 25, 1900, of paralysis, aged fifty-three years, five months and twenty-six days. He was a son of John and Rebecca (Rankin) Long. John Long, Sr., was born in Connellsville, Fayette county, August 31, 1816, and married Rebecca Rankin, a daughter of James Rankin, of Fayette county, Pa. Rebecca (Rankin) Long was born August 31, 1814. John Long, Sr., was a farmer and moved to Belmont county, O., where he has since resided and been successfully engaged in farming. He moved to Ohio between 1840 and 1845. Rebecca Long died in Ohio, May 17, 1878. John Long had three brothers and two sisters: James and Samuel, who reside in Fayette county, both living, and have families;

William, the youngest, died from typhoid fever; one daughter married William Boyd, and the other married George Herbert, all of whom are deceased. The sons and daughters born to John and Rebecca (Rankin) Long were: Samuel, the eldest, born November 30, 1839, was elected burgess of Connellsville, and died while occupying that position; was a Democrat, and married, leaving three children. Robert, the second son, was born March 9, 1841, married first Sarah Henderson, daughter of Harvey Henderson. Two children were born to that marriage. The second time he married a Miss Annie Work, daughter of Alexander Work. He resides near Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, and is engaged in farming. He is a Democrat. Adam, born January 7, 1843, died in 1884. He was a farmer and resided in Harrison township, Belmont county, O., where he died. He resided for six or seven years in Pennsylvania. He was a plasterer by trade, and was a Democrat. William, born October 21, 1844, married Miss Isabelle Beatty, a daughter of James and Sarah E. (Sherrer) Beatty. They had two children, one of whom is living, Ella Long, a teacher in the public schools. They now reside in Dunbar township, Pa. John Long, the subject of this sketch, married Mary E. Beatty, daughter of James and Sarah E. (Sherrer) Beatty, July 25, 1872. To this union were born eight children, all living: Granville, born in 1873, unmarried, and is engaged in farming at home; James Albert, born October 4, 1874, married Miss Leona V. Hackney, of Fayette county, and has one child, Helen, born October 10, 1896. They reside at Uniontown, and Mr. Long is foreman of the "Tribune" office: Clayton, born March, 1876, married Miss Jessie Willis, of Dunbar, and has two

children, Ruth and John; they reside in Dunbar, and Mr. Long is a Democrat; Emma, Clara, Blanche and Edna, all single; Samuel Cleveland, was born May 25, 1884; and Pearl, born March 12, 1886. The other children of John Long, Sr., were James and Easter (twins), born May 7, 1848. James resides at Flushing, Belmont county, O., conducts a restaurant, and is a plasterer by trade; married first Miss Loudie Yaw, daughter of Thomas Yaw, of Dunbar township, by whom he had one child. After her death he married a Miss Lazier; she also had one child, who is now deceased. Easter Long married Davis Sissel, of Belmont county, O. They have a large family. The oldest son, J. J., is a physician; James Sissel (deceased); Frederick, Robert, John and two daughters, married. Mr. Sissel is a teacher and farmer. Mary Catherine Long, wife of John Porter, of Morristown, Belmont county, O., was born July 20, 1855. They have a large family. Mr. Porter is interested in stock raising and farming. Herbert Long, born August 20, 1850, unmarried, is interested in stock and resides in Ohio; in politics he is a Democrat. Lewis Long, born May 1, 1853, married Miss Rose Enfield, of Fayette county, Pa., and has three children; he is a farmer and a Democrat.

John Long, the subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of Belmont county, O. He learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed twenty-five years. He has also been a bricklayer, stone mason, farmer and miller. Mr. Long was about twenty-six years of age when he came to Fayette county. After his marriage he located at Brookville, and was engaged in plastering for seven years. He then located in March, 1884, where he died, in Dun-

bar township, and followed his trade for one year. Since that time he had followed farming. His farm contains one hundred and sixty-five acres of fine land. Mr. Long was an Odd Fellow, a member of the Red Men and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He was one of the organizers of the Dunbar Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the Connellsville Lodge of Red Men, and helped to organize the Lodge at Leisenring, and filled a number of offices in the orders. He was a lifelong Democrat. He was for ten years central committeeman, and against the strongest kind of opposition he never failed but once during his entire term of service to lead his party to victory. He served as delegate to a number of conventions for his party in the county. In February, 1895, he was elected to the office of road commissioner for Dunbar township, and filled the same until the act was repealed and the office abolished in 1897 by the legislature. No township in the county could boast of such model roads as were to be found in Dunbar during the period that Mr. Long was in office. During his incumbency of office the township suffered from two floods, which destroyed fourteen bridges. The taxes were raised to five mills to meet the increased expenses on account of loss of bridges and to keep the roads up to the high standard that the public had the right to expect. Mr. Long and family were Presbyterians.

PHILIP RODOCKER WILKEY, one of the leading citizens and farmers of Dunbar township, was born August 2, 1844, in Connellsville, Fayette county. He is a son of James and Catherine (Rodocker) Wilkey. James Wilkey was born January 17, 1801, near Perryopolis. He was a tanner, and followed his trade until about 1855, when he

purchased the Wilkey farm, where the subject of this sketch resides. James Wilkey was successfully engaged in farming until his death, November 7, 1883. He was for more than fifty years a member of the M. E. church at Connellsville, and served as steward of his church nearly that long. He was a Democrat until after the organization of the Republican party, when he voted the ticket of that party. His father, also James Wilkey, was a farmer. He had a family of one son and two daughters: James, the father of Philip R. Wilkey; Nancy, who never married, and Elizabeth, who married Joshua Vance, who died about 1892, and all of these children are dead. Philip R. Wilkey's great-grandfather, the first of the Wilkeys to come to America, settled near Leisenring, where he devoted his life to teaching school, and was known far and near as an able and conscientious teacher, and his schools were liberally patronized. James Wilkey (father), married Miss Catherine Rodocker, a daughter of Philip Rodocker. Seven children were born to this marriage. John, who married Miss Sarah Jane Vance, daughter of John and Elizabeth Vance, to whom five children were born: Catherine (deceased); Elizabeth, Dora, wife of A. A. Banford, of Connellsville; Belle and Lou, at home. Eliza Wilkey, married John Jones, and resides in Connellsville. They had five children, three of whom are living: Ella, who married George Munson, of Connellsville; Harry and Katie, wife of A. J. List, a native of Austria, at present a resident of Pittsburg. Henry Wilkey, deceased, was twice married. He had three children by his first marriage and two by the second. He was married first to Miss Emma Francis, a daughter of Rev. Isaac Francis. Three children are living: James L. and Isaac F., re-

side in Connellsville, and John E., a resident of East End, Pittsburg. Henry Wilkey, a brother of Philip R., died about 1892, and a sister, Hannah Frances, died when fifteen years of age. Two children of James Wilkey were twins, both of whom are dead, and Philip R. Wilkey.

Philip R. Wilkey attended the common schools of Fayette county. He left school when twenty-one years of age to engage in the meat business and in farming. He was in the meat business for a period of twenty years. He has been constantly and actively engaged in farming, and is one of the successful farmers of Dunbar township. He married Miss Margaret Swaney, daughter of Leslie Swaney, of Westmoreland county, Pa., November 17, 1874. Mrs. Wilkey spent three years of her advanced school terms under Prof. J. N. Caldwell, of Greensburg, and finished her school life at Independent, near Blairsville, Pa. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wilkey; Charles Braden, Willmer and Clarence. Charles B., the oldest, is in the employ of the Cambria Steel and Iron Company, and resides at Dunbar. Willmer owns and runs teams for Bennett & Talbott, in Fayette county, for his vacation employment from Washington and Jefferson college, where he is a student. Clarence, the youngest, lives at home. Mr. Wilkey is a member of the Methodist church. He usually supports the Republican ticket. The Wilkeys are of Irish descent. The Rodockers (Mrs. Wilkey's family), were of German descent. The Wilkeys have been residents of Fayette county for more than a century, and are among the county's best and leading citizens. James Wilkey (father), died in 1883, at the age of eighty years. His wife died in 1886, aged eighty-six years. Mr. P. R. Wilkey owns a valuable farm of one

hundred and seventeen acres, an elegant brick residence and good barns, besides fine property in Connellsville.

JOHN WILKEY, a leading citizen, farmer and fruit grower of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born in Dunbar township, February 6, 1832. He is a son of James and Katherine (Rodocker) Wilkey. James Wilkey was born January 7, 1801, near Perryopolis, Fayette county. He was by trade a tanner, which trade he followed until about 1855, when he purchased the Wilkey farm in Dunbar township, where Philip Wilkey now resides. There he was successfully engaged in farming until his death, November 7, 1883. He was for over fifty years an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Connellsville, and served as steward in the church for nearly fifty years. For a number of years he was a Democrat, but afterwards identified himself with the Republican party. His father, James Wilkey, Sr., was a prominent citizen of his day, and also a farmer. He had one son and two daughters: James, the father of John Wilkey; Nancy, who never married, and Elizabeth, who married Joshua Vance, who died about 1892. James Wilkey, Sr. (father), who was the first of the Wilkeys to settle in this country came to Fayette county during the last century, and settled near Leisenring, where he was for many years a teacher, and had in attendance at his school pupils from far and near. James Wilkey married Miss Katherine Rodocker, daughter of Philip Rodocker, of Perry township, and they had seven children. John Wilkey, the subject of this sketch, who married Miss Sarah Jane Vance, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Vance, of Dunbar township, and had five children: Katherine,

deceased; Elizabeth, Dora, who married A. A. Banford, Belle and Lou, at home. All are accomplished in music. To Dora, wife of A. A. Banford, were born two children, Mabel and Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Banford reside in Connellsville. Eliza Wilkey married John Jones, and resides in Connellsville (and had five children, three of whom are living: Ella, married Geo. Munson, of Connellsville; Harry and Katie, wife of A. J. List, a native of Austria, at present a resident of Pittsburg); Henry Wilkey, who died about 1892, was twice married. There were three children by the first marriage and two by the second. He was married first to Miss Emma Francis, a daughter of Rev. Isaac Francis. Three children are living: James L. and Isaac F., reside in Connellsville, and John E., a resident of East End, Pittsburg; (Hannah Frances Wilkey died when about fifteen years of age); two other children, twins (both of whom are dead): Philip Wilkey was married to Miss Margaret Swaney, a daughter of Leslie Swaney, of Westmoreland county, Pa. The three children born of this marriage were, Charles, William and Clarence.

John Wilkey, the subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of Fayette county, and has been a member of the Connellsville M. E. church for about fifty years, and has been steward of the church over twenty years. His children and grandchildren are also all members of the M. E. church. Mr. Wilkey cast his first vote for the Democratic ticket, but after the organization of the Republican party he affiliated with it, but after mature deliberation he decided to support the Prohibition ticket, and has for a number of years been a Prohibitionist. He is a member of Fayette Council of the Royal Arcanum of Connellsville, a

member of the Farmers' club, also of Dunbar Grange, No. 1022. He was the first master of the Grange and is at present serving as chaplain. He is popular and is numbered among Fayette county's successful citizens. He was reared on a farm, and has been engaged in farming since 1848. He owns a valuable farm of one hundred and one acres, with a splendid brick residence and large barn. Mr. Wilkey supplies the Connellsville and other markets with fruit. He also owns some valuable property in Connellsville. He has an interesting family, is a good citizen and has many friends.

STEWART SPEER, one of Fayette county's most successful farmers, was born January 18, 1847, in North Union township, Fayette county, and has been for fifteen years a resident of Dunbar township. His father, Upton Darius Brady Speer, was born in North Union township in 1819, and was by trade a brick moulder. He made a part of the bricks used in the old court-house at Uniontown. He owned near Uniontown a small farm, where he died in 1865, aged forty-six years. He married Miss Caroline Hair, daughter of German D. and Rebecca (Brownfield) Hair. Rebecca Hair was a daughter of Thomas Brownfield. Rebecca and her brother Nathaniel came across the mountains with their parents from Maryland and located at what was then known as Beesontown, now Uniontown, and conducted an inn there. German D. Hair came to Fayette county from Maryland. He was a stonemason and engaged in building the National Road when he came to this county. After his marriage to Rebecca Brownfield he conducted an inn at Hopwood, at that time known as Woodstock, where he owned

property. He died at Hopwood about 1872, at an advanced age. Upton D. B. Speer was a son of William Speer, who was born in Shippensburg, Pa., and came to Fayette county with his parents. William Speer (great-grandfather), was born in Ireland, and came to this country at an early period. William Speer (grandfather), married Miss Margaret Shaw, a daughter of Moses Shaw, of Fayette county. To William and Margaret (Shaw) Speer were born the following children: Stewart Speer, a soldier in the Mexican war, who after his return from Mexico located in Iowa, where he died from cholera in 1855; Upton Darius B. Speer, Joshua, a painter, died in Brownsville in April, 1899; William, a resident of Somerset county, a painter; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of John Gay; Martha, deceased, wife of William Gay, of Westmoreland county; Mary, wife of David Hess, of Mt. Washington, Pa. (both dead); Minerva, deceased, wife of Edward Tate, a conductor on the railroad, and resident at Beaver Falls, Pa., and Isabell, wife of Joseph Colestock, of Fayette county, where both resided until their death. Upton D. B. Speer married Miss Caroline Hair in 1846, and had five children: Stewart, the subject of this sketch; Margaret Rebecca, died in 1872; Emma, died in 1882, was the wife of David Miner, and had two children, both of whom died young; Ewing, married Miss Annie Sturgis, and had two children, Edgar and Springer, a blacksmith by trade, and resides at Charleroi, Washington county, Pa.; German Darius, died November 25, 1898, was the superintendent of the National Road, and never married. Mrs. Caroline (Hair) Speer was born November 30, 1828, and is living now in South Union township.

Stewart Speer attended the public schools of Fayette county until eighteen years of age. He engaged in the grocery business in Uniontown, where he remained for a short time, since which he has devoted his life to farming. He was for two years in Connellsville, five years in Redstone township, one year in Georges township, and for the past fifteen years has been a citizen of Dunbar township, and has had charge of the Colonel Paull farm, which he has leased. The Colonel Paull farm is one of the oldest and largest in the township. It was settled by Colonel Paull, of Revolutionary fame, prior to the Revolutionary war. Mr. Speer has charge of the entire farm, which contains two hundred and twenty-nine acres. Mr. Speer is a splendid farmer and is also engaged in stock raising. He was first married to Miss Martha Freeman, daughter of Elias Freeman, in 1868. Two children were born to that union: Gertrude, wife of Milbert Silbough, of Uniontown, and Martha J., unmarried. The second time Mr. Speer was married to Miss Sarah Burk, daughter of George Burk, of West Virginia. Four sons were born to the second marriage: Upton D., the oldest, a clerk in the store of George H. Swearingen, of Dunbar, and married Miss Minnie Warren, and George R., Bruce Modisett and Ewing Hess, at home on the farm with their father. Mr. Speer is a member of the Presbyterian church in Dunbar. He is an active Democrat. He is at present supervisor of the roads of Dunbar township. He is related to the Searight family, his grandmother, who was a Brownfield, and the mother of Hon. T. B. Searight, being sisters. Mr. Speer is a man of pleasing address, honest and just in all his dealings, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the community.

THOMAS ROGERS DAVIDSON BLACKSTONE, a representative citizen and successful farmer of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born February 16, 1849. He is a son of James and Nancy Campbell (Johnston) Blackstone. James Blackstone was born in Connellsville, Pa., in 1809, married Sarah Rogers and died in Dunbar township, February 11, 1889. His wife was a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Clark) Johnston, and is dead. Alexander Johnston came from Ireland to this country when but a youth, and settled in Connellsville; his wife was a native of Fayette county, Pa. Thomas R. Blackstone attended the public schools of Dunbar township and was also a student in the Connellsville private schools and attended Hiram college, Hiram, O., until eighteen years of age, when he engaged in farming on the home place in Dunbar township, which vocation he has followed since. He is a Republican, and while he resides in a Democratic township, his popularity is attested by the fact that he has twice been elected to the office of school director of Dunbar township, first in 1895, and again in 1898, which office he has filled with credit to himself and to the best interest of the township. Mr. Blackstone is an active and energetic worker to promote the cause of education. The Blackstones are Presbyterians. Richard and Alexander, brothers of Mr. Blackstone, were soldiers in the Civil war and served with honor in the Union army. They were in many hard-fought battles. Richard was a member of the Thirty-second Ohio Regiment, and Alexander was in what was known as Anderson's cavalry, and was killed at Huntsville, Ala. The cavalry was named for Colonel Anderson, in command at Fort Sumter when the same was surrendered. The farm on which



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Thomas R. Blackstone resides was purchased by his father in 1838 from Colonel Miller, a leading and prominent citizen of the county. Colonel Miller succeeded the Stricklers, who built the large brick residence on the farm in 1809. The patent was issued to Robert Ross. The farm is located about one mile west of New Haven. Mr. Blackstone was born on the farm, and has devoted his entire life to farming. He is honest and fair in his dealings with his fellow-men, and has won for himself the confidence and respect of all who know him.

JOHN HILLERY BALL, one of the prosperous young farmers of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born in 1866 in Menallen township, Fayette county, near Work's mills on Redstone creek. He is a son of John Hillery and Susan (Morgan) Ball, the former of whom was born October, 1829, and died March 3, 1876, and the latter was born July 30, 1830, and was a daughter of Morris Morgan, a soldier in the war of 1812, and of Welsh descent, and Susanna (Statz) Morgan, of German descent. They came from east of the Allegheny mountains and settled in Fayette county. John Hillery Ball's parents were John Hillery and Rachel (Munix) Ball, both of whom were born near Frederick, Md., and were married in 1808. John Hillery Ball, Sr., was born in 1786, and came with his wife to Fayette county in 1812. He located where Jonathan Rankin now resides near Perryopolis, in Perry township. From there he went to the General Beeson farm in North Union township, and in 1838 located on the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch in Dunbar township, and in the same residence, which was constructed nearly a century ago. The children born to John H. and Rachel

(Munix) Ball were: Warfield, born in 1859, and died in Ottawa, Ill.; William, born in 1811, and died in Dunbar township, November 28, 1876; Henry, born in 1812, and died December 24, 1887; Nancy, born in 1815, and died December 5, 1891; Richard, born in 1817, and died January 19, 1844; Zachariah, born in 1819, and deceased; Mary, born in 1822, married Emanuel Campbell, and died June 25, 1864; Elizabeth, born in 1824, married Monroe Bute, and moved to Nebraska, where she died October 25, 1891; Sarah, born in 1826, married John Dennis, of Dunbar township, where they now reside; John H., born October 8, 1829, and died March 3, 1876; Samuel, born February 10, 1833, and resides in Dunbar township. John Hillery Ball, Jr., was married in February, 1853, to Miss Susan Morris. Six children were born to their union: Elizabeth, born December 6, 1853, died August 7, 1895, was the wife of Smith Cowl, and had two children, Annie and Isaac; Annie, born July 13, 1855, is the wife of A. W. Woodward, of Dunbar township, and had eleven children, nine of whom are living: Laura (deceased); Caleb, Alvin, Cora, Lydia (deceased); John, Nancy, Susan, Mary, Ewing, Maple and Lewis, and reside in Worcester, O.; Susan, born April 3, 1857, at home; Hugh, born August 5, 1861, married Miss Emma Jane Cows, and has four children, Joseph, (deceased), Blanche (deceased), Clarence and Carroll; John; and Richard Morgan, born June 12, 1868, and died August 16, 1898, who married Miss Haddie Miller, daughter of John H. Miller, county commissioner of Fayette county, and has left one child, Colline. Richard M. Ball taught eight or ten schools in Fayette county, and stood well in his profession. He graduated from the Ohio Medical college at Columbus, O., and died

a short time after his graduation. Mr. Ball's parents resided in Menallen township some years after the death of the father of Mr. Ball. They were both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Pleasant View.

John H. Ball attended the public schools of Menallen township, left school at the age of fifteen and has since been engaged in farming, being numbered with Fayette county's best and most substantial farmers. He is a Democrat, like his father and grandfather before him. His farm contains one hundred acres of valuable land. Mr. Ball deserves great credit for his success in life, as he started out entirely on his own resources, his capital being energy, industry, honesty and perseverance. The Balls have resided in Fayette county for nearly ninety years. It is supposed that the family in Fayette county was of the same ancestry as the mother of Washington, who was a Miss Ball.

SAMUEL BALL, a representative citizen and one of the old landmarks of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born February 10, 1833, in North Union township, Fayette county. He is a son of John Hillery and Rachel (Mulnix) Ball. John H. Ball was born near Frederick, Md., in 1786, and came to Fayette county in 1812. He located first near Perryopolis, Perry township. From there he went to the General Beeson farm in North Union township, where the subject of this sketch now resides. In 1838 he located on the farm which is now owned by John H. Ball, and the residence on which has been built for nearly a century. John H. Ball was married in Maryland about 1808, to Miss Rachel Mulnix, of Maryland. They had eleven children: Warfield, born in

1809, and resided in Ottawa, Ill., where he died; William, born in 1811, died in Dunbar township, November 28, 1876; Henry, born in 1812, and died December 24, 1887; Nancy, born in 1815, died December 5, 1891; Richard, born in 1817, died January 19, 1844; Zachariah, born in 1819, died March 10, 1887; Mary, born in 1822, married Emanuel Campbell, and died June 25, 1864; Elizabeth, born in 1824, and died October 25, 1891, married Monroe Bute and moved to Nebraska, where she died; Sarah, born in 1826, married a Mr. Dennis, and resides in Dunbar township; John H., born October 8, 1829, and died March 3, 1876. Samuel Ball was born February 10, 1833, and May 8, 1856, married Miss Mary Cowl, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah Cowl, of Fayette county. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ball: Rachel Ann (deceased), born in 1857, married Clark Hess, and had three children, William and Debby Jane, living, and Samuel, deceased; Robert M., born May 19, 1860, and died January 11, 1865; Isaac H., born August 11, 1862, married Miss Joanna Dunn, a daughter of Wallace Dunn, and had five children, Mary Ethel, Jessie Olive, Robert Gilmore, Lula May and Blanche; John E. Ball, born February 5, 1864, died October, 1865. Samuel Ball was born near where he now resides, and has been living at his present residence for thirty years. After his marriage he resided on what is known as the General Beeson farm. He commenced in life entirely without resources, and has accumulated the property he now owns by his own energy and perseverance. He owns his home farm and another in the township, consisting of forty acres. He is a Presbyterian and a staunch Democrat. The Balls trace their ancestry back to the family of Washington's mother, who was a Miss Ball.

Mr. Ball is one of the old citizens and stands well in the community.

HARRY M. SMURR, a leading and substantial farmer of Dunbar township, was born in Springfield township, Fayette county, January 30, 1862. He is a son of Reason and Catherine Smurr, the latter of whom was a Miss Aughinbaugh and a daughter of William and Catherine Aughinbaugh. The mother was of Dutch descent, and her parents moving from Eastern Pennsylvania located in Springfield township, but resided for a time in Centreville, Somerset county, prior to moving to Fayette county. They returned to Somerset county and resided there a short time before they died. The paternal grandparents were natives of Ohio. The grandfather was born and died in Millersburg, O., and the grandmother and her son, Reason, went to Allegheny, Pa., to reside with David Richey, an uncle to Reason Smurr, where he resided until he reached manhood, when he located in Springfield, Fayette county, and engaged in tanning. Reason Smurr remained there until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in company F, Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and during his service was promoted to lieutenant. He served in the Army of the Potomac until the close of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged. He was in many sharp and decisive engagements, and was wounded once in the arm. He is a member of William Kuntz Post, No. 104, G. A. R., at Connellsville. Reason Smurr was born March 6, 1836, and Catherine Smurr, his wife, died September 25, 1890, aged sixty-one years. William Aughinbaugh (maternal grandfather) was born in Cumberland county, Pa., from which place he moved to Franklin county, afterwards going to Somerset

county. He then moved to Fayette county, locating in Springfield township. When old and in failing health he moved to Milford township, Somerset county, and resided with Peter Brubaker, a son-in-law, until his death on April 6, 1875, aged seventy-nine years. There were born to Reason and Catherine (Aughinbaugh) Smurr three sons and two daughters: David H., born September 17, 1859, died July 27, 1877; Harry M., the subject of this sketch; William R., born April 2, 1865, died in 1885; Katie, born December 18, 1867, married Charles Richey, of Dunbar township, who is in the employ of the Union Supply Company at Trotter, and a justice of the peace for Dunbar township, and they have three children, Walter, Eugene and Earle; Lillie J. Smurr, born October 20, 1870, wife of J. J. Clifford, and resides in Homestead, Allegheny county, and has four children, Frank, Marie, Charles and Stewart. Harry M. Smurr attended the public schools of Dunbar township and Connellsville, and after leaving school he engaged in farming. His farm, containing one hundred acres, is located one mile west of Connellsville. He is a Republican and always takes an active interest in the success of his party, although he has never been an aspirant for office. He is a successful farmer and a great fancier of good race horses. He purchased his farm about 1880 from Edward England, and it is known as "Hickory Bottom." He has traveled extensively through the western and southern States, is liberal in his views and has strong business judgment.

DAVID CHRISTOPHER FOLTZ, a leading and successful citizen of Dunbar, Pennsylvania, was born December 15, 1856, near Butler, Butler county, Pa. He is a son of the late Jacob and Catherine (Norcia) Foltz.

The parents of Mr. Foltz came to this country after their marriage from Germany, between 1840 and 1845. The father was born in Germany and died in 1867 from the effects of wounds received while in the army. He enlisted first for three years, and after his term of enlistment expired, he re-enlisted and served until the close of hostilities. He was in a Pennsylvania regiment. He was at the battle of Bull Run, and many other of the hardest fought battles in the war. He was a brave soldier and served gallantly from the beginning to the close of the war. When Jacob Foltz came to this country he purchased a farm near Pittsburg, and from the latter place moved to Butler county, where he purchased property at what was known as Glade's Run. The wife of Jacob Foltz died in the summer of 1866. Eleven children were born to Jacob and Catherine Foltz: Christianna, deceased, who was the wife of Peter Nicholas, of Butler county, Pa.; Jacob, the oldest son, who died in 1863; Katharine, wife of Charles Mackay, who resides in Pittsburg; Mary, wife of Charles Groves, of Butler county, Pa.; Henry, married Miss Matilda Irwin, and resides in Butler county, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Winfield Scott; George, married, and is a resident of Butler county, Pa.; Maggie, wife of Thomas Madden, of Pittsburg, Pa.; David C., immediate subject of this sketch; William, married Miss Minnie Hawkee, of Fayette county, Pa., where he resides, and is engaged in farming; Sadie, wife of Benjamin Charles, of Pittsburg. David C. Foltz was a child at the death of his parents. He was deprived of the advantage of an early education. He has obtained the greater part of his education from the school of experience, yet he is a well-informed and experienced business man. After the death

of his parents he was thrown entirely on his own resources. At the age of eleven years he engaged with Thomas Marshall on a farm in Butler county. He remained there for one winter, and then went to Captain John Martin's, residing there for one and a half years on a farm. He then went to work for Samuel Beers, remaining with Mr. Beers until 1872. In the spring of 1872 he came to Dunbar township, accepting a situation as driver for Beers & Hamilton, building contractors, for whom he worked for eighteen months. In 1874 he went to Allegheny county, where he engaged in the carpenter's trade, returning in the fall of the same year to Dunbar, where he accepted a situation with James R. Beers, and after one year took charge of all the latter's men, remaining with him for six years until 1880. In 1881 Mr. Foltz went to work for David Carson, having a contract to build thirty-five houses and a large hotel in Beechtree, Jefferson county, Pa., remaining there until 1883, to complete the contract. He then returned to Dunbar, Pa., where he has ever since been successfully engaged in the undertaking business, and during this period has conducted about four thousand funerals. He is one of the first embalmers in Fayette county. He has also been extensively engaged in contracting, and in the furniture business. Mr. Foltz has about eighteen houses, which he rents, in Dunbar; also many valuable lots in the place. In 1898 he started the Central hotel in Dunbar, and completed the same at a cost of about thirty thousand dollars. He conducted the hotel until January 9, 1900, when he leased it to Enoch H. Abraham, the present proprietor. It is one of the finest and best equipped hotels in Fayette county, modern and complete in every detail. Mr. Foltz returned from Jefferson

county in 1883, and had only fifteen cents in his pocket, but since then he has by energy, industry and perseverance, and honest business methods, accumulated seventy-five thousand dollars worth of property. In 1880 Mr. Foltz was married to Miss Mary B. Cameron, daughter of Daniel K. and Roberta (Sampson) Cameron, of Dunbar. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Foltz: James Robert and Belle, both graduates of the Dunbar public schools; Kathryn, Elmer Winfield, Wilson, Jessie, David and Paul, attending the public schools of Dunbar, and Jacob, Harry and Eugene, (eight sons and three daughters living), and George, who died in infancy. Mr. Foltz has been a member of Lodge No. 410, Knights of Pythias, at Dunbar, for eighteen years, and has passed all its chairs. He is also a member of King David Lodge, No. 826, Dunbar, and has passed all its chairs twice. He is also a member of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Foltz have been for a number of years members of the M. P. church at Dunbar. There stood on the site of the splendid Central hotel one of the first buildings constructed in Dunbar. Mr. Foltz is one of the largest property owners and highest tax payers in Dunbar. He is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Foltz has never aspired to office, but was elected and served one term of three years as a member of the borough council, and is serving on his third term of three years as a member of the school board for Dunbar. All the schools of Dunbar have been graded since Mr. Foltz has been a member of the board. No community can boast of a better citizen than Mr. Foltz. He is generous, ever ready to contribute to whatever he believes to be a worthy cause. He is just in

all his dealings, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that no man in Fayette county stands higher for honesty and business integrity than does he. No man has more friends and fewer enemies. There is not a name in Fayette county more worthy of a place in the annals of her history than that of David C. Foltz.

CAPT. HUSTEAD A. CROW, a prominent citizen of Fayette county, was born October 19, 1863, in Nicholson township, Fayette county, Pa. He is a son of Isaac F. and Delilah (Clemner) Crow. Isaac F. Crow was born in Fayette county, Pa., and died January 30, 1899, at the age of fifty-five years, while his widow is living and resides in New Geneva, Pa. Captain Crow attended the public schools of New Geneva until seventeen years of age, when he entered a printing office in Uniontown and learned the trade of printer. In 1889 and 1890 he was assistant treasurer of Fayette county under A. F. Downs, an attorney who was then treasurer of the county. Captain Crow had charge of the office when the new courthouse was constructed. From Uniontown he moved to Connellsville, July, 1890, and became local editor for the "Courier," remaining in that capacity until 1895, when he accepted an appointment as deputy collector for the income tax, which was enacted under the Wilson bill, and he filled that office until the same was abolished by a decision of the supreme court of the United States, being deputy collector for the Twenty-third district of Pennsylvania. He then returned to Connellsville, where he successfully conducted a job printing office until February, 1898, when he and a company of business men founded the "Connellsville News," a leading paper, and then the only Democratic

daily paper in Fayette county. Captain Crow was elected business manager of the paper, and filled that position until the declaration of the Spanish-American war, when he offered his services to his country. He has been a member of Company D, Pennsylvania National Guard, since the organization of the company in May, 1892, and had filled all the non-commissioned offices up to that of first sergeant when he entered the United States service. His company left Connellsville for Mt. Gretna April 27, 1898, and was mustered into the United States service May 12, 1898. They sailed from San Francisco June 15, 1898, arriving at Camp Dewey, Manila, July 21, 1898. The regiment of which Captain Crow was a member saw active duty and participated in several important battles. After the battle of Malalos Captain Crow remained to help guard that city until April 14, 1899, when he was ordered to return to Cavite, where he remained, performing outpost duty until June 29th, when his regiment embarked aboard the transport Senator and sailed for the United States July 1, 1899. On the way home the transport stopped at both Nagasaki and Yokohama, Japan, and entered Golden Gate, California, August 1, 1899. Colonel Alexander Hawkins, of the Tenth Regiment, died two days out from Yokohama. They were mustered out of service at the Presidio, California, August 22, 1899, on which day Captain Crow with company D and his regiment returned to their homes in Pennsylvania. In Pittsburg and Connellsville they received the greatest ovations ever known in either of those cities. When war was declared, the captain of Company D was George A. Munson, but while at Mt. Gretna

his brother was killed in an accident, and the captain was obliged to resign and return home, owing to affairs which needed his attention there. Husted A. Crow, first sergeant, was next in rank, owing to the failure of both lieutenants to come up to the physical requirements, and so he was tendered the captaincy, but modestly declined, declaring it too great a promotion, and instead he was made first lieutenant. By election by the company Frank B. Hawkins, son of Colonel A. L. Hawkins, of the regiment, was chosen captain. When Captain Hawkins resigned at Manila, First Lieutenant Crow was made captain, which was a popular promotion. Captain Crow was detailed twice as judge of the first general court-martial of the Philippine Islands, which held sessions first at Camp Dewey, and the second time in Montigos palace, in Manila. He made a brave soldier and capable officer, and was well liked by the entire company. Captain Crow is a Democrat and has been active in politics in Fayette county. His paternal grandfather, Alexander Crow, was a prominent citizen and Democrat, and served two terms as associate judge of Fayette county. His father was a well-known and substantial citizen of the county and was also a Democrat. The Crows were among the first settlers of Fayette county. Captain Crow was married to Maud Cunningham, of Nicholson township, Fayette county, in 1893, and they have two children, Virginia and Manila. Captain Crow is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Uniontown. He is a man of strong personality and unimpeachable business integrity, and while modest and unassuming is a man of pleasing address and a strong intellect.

WILLIAM GALLEY ROBINSON, a prosperous farmer and representative citizen of Dunbar township, was born November 8, 1847, in Dunbar township, and has spent his entire life on the farm which he now owns and where he now resides. He is a son of Cyrus D. and Frances (Galley) Robinson, the former of whom was born January 15, 1816, was killed in 1880 by the falling of a tree and was an honored citizen and prosperous farmer of the county. James Robinson, paternal grandfather, came to Fayette county at an early period, from Lancaster county, Pa., and was a farmer. He married Nancy Tinstman. The maternal grandfather was Peter Galley, who was a prominent citizen. He was married three times, and fourteen children were born to him by his first and second wives. Frances (Galley) Robinson was his oldest child. Four sons and three daughters were born to Cyrus D. and Frances (Galley) Robinson: Amzi, deceased, the oldest, served in the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was in the Western army, or the Army of the Tennessee; John Robinson, served three years in the Army of the Potomac, and was a member of Company B, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry; is now a citizen of Dunbar township, one mile west of New Haven, where he owns property, is a member of the G. A. R. and married Miss Fannie Watson; Smith Robinson, died when six years of age; William Galley Robinson, Bina, deceased, was the wife of Vance Gilmore; Mary E., wife of Robert Playford, Brashear, and resides in New Haven, Pa.; Martha Frances, wife of James H. Cole, of West Virginia.

William Galley Robinson attended the township schools until eighteen years of age, when he engaged in farming on the home place, where he now resides. He has been

engaged in farming and the dairy business successfully to the present time. He was married May 9, 1880, to Miss Mary E. Cooper, daughter of Rev. W. H. and Margaret Cooper. Mrs. Robinson is an Alabamian, but she resided in Tennessee, her father being a professor in a college in that State, and a Baptist minister. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: Maggie L., two and one-half years old, dead; Grace, aged eleven years, and Ruth, aged four years. Mr. Robinson has been a member of the Connellsville Baptist church for over twenty years. He is a member of the Heptasophs, Youghiogheny Conclave, No. 166, at Connellsville, Pa.; also a member of the Protected Home Circle, Coke City Circle, No. 338, at Connellsville, and is a trustee of the Connellsville Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican. His father was also a Republican, and a member of the Christian church, and his mother died in 1893, being over seventy years of age. Mr. Robinson has been successful in stock-raising. He also runs a dairy. He owns a valuable farm of eighty-eight acres, with splendid improvements and a large brick residence, one mile west of New Haven. He enjoys the respect and confidence of the entire community. He is modest and unassuming in his manners, yet is active and energetic as a business man. For honesty and business integrity he is an example worthy of emulation.

JAMES JOSEPH BARNHART, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of Dunbar township, was born February 15, 1844, in Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Nicholas and Susan (Miller) Barnhart, the former being a native of Fayette county, Pa., and died in 1882 at

the age of seventy-five years. He was a farmer and well-known citizen of the county and township where he spent his life. He was of German descent and the father of ten children: Catherine, widow of Joseph Cramer, resides in Fayette county; Malinda, wife of Smith Dawson, and resides in New Haven; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of John Dorsey; Rachel, was the wife of Austin Cunningham; Mary, married a Mr. Thompson, and resides in Cleveland, O.; James Joseph, the subject of this sketch; William, deceased, married Miss Melvina Hager; Daniel, unmarried, owns valuable property in New Haven, and is a resident of Dunbar township; Harvey, deceased, was married to Miss Sarah Ringler, and John, who died in infancy. James Joseph Barnhart attended the common schools of Fayette county until seventeen years of age. While industriously engaged in his duties on the farm, when he would read of the mighty struggle going on between the North and the South, his heart was stirred with patriotism, and so on the 8th of September, 1861, he left Connellsville and proceeded to Harrisburg, where he at once enlisted in Company K, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, or Eightieth regiment, under Captain D. J. May, at Camp Curtin. Captain May was killed on the first day of the battle of Chickamauga. Mr. Barnhart participated in a number of battles during the war, among them being those at Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Dalton, Franklin, Tenn.; Lebanon, Tenn., etc. He was in the Kilpatrick raid, in which Captain Taylor, of his company, was killed. Company K had four captains during its term of service, three of whom fell in battle. Mr. Barnhart began active service at Louisville, Ky. He was slightly wounded on the arm at Gallatin,

Tenn. He was at Macon, Ga., when General Lee surrendered, from which time he served as post commissary sergeant at Columbus, Ga., until August, 1865. He was discharged November 27, 1863, for the purpose of re-enlisting. He re-enlisted November 28, 1863, and was discharged August 23, 1865. Mr. Barnhart was then offered a commission in the regular army, which he declined, as he deemed his object in entering the service had been accomplished. His only regret in not accepting the commission is that it would have enabled him to have participated in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Barnhart's civil life has scarcely been less eventful than his military life. After his return from war he engaged in farming, relying entirely on his own energy, perseverance, brains and muscle, combined with honesty of purpose and fair business methods. His success in life as a business man is worthy of note. His popularity is attested by all whose privilege it is to know him. He owns a considerable amount of valuable property and is one of the most progressive, successful and substantial farmers in Fayette county. He was married first to Miss Malinda Kelly, a daughter of Paul Kelly, on January 17, 1867. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart: Charles, married, and is a resident of Lorain county, O., where he is engaged in farming; John Henry, married, is a resident of Carnegie, where he is engaged in railroading; Della Gertrude, married Espey Worthington, of Dunbar township; Maggie May, wife of Isaac Cropp, of New Haven; James, at home, farming; Irwin Ray, married, is a farmer and resides in Springfield township; David S. and Myrtle Wade, at home, and one died in infancy. Mr. Barnhart's second marriage was to Miss Agnes Rosella

Shallenberger, daughter of Lester and Agnes McQuerter (Strickler) Shallenberger. Five children bless that union: Hugh P., Minnie Belle, Clark H., Leroy C. and Evans L., all living and at home. Mr. Barnhart is serving his third term as president of the Farmers' club, which has been organized sixteen years, and he is the only member who has been honored with more than one term. Mr. Barnhart is an active Republican. He was a member of the board of education from 1894 to 1897, and treasurer of the same. He served in 1882 and in 1885 as collector for Dunbar township. He is prominent in G. A. R. circles, and is commander of Post No. 104, G. A. R., at Connellsville. He united with the Methodist Protestant church about 1873, and later owing to convenience of location changed his membership to Laurel Hill Presbyterian church. He is a faithful teacher and superintendent in the Sunday-school. Mr. Barnhart is a capable and interesting speaker, and is always in demand on important occasions. Mr. Barnhart is a man of strong personality, good business judgment and possesses the happy faculty of making friends wherever he goes. He is hospitable at home and generous everywhere.

ISAAC F. STONER, a successful farmer and one of the leading citizens of Dunbar township, was born May 2, 1836, in Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on a farm known as Ft. Look Sharp, one of the oldest farms in the township, which was owned by a Mr. Stauffer, the great-grandfather of Mr. Stoner. Isaac F. Stoner is a son of Christian and Annie (Stauffer) Stoner. Christian Stoner was born October 10, 1793, in Bedford county, Pa., and came with his parents when but six years old to

Westmoreland county, settling near the site of Scottdale, where he resided until he attained manhood. After his marriage to Annie Stauffer he moved to Dunbar township, Fayette county, and settled on the Stauffer farm in 1817, where he reared a family of twelve children: Abram, married Miss Margaret Mackey, moved to Illinois and from there to Missouri, served four years in the Confederate army and died at Eureka Springs, Ark.; Christian S., married Miss Mary Shallenberger and moved to Illinois, where he died, and two of his sons (Clark R. and Martin S.), served in the Union army during the Civil war; Mary, was the wife of Abram Galley (both deceased), and resided in Franklin township, Fayette county; Sarah and Agnes (twins), Sarah was the wife of Henry N. Friede and resided in Bullskin township, where she and her husband died, and Agnes married John Dudley Collins, is a widow and resides in Dunbar township; John W., married Miss Martha Oglevie and moved to Kansas about 1875, where she and her husband died, leaving a large family of grown children (John W. served in the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery); Rebecca, married Joseph Oglevie, of Dunbar township, and resides in Vanderbilt, where Mr. Oglevie owns a planing mill and is a leading merchant; Elizabeth, married Joseph Newcomer and moved to Kansas, where Mr. Newcomer was killed by a train, and where his widow still resides; Levi, resides at Sistersville, W. Va., served three years in the One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania in the Civil war, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, married Miss Catherine Shaw; Isaac F., married Miss Rachel, daughter of William and Nancy Ball, August 11, 1859; she died January 25, 1882, and on the 9th of March, 1884, Mr. Stoner

married for his second wife Mrs. Leah Eicher (widow of Andrew Eicher, a soldier in the Union army killed in front of Petersburg), whose maiden name was Leah Sipe, and a daughter of Peter and Rebecca Sipe, the latter of whom is still living at the age of eighty-two years; Annie Stoner was born October 4, 1839, married John W. Hair and resides in Franklin township, Fayette county; Cyrus, born October 6, 1842, and died unmarried in Dunbar township at the age of thirty-three years. Christian Stoner (grandfather) was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, and died in 1814. The paternal great-grandfather was a native of Germany and a pioneer settler of Eastern Pennsylvania, settling there prior to the Revolutionary war. Christian Stoner married a Miss Shank and came to this section of the State from Eastern Pennsylvania. Mrs. Stoner's mother was Annie Stauffer, daughter of Christian and Agnes Stauffer. She was born February 5, 1798, and died October 9, 1865. Her mother's maiden name was Agnes Overholt, a native of Bucks county, Pa.

Isaac F. Stoner attended the common schools of Fayette county until sixteen years old, when he engaged in the blacksmith trade, which he followed for six years, afterwards engaging in farming for his father, the other members of the family having left home. He remained on the old homestead for sixteen years until the death of his parents. He then purchased an old farm, which he improved and sold at a profit. In 1887 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, containing sixty-five acres, one and one-half miles west of New Haven, Pa. This farm is in a high state of cultivation with splendid improvements. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., General Worth Lodge, No. 386, of Connellsville, and has taken all the

degrees, and has filled all the chairs in the Dunbar Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry three times, and served as a delegate to Harrisburg for the same. He was the first Republican ever elected justice of the peace of Dunbar township, and served for three years as member of the school board. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for more than forty years at East Liberty church. Mr. Stoner adopted two children. One, Carrie Hurst, married Wm. Reed, and has a family of five children. The other, Joseph H. Stoner, resides in Vanderbilt and married Miss Alice Pickett, and has two children. Mr. Stoner richly deserves the confidence and esteem in which he is held by the community.

ROBERT LANG, a substantial citizen of New Haven, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born September 27, 1839, near Glasgow, Scotland, and came to this country in 1865, locating on the Monongahela river in Western Pennsylvania, where for a number of years he was engaged in mining. In 1868 he was employed in mining ore for W. D. Wood & Co., in Wharton township, and the following year located at Dunbar, Pa., where he had charge of the ore mines for the Dunbar Furnace Company until 1874. From Dunbar he went to Percy, where he remained for a short period engaged in coal mining. From Percy he went to Lemont, and was engaged there in mining for eight years, after which he returned to Dunbar about 1884, where he was superintendent of the Ferguson and Hill Farm mines and the limestone mines until September 1, 1897, when after a long and useful life in active business he retired from business and moved to New Haven, Pa., October 4, 1897, locating in his elegant residence on Mt.

Lang, an ideal spot to spend the remaining days of a useful and well-spent life. Mr. Lang began work in the mines of his native land when only eleven years of age, and has by his energy and industry accumulated valuable property in addition to raising and educating a large family. He was married August 26, 1863, in County Antrim, Ireland, to Miss Margaret Dougherty, daughter of John and Margaret Dougherty. Nine children were born to bless that union, eight of whom are living: William, superintendent of the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company at Pocohontas, Va., and married Miss Mary Malloy, of Dunbar, Pa.; John, a resident of Allegheny, Pa., in the employ of the Schoen Pressed Steel Car Co., married Miss Alice Tierney; Jennie, wife of William F. Soisson, of Connellsville; Robert, a resident of South Connellsville, married Miss Bridget Malone, of Dunbar, Pa.; Margaret, deceased; Mary, wife of W. C. Clydesdale, traveling salesman for the Brindley Hardware Company, of Pittsburg, and Annie, Thomas and James, at home. Margaret, Mary and Annie were educated at Mt. Aloysius academy at Loretta, Cambria county, Pa. Robert Lang, Jr., attended St. Vincent's academy at Latrobe, Pa. Thomas and Jennie attended St. Joseph's college in Baltimore, from which Thomas was graduated. Mr. Lang is a Catholic in religious belief and a Republican in politics. Fayette county can well afford to pride herself in such a citizen as Robert Lang.

RICHARD JAMES MCGEE, a prominent and successful business man of Dunbar, Pa., was born January 29, 1863, in Springhill township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of David and Mary Jane (Cooley) McGee. David McGee was born in 1836 in

Fayette county, and died in 1891 at the age of fifty-five years. He was engaged in various occupations up to the time of his death. He was in the South at the beginning of the war, when he returned and entered the service of the United States Government. He was a Democrat, and a son of James McGee, a native of Fayette county, Pa., born in 1812, and residing in Uniontown at the age of eighty-seven. He was for many years a teamster on the old National Road between Cumberland, Md., and Wheeling, W. Va. He was a pioneer in the iron industry in the days of charcoal furnaces in the mountains of Western Pennsylvania. James McGee married Miss Delilah Fulton, a native of Fayette county, who was born about 1815, and died in 1883. The Fultons were among the oldest of Fayette county's citizens. Seven children were born to James McGee: David, the father of Richard McGee; William, a resident of Cool Springs, Fayette county; Jonathan, a resident of Ohio; Alfred, deceased; Henry, a resident of Nicholson township; Hannah, wife of T. J. Davis, of Uniontown, and Elizabeth, wife of John Cooley, and a resident of Georges township. The parents of R. J. McGee were married in 1862. His mother, Mary Jane (Cooley) McGee, is a daughter of Richard and Ruth (Llewellen) Cooley, and resides in Nicholson township. There were born to David and Mary Jane McGee three children: Richard J., born January 29, 1863, and Charles L. and Carrie (twins), born June 7, 1870. Charles L. married Miss Della, daughter of Samuel Hunter, of Hunter's mill, Springhill township, and lives on the old homestead in Nicholson township, having two children, Maud and Omer. The ancestors of Mr. McGee were all Democrats. The paternal grandfather was a Presbyterian and the par-

ents were Methodists. William McGee, also Asa and Britt Cooley, uncles of Mr. McGee, served during the Civil war in the Union army. Britt Cooley was captured and supposed to have died while in prison. Asa Cooley resides at Old Frame P. O. in Nicholson township. The other children of the maternal grandparents are John Cooley, of Georges township; Hannah Cooley, wife of John Smith, of Smithfield, and Rachel, wife of John S. Davis, of Springhill township.

Richard James McGee attended the public schools, leaving the same when fourteen years of age to work on a farm, for which he received five dollars per month, and later attended old Georges Creek academy, a well-known institution of learning, for a period of two years. On leaving the academy he accepted a situation at the Old Lemont furnace and remained there for one year, after which he spent three years at the Nutt works in Uniontown, and from there he went to Smithfield as assistant postmaster, and clerked in a general store, where he remained for two years. In February, 1885, Mr. McGee came to Dunbar, Pa., and accepted a situation in the store of Captain J. M. Hustead, where he was promoted to be manager of the business, and in 1892 the firm of Hustead & Semans was organized. Mr. McGee remained manager for the firm until the fall of 1895. In April, 1896, the firm of McGee & Co. was organized for the purpose of conducting a general mercantile trade in Dunbar, where the firm has conducted a large and profitable business. Mr. McGee has been quite successful and has accumulated valuable property. He was married April 27, 1887, to Miss Lillie M., who is a daughter of Joseph Irick, and whose parents are dead. Three children bless their union: Edgar I., David Harold

and Richard C. Mr. and Mrs. McGee are both members of the M. E. church at Dunbar, of which he is a trustee. Mr. McGee is also a steward in the church. He has been a lifelong Democrat; was elected in 1892 a member of the school board for Dunbar township, and re-elected in 1895, serving until June, 1898. He has served both as secretary and treasurer of the board, giving a bond for forty-eight thousand dollars, which was the second highest bond in the county. Mr. McGee is a member of the Royal Arcanum and King David Lodge, No. 823, at Dunbar. He is a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M., and Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar. He has filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge of the I. O. O. F., and was a representative from 823 to the Grand Lodge. Mr. McGee enjoys an enviable reputation in the community for honesty and business integrity.

WILLIAM ROBERT BOWDEN, a popular and leading young man of Dunbar, was born May 8, 1874, in Dunbar, Pennsylvania. He is a son of William and Margaret (Ferry) Bowden. The parents of the subject of this sketch were both natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. The father was born in 1845 and came to this country soon after his marriage, when twenty-one years of age. He first located in New York city in 1866, remaining there for only a year or so. In 1868 they came to Connellsville township, Fayette county, Pa., where for some time they resided. William Bowden was engaged in tanning for some time; also in the coke and coal industry. In 1871 he came to Dunbar, Pennsylvania. Five children were born to William and Margaret Bowden: William R.; John J., born November 11, 1867, mar-

ried Miss Olive Stewart and resides at Wilkesburg, Pa., and is employed in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; M. Belle Bowden is a graduate of the public schools of Dunbar, and is a teacher in the Dunbar public schools; Mattie Elizabeth is a graduate of the Dunbar public schools, and has been a teacher in the same for several years; Geo. Samuel, born August 18, 1886, is a graduate of the Dunbar public schools, and is at present a student in Waynesburg college, preparing for the Presbyterian ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Bowden are both charter members of the Dunbar Presbyterian church, in which church the former has been an elder for many years. In politics Mr. Bowden is a Republican. He is a member of Dunbar council, No. 754, Royal Arcanum.

William R. Bowden graduated from school in the class of 1891-92. After leaving school he accepted a situation with the McClure Coke Company as shipping clerk, and for a short period was in the employ of the B. & O. R. R. Co. as scale clerk at Connellsville. In the fall of 1893 he entered the office as clerk of the Cambria Iron and Steel Company, at Morell. He remained there for one year; also was for a short period clerk at Mahoning for the same company. From the latter place he went to Wheeler for the Cambria Iron and Steel Company in 1894, and has remained there to the present time, having charge of the time books. Mr. Bowden, with other members of his father's family, is a member of the Presbyterian church at Dunbar. He is also taking a course in law, preparatory to entering the law department of the University of Ann Arbor, Mich. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Bowden was George Ferry, a native of Ireland, and of Scotch descent. The paternal grandparents,

John and Jane Bowden, were of Scotch origin, and natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. The maternal grandfather died in 1898, and was nearly ninety years of age. In religious belief the ancestors of Mr. Bowden were all Presbyterians. William Robert Bowden is a young man of strong character, scrupulously honest, just in his dealings and of cultured mind and refined sentiments. He is deservedly popular and bids fair for a successful and brilliant future.

CHARLES W. BAKER, a representative and successful citizen of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born July 2, 1866, and is a son of Joshua and Cassa (Leophine) Baker. Joshua Baker was born in Little York, York county, Pa., December 24, 1818, and died September 13, 1896. He was by trade a miller, and spent fifteen years in the west. The father of Joshua Baker was George Baker, who was proprietor of a hotel at York, Pa., and owned two other hotels on the National Road, being wealthy and influential in his day, and was worth probably more than one hundred thousand dollars. He suffered severe losses from fires and moved on the Gettysburg and Hanover pike in Maryland, where he conducted a tavern and mill, and Joshua, his son, when fourteen years old, had charge of the mill. George Baker remained there until his death. Joshua Baker was for fifteen years in the West, having charge of several large saw mills, employing over one thousand hands, and also had charge of a tannery there. From there he went to Baltimore county, Maryland, and located twenty miles from the city of Baltimore, where he was married to Miss Cassa Leophine in 1864. He bought property there and remained until 1891, when he then sold out and removed

to Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life with his son Charles W. Baker. The great-grandfather Baker was a native of Pennsylvania and died while sitting in his chair at the age of one hundred and eight years. George Baker (grandfather) married a Miss Aribaugh, a native of Pennsylvania, and his children were: Joshua (father); William, Elias, Washington, Harry, Jerry, Ellen, wife of Henry Fineger, a wealthy farmer, and four that died in infancy. The maternal grandparents were George and Barbara Leophine, both natives of Pennsylvania, and their daughter, Cassa (Leophine) Baker, was born January 27, 1852, and died July 2, 1887, at the age of thirty-five years, five months and five days. Seven children were born to Joshua and Cassa L. Baker: Charles W., Harry, born January 3, 1868, married Miss Lotta Smithy, of Fayette county, Pa., a daughter of Lewis Smithy, and has one child; Harry, in the employ of his brother Charles in the fire clay mines; William, born May 23, 1870, a teamster at the Dunbar fire clay works; Ellen, born August 2, 1872, single, and Josephine, born October 3, 1874, wife of William Matthews, and has one daughter, Mary, her husband being in the employ of Charles W. Baker; George, born January 31, 1876, single and works at the Dunbar fire clay works, and Herbert Wilson, born November 26, 1878, and in the employ of the Dunbar fire clay company. Charles W. Baker attended the public schools of Baltimore county, Maryland, until sixteen years of age, and worked for his father for a year or so, after which he entered the employ of his uncle at twelve dollars per month, for whom he worked for several years, his wages being increased to twenty-one dollars

per month. After leaving the farm Mr. Baker went to Baltimore and ran a milk wagon for one and a half years at twenty-five dollars per month, and followed various occupations during his stay in that city. He came to Dunbar, Fayette county, Pa., and accepted a situation with the Dunbar Furnace Company as a drawer of coke, and later entered the employ of the Cambria Iron Company to take charge of the yard and to draw coke. In 1894 he entered the employ of the Dunbar Fire Brick Company as contractor for the company, furnishing six teams and employing a large force of men, and has had charge of the clay mines to the present time. Mr. Baker reached Fayette county with only ten dollars in money in his pocket, which he lost soon after reaching here; hence he has by energy, industry and perseverance accumulated every dollar he has since he reached this county. He owns in Dunbar township a valuable farm of one hundred acres and two other properties which he has rented; one place containing over three acres of land. Mr. Baker has his farm in a high state of cultivation, keeping seventy-five head of hogs, twenty-five head of cattle and eight head of horses. He has been a hard worker and an industrious citizen and a man of strong business capacity. He was married in 1889 to Miss Rosa Leophine, daughter of Henry Leophine. Six children bless this union: David Marshall, born April 7, 1890; Herbert Wilson, born June 23, 1891; Jessie, born March 15, 1893; Harry, born July 31, 1895; Stella, born March 31, 1897, and Charles William, born October 21, 1898. In politics Mr. Baker is a Democrat, as were all his ancestors. He has resided at his present place since 1894. Mr. Baker deserves great credit for the success

he has attained in life, as his accumulations are the result of honesty and industry and straightforward business methods.

THOMAS BLAIR PALMER, a leading and representative citizen of Dunbar, Pa., was born June 3, 1862, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Robert H. and Sarah Jane (Longland) Palmer. Robert H. Palmer was born in Allegheny county in 1832 and died May 28, 1884. He was engaged in the manufacture of fire brick. His widow is living, at the age of sixty-three years. Robert H. Palmer, Sr., was a native of Scotland and came to this country after reaching manhood. His wife was a native of Ireland, and came to this country after her marriage. They had three sons and three daughters: John, a resident of Allegheny county, Pa.; James B., of Fort Scott, Kan.; Eliza, deceased; Agnes, Sarah and Robert H. To Robert H. and Sarah Jane Palmer were born these children: William, Thomas Blair, the subject of this sketch; Minnie A., wife of W. S. Floyd; Nannie D., single; Virginia B., wife of R. B. Brown; and Marie L., deceased. Thomas Blair Palmer graduated in the class of 1884 in the high school of Pittsburg, soon after which he engaged with his father in the manufacture of fire brick at Mt. Braddock. In April, 1890, he located at Dunbar, Pa., where he continued in the same business. Mr. Palmer operates the Dunbar Fire Brick Company works, with a capacity of twenty-five thousand bricks per day, employing one hundred and ten men. The plant has increased from a capacity of four thousand a day to the present large output. The company has been one of the most successful in the county, having always been prompt to meet its obligations and has never missed a pay day since its organiza-

tion, and has at no time had a surplus of stock on hand, always finding a ready market for its output, and at present cannot meet the demands of the trade. The plant has not suspended a day for want of orders for the past six years, and under the splendid management of Mr. Palmer has lost but forty-nine dollars in accounts, which is a record without a parallel in Fayette county. Mr. Palmer started out on his own resources and to his energy, industry and able business management is due the credit of his success in life. He is one of Fayette county's leading and most successful business men. Mr. Palmer was married to Miss Nellie B. Brown, daughter of John T. and Eleanor (Hawthorn) Brown, in January, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have had two children: Thomas Blair Palmer, born in January, 1889, and died when eighteen months old, and Eleanor B., born in March, 1893. In politics Mr. Palmer is a Republican, and takes an active interest in local politics as well as State and national. Mr. Palmer's father was a member of the Presbyterian church, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Palmer is a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. and A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M., and Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Dunbar Presbyterian church. He first joined the Third Presbyterian church at Pittsburg. From there he went to Uniontown, where he was a member for five years, and from which place he came to Dunbar. Mr. Palmer is a man of strong personal character, of pleasing address, and one of Fayette county's most substantial citizens.

REV. FRANK MITCHELL SILSLEY, pastor of the Dunbar Presbyterian church, was born February 14, 1873, in Madison, Westmore-

land county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Adam and Jennie (Mitchell) Silsley. His father was born in Madison, Westmoreland county, Pa., and is a resident of Scottdale, and his mother was born in Mendon, near Sewickley, that county. The paternal grandfather was John Silsley, a native of Germany, and the maternal grandfather was a native of this county, and of Scotch-Irish descent, whose ancestors came to this country from Belfast, Ireland. The parents of Rev. Mr. Silsley are residents of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, the father being a carpenter. They had four children: John Calvin Silsley, a successful attorney of Greensburg, enjoying a large and lucrative practice, was educated at Waynesburg college and read law at Greensburg, and married Miss Mary Taylor Cunningham, a sister of Jesse B. Cunningham, a prominent attorney of Greensburg; Nathaniel Eldridge Silsley, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, a successful physician of Scottdale, and enjoys a large practice; Anna Cora, graduated with honors from the high school; and Rev. Frank Mitchell, the subject of this sketch. Adam Silsley was a gallant soldier in the Union army, a member of Company K, Fifty-third Pennsylvania Regiment Volunteers. He enlisted in 1862 and served until the close of hostilities. He was a brave and daring soldier and was selected as one of the scouting party to capture John Wilkes Booth. He served in the Army of the Potomac, and took part in a number of sharp and decisive engagements. He owned valuable property until the panic of 1873, when he sustained severe losses, but with energy and indomitable courage, characteristic of the man, he has raised a family of four children, giving them a classical education, and is recognized as one of the substantial citi-

zens of the community in which he resides. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Scottdale, and is a member of the G. A. R.

Rev. Frank M. Silsley attended the public schools of Scottdale, where he graduated in 1888, and after his graduation he reported for a Pittsburg newspaper for two and a half years. In 1891 he entered Waynesburg college, taking an active interest in the literary societies and athletics, graduating from that institution in the spring of 1895 at the head of his class. During his vacations he followed various occupations to earn means sufficient to enable him to complete his course in college. In the fall of 1895 he entered the Western theological seminary, where he was graduated in May, 1898. At the expiration of his first year in the seminary he supplied the Leisenring Presbyterian church for one year and a half. In 1897 he was called to Dunbar Presbyterian church, and the next year was graduated in the theological class of 1898. He has filled his charge ably and satisfactorily up to the present time. The church has been organized for twenty-six years and has had only four pastors. It is in a prosperous condition, and has a membership of about two hundred. Under the charge of Rev. Mr. Silsley the church has had an addition of about sixty members during the past year, and many improvements have been made, while a new piano has been purchased. Mr. Silsley was married October 26, 1898, to Miss Georgianna, daughter of Rev. Dr. John B. Reed and Mrs. Isabella Reed, of Laurel Hill, Fayette county, Pa. The father of Mrs. Silsley is pastor of Laurel Hill Presbyterian church, and is one of the strongest and best known ministers in the presbytery. Mrs. Silsley was born September 29, 1875, in Sistersville, W. Va. Rev. Frank M. Silsley is



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a man of strong personality, thoroughly educated, a close student and an able expounder of the Scriptures. He has few peers as a pulpit orator. He is firm in his convictions, yet liberal in his views. He is personally popular.

SIMON PETER HAY, a leading citizen and farmer, of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pa., was born January 17, 1852, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late Daniel and Catherine (Friedline) Hay. The parents of Mr. Hay were natives of Somerset county, and located in Westmoreland county, Pa., near Donegal, where both died, the father in October, 1872, aged sixty-four years and eleven months, and the mother in 1856, aged fifty-four years. Daniel Hay was twice married. Eleven children were born to Daniel and Catherine Hay: Susan, wife of Jacob Brown, both deceased; Isabelle, widow of Leonard Gearhart, who lives in Donegal; Margaret, wife of John Helm, both deceased; Isaac Hay, married Miss Hannah Flinger, and is a resident of New Haven, Pa.; Jonathan Hay, married Miss Julia Ann Schaffer, and is a resident of Pittsburg; Elizabeth and Daniel, both deceased; Harmon Hay, married Miss Missouri Ringler, and resides near New Haven, Pa., on a farm; Lavinia Jane, widow of John Graham; Simon P., the subject of this sketch; and John H., a resident of Kansas, where he married. Daniel Hay's second marriage was to Miss Margaret Stairs, and four children were born to that union: William G. Hay, single, and a resident of Millvale, N. J.; Adeline, widow of James Reed; Catherine, wife of Nicholas Simmons, of Connellsville, Pa., and Harvey G. Hay, married, and a resident of Westmoreland county, Pa.

Simon P. Hay was educated in the common schools of Westmoreland county. When twenty-one years of age he started out in life for himself as a teamster, which occupation he pursued for fifteen years, farming some in the meantime. In 1872 Mr. Hay came to New Haven, where he was engaged in farming for five years and has since been engaged in teaming and farming. Mr. Hay purchased the farm on which he resides in 1880, and has since been engaged in farming in connection with other kinds of business. He was married June 22, 1873, to Miss Sophia, daughter of Edward and Sarah Ringler, of Donegal, Westmoreland county, Pa. Four children have been born to their union: Walter, born July 2, 1880, and who resides with his parents; Laura Belle, born June 28, 1884; Lotta Pearl, born January 18, 1886, and one child which died in infancy. Mr. Hay is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Council No. 346, Connellsville. Mr. Hay started in life without any means, and to his energy, industry and perseverance is due the credit for the success he has made in life. He has always been found honest and fair in his dealings with his fellow men, and commands both the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact. Mr. Hay is reaping the reward of a life of usefulness. He is numbered among Fayette county's best and most substantial citizens. He is a Republican in politics, and of German descent.

THOMAS R. JOBE, one of the substantial citizens of Dunbar, Pa., was born January 28, 1837, in North Union township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Daniel and Jane (McCulloch) Jobe. Daniel Jobe was a native of Fayette county, Pa., born in 1801, and died in 1889, and Jane (McCul-

loch) Jobe was born in 1800, and died in 1879. The paternal grandparents were Samuel and Eleanor (Low) Jobe, who had three sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter went west, and Daniel and two sisters, Catherine and Nancy, remained in Fayette county. Daniel Jobe aided in building the National Road across the mountains, and he and his wife, who was a native of Fayette county, were both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Nine children were born to Daniel and Jane Jobe: Samuel, who moved west when a young man; James, a resident of Uniontown, was a member of the Sixth Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry, to which he was transferred from the Third West Virginia Infantry, entering the service in 1861 and remaining until 1866; Elizabeth, deceased, married William Foster, and resided in Franklin township, Fayette county, until her death; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of David Stewart, and resided in Luzerne township; Jane, wife of Benjamin Mackey, of North Union township; Eleanor, single, and resides in Uniontown; Thomas R., the subject of this sketch; Daniel, a resident of Uniontown, served in Company H, First Virginia Cavalry, until the close of hostilities, and William, who died when eleven years of age. Thomas R. Jobe attended the common schools of the county, and engaged in farming, which he followed until 1852, when he enlisted in Company G, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He took part in many of the hard fought battles of the war. The following are some of the engagements in which he participated: Kelley's Ford, Culpeper Court House, Centreville, Upperville, and the three days' fight at Gettysburg, in which his company contained fifteen men and lost three in

that engagement. He was in the battle of Shepherdstown, Va., where he experienced some of the hardest fighting during his military service, which engagement took place July 16, 1863, soon after which Mr. Jobe was transferred to a team which he drove until the close of the war. Mr. Jobe had charge of hospital supplies and was between the firing lines at the battle of Mine Run, Va. He served until June 15, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge at Lynchburg, Va. At the close of his military service he located at Mt. Braddock, where he was engaged at the blacksmith trade until 1871, when he came to Dunbar township, where he worked for William Beeson at mechanical work for twenty-one years. In 1892 he moved to Dunbar, Pa., where he has since been engaged in the carpenter trade and is an expert in his trade, doing only the finest class of work. Mr. Jobe was married July 2, 1861, to Miss Nancy Wood, of Fayette county. Six children bless that union: James W., a resident of Uniontown; Daniel, born March 22, 1866; Sarah Jane, born October 2, 1867; John, born February 2, 1870, a resident of Dunbar; Luther, born January 19, 1873, a resident of Dunbar, and Rachel, born December 8, 1878. Mr. Jobe is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has been a hard working, industrious citizen and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community in which he resides. He has been a hard working man all his life and has raised a large and industrious family. He is a good citizen and was a brave soldier. His ancestors were among the pioneers of the county. His grandfather, Samuel Jobe, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, where he served for seven years, and was killed while in service in the war of 1812.

JAMES BRADLEY SEATON, who in early life learned the trade of tailoring, and has been for many years a citizen of Dunbar, Pa., was born in January, 1834, and is a son of the late Matthew and Sarah (Bradley) Seaton. Matthew Seaton was of Irish ancestry, and was born in Cumberland county, Pa. His wife was born in Dublin, Ireland, and both were born in the year 1804. He was an undertaker by trade and had nine children, of which number James Bradley Seaton was the fourth. James Bradley Seaton was born and reared in Connellsville and learned his trade with Wilson & McElvain. He also learned the baking and cooper trades and was for a long time engaged in farming. In June, 1857, he came to Dunbar and married Miss Mary Burton, a daughter of James Burton, and of English and Irish descent. She died April 15, 1891, and left one son, Matthew B. Seaton, who was born July 23, 1862. Matthew B. Seaton is by trade an engineer. He married Miss Fannie Mayfield, daughter of James and Sarah Mayfield. She is of English ancestry, and was born in England, where she was reared. Matthew B. and Fannie Mayfield Seaton have four sons and three daughters: Mary Seaton, James Seaton, Chalmer King Seaton, Matthew Seaton, Sarah Seaton, Harry Seaton and Olive Seaton. In politics James B. Seaton is a Democrat, and has rendered valuable service to the community during his term of office as a member of the school board of Dunbar township. Mr. Seaton has resided on what is known as Seaton's Hill, in Dunbar, where he owns two houses and lots. He has all his life been an energetic, honest and industrious citizen, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

DANIEL KELLAR CAMERON, notary public and tax collector for Dunbar, Pa., and one of Dunbar's best known and substantial citizens, was born July 24, 1836, in North Union township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Hugh and Jane White Cameron, and a grandson of Alexander Cameron, who emigrated from Scotland to near Berryville, Mercer (now Clarke) county, Va., shortly after the Revolutionary war. Alexander Cameron had four children: Hugh, Moses, James and Mary. Hugh Cameron was born in Martinsburg, Va., in 1792, was a farmer and shoemaker and served as a soldier in the war of 1812, taking part in the battle at Baltimore, being at Fort McHenry when it was attacked by the British. He took part in a number of other engagements. His wife was Jane White and there were born unto them fourteen children: George W., a soldier in the late war; Alexander B.; Sophia, widow of George Devan; William L., deceased; Hugh, second lieutenant in the One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry; James; Albert S.; Daniel K., the subject of this sketch; Charles, deceased; Nancy A., wife of John H. Martin, who has served as county superintendent of schools for Johnson county, Ind.; Mary, wife of Martin B. Pope; Eliza, wife of Miller Dunaway; Margaret A., wife of T. J. Dobson, and Phoebe. Mrs. Hugh Cameron's father, George White, was a native of Ireland, who emigrated to Connellsville. He enlisted in the American army in the war of 1812 and died during the war. He left four children: Phoebe Jane, Margaret J., George and Mary. Daniel K. Cameron, the subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of his native county, and at eighteen years of age left school to work at the shoemaker

trade which he and all his brothers learned with their father. He pursued his trade until about twenty-five years of age, when he enlisted in Company H, First West Virginia Cavalry, June 16, 1861, and served until June 23, 1862, when he was discharged from the United States service on a certificate of disability. He then went to Grafton, W. Va. On July 2, 1862, he was married to Miss Roberta W. Sampson, a daughter of James and Emily Sampson, of Grafton, and their children are: Mary B. Cameron, wife of D. C. Foltz, the latter a prominent citizen of Dunbar, and largely interested in real estate, and proprietor of the Central hotel of Dunbar; Belle Cameron, Henry N. Cameron, single; Emily J., wife of John Rodibaugh; Jessie E., wife of Harry Walls, the latter a locomotive engineer, and a resident of Dunbar, Pa., and Albert T. Cameron. Daniel K. Cameron followed shoemaking until the failure of his health. He worked as a fireman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for three years. He moved to Dunbar and was elected justice of the peace when the borough was organized. His commission was for five years, at the expiration of which time he served one year by appointment of the governor, and in 1893 was re-elected for a term of five years. His last commission expired May, 1898. He was twice elected on the Republican ticket burgess of Dunbar. At present he is notary public and tax collector and assistant in the office of D. C. Foltz. Mr. Cameron came to Dunbar prior to its organization as a borough, and has been one of her leading and most active citizens. Mr. Cameron cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has cast his vote for every Republican nominee since. Mr. Cameron is a staunch believer in the principles of the Republican party, but in lo-

cal politics he casts his vote for those whom he considers best qualified to fill the office. He joined the Methodist Protestant church in December, 1851, and is at present a member of the Dunbar Methodist Protestant church. He has served as a class leader, trustee, steward and Sabbath-school superintendent, and has been a Sunday-school teacher since he was twenty-five years of age, chorister in the choir, and has served his church on a number of occasions as delegate to the annual conference, and has always taken an active interest in church affairs. Mr. Cameron is a member of Duncan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 165, Department of Pennsylvania, at Dunbar, which was organized in 1880, and has served continuously for seven years as chaplain, and has filled other offices in the Post. He has attended several of the G. A. R. encampments. Mr. Cameron was elected First Worthy W. C. T. of the Independent Order of Good Templars of the district composed of Fayette county. Mr. Cameron has been all his life an exemplary citizen, commanding both the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact. He is a man of great personality, high sense of honor, and contributes liberally of his time and means to whatever he conceives to be a worthy cause. He is a staunch friend to the cause of education and morality in the community in which he resides.

ROBERT ARTIS, a successful farmer and well-known citizen of Dunbar township, was born February 25, 1836, on the farm where he now resides. He is a son of John C. and Susan (Christie) Artis. John C. Artis was a native of Fayette county and died in 1868 at the age of seventy-two years. He devoted his life to farming. He resided for many

years on the farm where the subject of this sketch resides, and his farm contained one hundred acres. He resided all his life in Dunbar township near Dunbar, and his wife died in December, 1878, at the age of eighty-two years. Nine children were born to John and Susan Artis: Andrew, a resident of Beaver county, where he resides and is engaged in farming, and married a Miss Mason, of Fayette county, Pa.; John (deceased), was a farmer and resided in Virginia, where he married a Miss Hamilton; Christie (deceased), was married to a Miss McDowell, served as treasurer of Fayette county, and was a farmer, and his descendants reside in Dunbar; Lewis (deceased), was married to a Miss Headen, of Fayette county, Pa., was a farmer and died in Iowa; Joseph, a resident of Iowa, married a Miss Romesberg, of Fayette county, Pa., and is engaged in farming; Jacob (deceased), moved to Iowa, where he resided and was by trade a blacksmith, was twice married, his second wife being a Miss Porter; Geo. Washington (deceased), married a Miss Brown, of Virginia, and was a locomotive engineer; Robert, the subject of this sketch; Sarah was twice married, first to Sylvester Pierce, and the second time to Joel Bodkin, also deceased, and she resides with the subject of this sketch. George Washington Artis was lieutenant of a company in a Virginia regiment in the Union army during the Civil war, and since killed by the explosion of an engine. The maternal grandparents were John and Nancy Christie, of Fayette county, Pa., the former having served in the Indian war and died at Hanging Rock O. The paternal grandfather was John Artis, who emigrated to Pennsylvania from Virginia at an early date and settled in Fayette county, Pa. He was killed near Dunbar by the falling of a tree. Robert Ar-

tis attended the common schools of Fayette county. He was reared on a farm and has devoted the greater part of his life to farming on the old homestead. He owns the farm of one hundred acres, purchased by his father. Mr. Artis was never married and remained with his parents during their lifetime. Mr. Artis, as were his ancestors, is a staunch Democrat. He has resided in Dunbar township all his life and well remembers when the present site of Dunbar was a thicket of laurel and a perfect wilderness. He aided in making the first coke shipped from the Connellsville region and has witnessed the development of the industry from its beginning to its present proportions. He has seen Fayette county changed from a sparsely settled community to a center of industry, population and wealth. He worked at the Dunbar furnace, removing cinders, when its output was only two and a half tons in twenty-four hours. It has grown to one of the largest and most important industries in this section of Pennsylvania, with a daily output of hundreds of tons. The first stack was built at a cost of fifty dollars by Mr. Frazier. The Artis family were among the pioneers of Fayette county. Mr. Artis is a good and reliable citizen and a member of one of Fayette county's best families.

HARRY J. BELL, physician and surgeon, of Dawson, was born at Arendtsville, Adams county, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1868. He is a son of William and Molly (Lower) Bell. William Bell was born at Arendtsville, Adams county, January 9, 1842, and was a son of William and Mary (Sandow) Bell. He was a direct descendant of Robert Bell, who came to this country in 1765 from County Down, North of Ireland, and who served as clerk to General Knox during the Revolu-

tionary war from 1777 to the close of the war, after which he settled in Adams county (then York county), Pa., where he lived until his death in 1851, aged ninety-three years. Wm. Bell received a common school education, and became a farmer in Adams county. He enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, November 5, 1861, for three years; was promoted to corporal, sergeant, sergeant-major and to lieutenant before his discharge in 1865. He was captured at Plymouth, N. C., in April, 1864, along with the balance of his regiment. He served three years; was in Andersonville prison for ten months; was discharged for disability, and was in poor health until his death in 1876. To William and Molly (Lower) Bell there were born three children: Harry J., physician at Dawson; Emma Grace, a graduate of the Allentown, Pa., Female college, class of 1888, resides with her mother at McKnightstown, Pa., and Geo. W., a clerk in New York city.

Dr. Bell received his early education in the public schools of Adams county, attended a select school for two years, and was one year at Muhlenberg college, Allentown, Pa. He began the study of medicine in the spring of 1888, under Dr. B. B. Elderdies, of McKnightstown, Adams county, and graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical college, of Philadelphia, Pa., in May, 1892. He began practice at Juniataville, Fayette county, Pa., the same month, where he remained until April 1, 1894. He then located at Dawson, where he has a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the American Medical association, Pennsylvania State Medical society, Fayette County Medical society and B. and O. R. R. Surgical association. He is a member of James Cochran Lodge, No. 614,

F. and A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M., and Commandery, No. 49, K. T. He is also a member of the Arcanum, Order of Iroquois, Order of Americus and Dawson Council, No. 75, Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is a member of the surgical staff of the B. & O. R. R. and the P. & L. E. R. R. and is medical examiner of all the leading life insurance companies. On October 28, 1896, Dr. Bell married Miss Helen M., daughter of Rev. J. B. Reed, of Laurel Hill, Fayette county. They are members of the Presbyterian church and prominent in social circles of Dawson. The doctor is an active Republican.

JESSE FRANKLIN COGAN, physician and surgeon, of Dawson, was born at Yellow Creek, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1865. He is a son of Jacob F. and Maria (Weaverling) Cogan, of French-Irish and German extraction, respectively. The father is a teacher by occupation. He reared a family of nine children, of whom the subject of our sketch is fourth in order of birth. Dr. Cogan received a thorough common school education, and found employment in a drug store in Allegheny City, and in the spring of 1891 came to Dawson and worked in Porter's drug store. During his services as clerk in the drug business, he had studied medicine and attended lectures at the Baltimore Medical college, from which he graduated in the spring of 1892, and in April of the same year opened an office in Dawson, where he enjoys a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Cogan married, September 12, 1892, Miss Anna L., daughter of Jacob Strickler, of Vanderbilt. They have one child, Jacob Ernest, born July 13, 1896.

JOHN H. WURTZ, cashier of the First National Bank of Dawson, Pennsylvania, has been actively connected with the business interests of northern Fayette county since the early seventies. He is a son of Christian and Susan (Hyatt) Wurtz, and was born near Confluence, Somerset county, Pa., October 10, 1852. His great-grandfather, John Wurtz, came to Westmoreland county from eastern Pennsylvania and was one of the early settlers. He was born in 1767, and died in 1838. Of the family he reared in his western home, one son, John Wurtz (grandfather), was born in 1789, and died in 1854. He was a substantial and industrious farmer and was a leading member, as was his father before him, of the Mennonite church near Stonerville. He married Barbara, daughter of Christian and Barbara (Shank) Stoner. She was born in 1790, and died in 1845. Upon their marriage they settled on a farm in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, on which they afterwards continued to reside and from which they were buried. A large family of children were born to them, of whom the oldest, John, died in infancy. Most of the others have passed away, but there still survive: Daniel Wurtz, who lives in Dawson; David Wurtz, who lives near Mendon, Pa.; Mattie Kell, wife of John Kell, near Broad Ford, Pa., and Mary, wife of Wm. S. Hutchinson, at Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Daniel and David Wurtz and John Kell were veterans of the Civil war between the States. Christian Wurtz, father of John H. Wurtz, was born August 23, 1823. In 1867 he moved to Franklin township, in Fayette county, where he purchased the old "Rankin" farm, at one time a prominent drovers' tavern stand, and there followed the business of farming and stock raising until his death, which occurred in 1888. In 1851 Christian Wurtz married Susan Hyatt and to

their union were born two sons, John H. Wurtz and Andrew Jackson, and one daughter, Anabelle, who died in childhood. Andrew J. Wurtz now resides at Abilene, Kan., where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. Mrs. Susan Wurtz was born in 1832, and now resides at Dawson. She was a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Woodmancy) Hyatt, and was born and reared in the Turkey-Foot or Jersey settlement in Somerset county, Pa. The grandparents of both her father and mother were pioneer settlers in Somerset county, coming there from New Jersey shortly after Braddock's unfortunate expedition to Fort Duquesne. It is a tradition in the family that Andrew Friend, who afterwards settled in the Turkey Foot neighborhood and became connected with the family by marriage, accompanied Braddock on this expedition and assisted in caring for him after he received his fatal wound. The Jersey Baptist church, which was organized in 1775 in the Jersey settlement, has recently celebrated its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary in the building which has long superseded the log structure of early days, that was more than once used as a fort as well as a church in the struggles of the early pioneers with the Indians for the possession of the country. Andrew Hyatt, who died in 1870, at the age of seventy-eight years, was a fine specimen of physical manhood. Even in his old age he was as straight as an arrow, and his sight as unerring as when fifty years earlier he hunted wild turkey, deer and other game over the mountains of Laurel ridge and Negro mountain. John H. Wurtz was brought up on a farm by his parents, and after attending the winter term of the public schools for ten years, engaged in teaching in the public schools for three terms. He took the course of bookkeeping at Iron City

college, Pittsburg, and in 1872 engaged as bookkeeper with the firm of Brown & Cochran, at the Jintown coke works, near Dawson, at which place he remained, with the exception of one year spent in Kansas, until the business was sold in 1879, to Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker. He was retained by Colonel Schoonmaker in the same position until 1888, when he was promoted to the position of general manager of the stores of Redstone. Alice, Jintown and Youngstown, which position he held until the absorption of the Schoonmaker property by the H. C. Frick Coke Company. After being employed about two years in the purchasing department of the latter company, he became connected with the James Cochran coal and coke interests at Dawson, and in 1892 was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Dawson, Pa., which position he still holds. He is also a stockholder and officer in the Washington Coal and Coke Company, Washington Run Railroad Company, Cochran Coal and Coke Company, Star Supply Company (Limited), and Dawson Electric Light and Power Company, and is also connected with various other business interests in and about Dawson. On November 21, 1877, at the Catholic church in Connellsville he was married to Ellen Quinn, a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, whose father, James Quinn, came to the United States in 1863, and died from injuries received at Alice mines in 1886. Mrs. Wurtz's mother is still living at Dawson. Mr. and Mrs. Wurtz have five children: Andrew Jackson, Anabelle, Ellen, Bertha Elizabeth and John Taylor. In politics Mr. Wurtz is a Democrat, and has always been an ardent supporter of the policy of that party. He has several times held local offices and takes an active interest in the local affairs of the community in which he

lives. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Loyal Additional Benefit Association. Since 1891 the family have resided in Dawson borough, at their residence on Railroad street. Mr. Wurtz still retains the ownership of his father's farm in Franklin township, and also owns a large acreage of farming land near Abilene, Kan., in what is known as the winter wheat belt of that State. Such measure of success as has been attained by him in life is due to close application to business, and unquestionable integrity in the discharge of his duties of the various positions he has been called upon to fill. Of retiring disposition and studious habits he is best known and appreciated by those who have been most closely associated with him in business affairs.

JOSEPH R. LAUGHREY, of Dawson, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and general manager for Brown & Cochran, coal and coke operators, was born in Lower Tyrone township, May 28, 1845. He is a son of Robert and Sarah (Walker) Laughrey. He received a meagre education in the then poor public schools of his native place, and worked on the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he went to work in the mines for the old firm of Brown & Cochran. Afterwards he took a course at the Iron City Business college of Pittsburg, and was given the position of shipping clerk at the Jintown and Sterling works of Brown & Cochran, which he held until 1875, when he was made superintendent of both these large works, a position he held until 1885. In that year he was made general manager for the new firm of Brown & Cochran, a position he still holds. Mr. Laughrey is a fair example of what pluck and perseverance can do. He is to-day one of Fayette county's most successful and best



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known business men. He is one of the promoters and organizers and a director and stockholder of the First National Bank of Dawson, and has been vice-president since the organization. He is a charter member, stockholder and director, treasurer and member of the executive committee of the Washington Coal and Coke Company, and a stockholder, director and one of the organizers and vice-president and chairman of the committee of construction of the Washington Run Railroad Company. He is chairman of the executive committee, director and stockholder in the Star Supply Company, of Star Junction, and in the Dawson Supply Company, of Dawson, and stockholder in the Cochran Coal and Coke Company. He has served several terms in the Dawson borough council and was for three terms (nine years) president of that body. He has served a number of terms as school director, and is a member of the Bloomington Lodge, No. 728, I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, Royal Additional, Order of Iroquois and Order of Americus. Mr. Laughrey married, May 16, 1872, Miss Annie E., daughter of Jacob D. Overholt, of Tyrone township, and they had four children: James S., born April 5, 1873, is shipping clerk for Brown & Cochran; Cora B., Emma E., and Joseph R., Jr. Mrs. Laughrey died May 28, 1888, and he married for a second wife, September 28, 1889, Miss Maggie, daughter of John Porter, of Perryopolis. One daughter has been born to this union, Olive, who died in infancy. The family attend the Baptist church.

WILLIAM HARRISON RUSH, the genial proprietor of the Rush house, Dawson, Pennsylvania, was born at Farmington, Wharton township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1838. He attended the public

schools until nine years of age, when his father died and he had to earn his own living. He worked as a hand on the home farm until 1856. He was employed on the National Road until 1857, when he became proprietor of the hotel known as the Moxley stand, near Uniontown. He then worked the home farm for a time and in 1863 enlisted in company K, Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served to the close of the war. After the war he returned to Uniontown and worked in a livery stable; then on a farm at Washington Springs three years, next on a farm at Uniontown; then run a boarding house at Scottdale three years, and then conducted a hotel at Broad Ford. In 1877 he came to Dawson, where he opened the Rush house and built the present fine hostelry in 1890. He served as a councilman in Dawson, was a member of the G. A. R. and a Democrat. He married in 1858, Anna E., daughter of Reason Frost, and had four children: Ida M., wife of Clark Newcomer, Uniontown; Maggie, widow of Louis McDonald; Charles W., an attorney at Uniontown, and Henry C., a carpenter of Dawson, Pa. Mr. Rush died March 21, 1900, and his remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery at Uniontown.

GEORGE CRAMER MCGILL.—Charles McGill was born in Ireland about 1755. While yet a boy he came with two brothers to America and settled in Virginia. He was married when very young and removed to Monongalia county, W. Va., where he bought a farm on Cheat river about one mile above the famous Ellicott's iron works. He built a small distillery, such as was in use at that time and followed farming and distilling for a living. He had nine children, seven boys and two girls. The fourth son was Adam McGill, who was born on the farm

above mentioned, in the year 1783. He grew to manhood at his native place, worked for a time in the iron works, near his home, and later operated a ferry over Cheat river. He married Lourany Jenkins in 1804, and to them were born the following children: Maria, Charity, Margaret, William, Hannah, Adam J., Thomas, Elizabeth, Enoch J., Lourany, Charles and Catherine. He was drowned while pursuing his calling in 1830. After the death of her husband, Mrs. McGill and her children moved to Fayette county, Pa., in 1832, and located at Hickman run, in Tyrone township. The boys became famous boat builders and river men. Mrs. McGill died May 7, 1842. Enoch Jenkins McGill, the ninth child of Adam and Lourany McGill, was born in Monongalia county, W. Va., January 28, 1822, received the limited common school education of that day, and was ten years of age when his widowed mother moved with her family into Fayette county. He with his other brothers became well-known boat builders and river men, and later pursued coal mining. He married, September 11, 1845, Elizabeth, daughter of Uriah and Hannah Strickler, and to them were born ten children: Minerva W., born August 23, 1846, wife of William Fairchild, of Dawson; George C. (subject); Miriam H., born January 2, 1850, deceased; Emma L., born August 26, 1852, wife of Louis C. Watt, of Brownfield; Catharine A., born August 20, 1854, wife of John Victor, of Fairchance; William S., born October 23, 1856, deceased; Mary F., born September 29, 1859, deceased; Charles B., born March 25, 1862, and resides in Greensburg, Pa.; Elizabeth D., born April 15, 1865, deceased, and Sarah J., born October 31, 1867. He was a hard working, honest man, and died after a long illness, January

18, 1869. Mrs. McGill died November 13, 1894.

George Cramer McGill, leading merchant of Dawson, is the second child of Enoch J. and Elizabeth McGill. He was born in Lower Tyrone township, March 11, 1848, and attended the public schools until fifteen years of age, when he went to work in the coal mines, and when twenty-four years of age entered the store of W. H. Brown at Sterling mines as clerk, working in this position for Mr. Brown and his successor, Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker, for eight years, when he was made manager of Mr. Schoonmaker's store at Alice mines, Mt. Pleasant, a position he held until October, 1887. He then resigned and began business for himself in Dawson, and is to-day one of her leading business men. Mr. McGill married in 1876 Miss Amanda E., daughter of John C. Morrow, of Scottdale, Pa., and to them have been born five children: A. Gertrude, clerk in her father's store; Frank O., died at six years of age; John M., attending school; Florence, died at four years of age, and George C., Jr., died when two years old. The family are members of the M. E. church. The grandfather of Elizabeth Strickler, mother of George C. McGill, was Abraham Strickler, who was born in York county, Pa., about 1764, came to Fayette county and located in Upper Tyrone township about 1785, where he died May 13, 1855. He married Elizabeth Wallace, in 1792, who bore him three children: Mary, born in 1793; John, born in 1796, and Uriah, born in 1799. Uriah Strickler, father of Mrs. Elizabeth McGill, who was born in Upper Tyrone township in 1799, married Hannah Reagan in 1818, and had the following children: Abraham, of Iowa, where he died in 1899; Mary, Balaam, Miriam, de-

ceased; Tilghman, in Iowa, and Elizabeth, Weldon R., William S., Uriah, Solomon and Hannah M., all deceased. Uriah Strickler was drowned in 1839. Representatives of both the McGill and Strickler families were soldiers in the war of 1812. Adam J. McGill and his brother-in-law, William Jenkins, were with General Jackson at New Orleans, where the latter was killed. Zachariah Reagan, father of Mrs. Hannah Strickler, and her two brothers, Reason and James, served on the northern frontier along the lakes.

JOHN STRICKLER NEWMYER.—The Newmyer family of Western Pennsylvania had its founder in the person of Peter Newmyer, who came from Eastern Pennsylvania and settled in Bullskin township during the Revolutionary war. He purchased a farm and continued in agricultural pursuits throughout his life. His children were: Jacob, David, Samuel, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Rachel, Ann, and Hester. Jacob Newmyer, eldest son of Peter, was born in Bullskin township in 1784. He also followed farming all his life. He married Ann Shallenberger, who bore him eight children: David, residing in Illinois; Peter, deceased; Jacob, Joseph, deceased; Jonathan, deceased; Susan, deceased; Lucinda, deceased, and Clarissa, wife of George McCormick, of Connellsville. Mr. Newmyer was an earnest member of the Disciple church and he died in 1864. Of the latter's children, Jacob Newmyer, a prominent farmer in Lower Tyrone township, is the third. He was born on the farm he now owns April 29, 1817; received his education in the public schools of his native township, and has spent his life as a tiller of the soil. He is a well-preserved old gentleman, broad-minded and liberal, being a member of the Disciple church, and a Republican. He

served one term as an auditor and held most of the other township offices. He married in 1842 Miss Mary, a daughter of John A. Strickler, and their union was blessed with six children: Harriet, wife of Newton Shallenberger; Salinda, deceased; John S., living; James L., deceased; Belle and Maggie A., at home. John Strickler Newmyer, one of the prominent men of Dawson, and general manager of the Washington Coal and Coke Company, was born on the farm in Lower Tyrone township, December 17, 1847; he received his education in the public schools near his home and worked on the home farm until 1880, when the father and son, as Newmyer & Sons, mined and coked the coal from under the farm known as the Cora mines, operating forty-two coke ovens. In the spring of 1892, having exhausted the coal at the home plant, John S. went to Perry township and purchased the Washington tract of land of over two thousand acres. He built fifty coke ovens. He also had a shaft sunk and hoist set, and built a few houses. In July he made application for a charter for the Washington Coal and Coke Company, and in August the company began operations, with Mr. Newmyer as general manager; he also was a large stockholder and director. He is a stockholder, director and general manager of the Dawson Electric Power and Light Company; a director, stockholder and superintendent of the Washington Run R. R. Co.; a director and chairman of board of managers of the Star Supply Company; a stockholder and director in the Cochran Coal and Coke Company and shareholder and director of the First National Bank of Dawson; a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Newmyer married, October 22, 1868, Miss Lucy F., daughter of Samuel and Harriet Gallatin, collaterally

connected with Albert Gallatin. Mr. and Mrs. Newmyer have three children: Cora E., wife of Frank Tucker, of Cleveland, O.; Bessie B. and Mary A. They are members of the Disciple church.

NELSON A. RIST, a leading citizen and successful business man of Vanderbilt, was born September 14, 1850, in Tyrone township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Huston) Rist, both natives of the same county. The former was born about 1830, and died about 1875, and the latter died December 29, 1886, aged fifty-four years. About 1852 Joseph Rist, the father, went to Colorado, where he was successfully engaged in mining, and resided there for a number of years. On his return to Pennsylvania, he engaged in the coke business at Broad Ford, Fayette county, and later was succeeded by H. C. Frick in business. Mr. Rist attended the public schools of Fayette county. Later he attended the California State Normal school and completed his education in 1872, at Otterbein university in Ohio, immediately after which he entered the employ of his Uncle James Cochran in the coke industry in his native county. James Cochran was the pioneer of the great coke industry in this country. In 1883 he became a member of the firm of James Cochran, Sons & Company, and is the only surviving member of that firm, which is one of the largest and most prosperous business concerns of Fayette county. Mr. Rist is associated with the firm and is superintendent of the same, with office located at Dawson. On September 2, 1874, Mr. Rist was married to Miss Agnes Moore, daughter of James Moore, of Fayette county. Five children were born to that union: Maud, Roy, Bessie, J. Donald, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Rist is a

member of Dawson Council, No. 787, Royal Arcanum, and is also a member of, and on the official board of the M. E. church at Vanderbilt. Mr. Rist is a staunch Democrat, and adheres to the political principles advocated by Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. He is and has been all his life an active and energetic business man. By industry and perseverance he has taken his stand with the leading and prominent business men of Fayette county. He is honest and fair in his dealings, and commands the respect and confidence of all whose privilege it is to know him. He is just, generous and judicious and deservedly popular. There is no name in Fayette county more worthy of a place in the annals of her history than that of Nelson A. Rist.

EDWIN ROCELLE RASELY, physician and surgeon, of Vanderbilt, was born at Centreville, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1867. He is a son of the late Hiram and Susanna (Reichard) Rasely. The father was a prominent merchant at East Bangor, Pa. The doctor received his initial education in the public schools of East Bangor, and found employment as clerk in his father's store, and while filling this position studied medicine under Dr. B. F. Dilliard, and graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical college of Philadelphia, Pa., in the spring of 1891. He then took a six months' post-graduate in the Lying-in Charity hospital and formed a partnership with Dr. W. A. Shoemaker, of Dawson, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice for three years, when his health failed and he moved to Lebanon, Pa., where he practiced until March, 1897. He then returned to Fayette county to accept the position he now holds, that of physician for the W. J. Rainey Company at Van-



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derbilt. The doctor is a member of King Solomon Lodge, F. and A. M., Royal Arcanum and the Society of Good Fellows. He makes a specialty of the diseases of the internal organs, and received a special course on diseases of women. On August 23, 1893, he married Miss Sadie E., daughter of Joseph Weaver, of Lebanon, Pa. They have one child, Evelyn, born July 8, 1897. Doctor Rasely is a member of the M. E. church and Mrs. Rasely of the Lutheran church.

ALBERT S. FORSYTHE, manager of the Dawson Supply Company store, of Dawson, was born at Jacob's Creek, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1870. He is a son of David and Mary (Husband) Forsythe, both of whom now reside in Dawson, where Mr. Forsythe is employed as a coke drawer. Albert S. Forsythe received his education in the public schools and learned the drug business. In 1889 he secured a position as a clerk in Sterling store, Jimtown, for the Union Supply Company, with which he remained two years, and on October 1, 1891, accepted his present position. Mr. Forsythe is a conscientious, Christian gentleman, and a thorough business man. He was president of the Epworth League, McKeesport district, Pittsburg conference, for one year, and also president of the local Epworth League for four years. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and Order of Iroquois. He has been twice married. First to Miss Sadie E., daughter of David and Ellen Husband, who soon died. His second marriage was to Miss Mary E. Ramsier, of Tyrone township, on January 22, 1896. They have one child, Joseph R. They are members of the M. E. church, with which Mr. Forsythe is officially connected as a member of its board of trustees and steward.

LINDSEY TAYLOR RUSSELL, physician and surgeon, of Vanderbilt, Pa., was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1859. He is a son of William T. Russell and a grandson of Joseph Russell, who came to Fayette county and located in Perry township. He was a shoemaker by trade. He married Mary Teagarden, and to them were born six children: Bethsheba, Annie, Scenie (deceased), Susan, William T. and Margaret (deceased). William T. Russell is a farmer of Perry township, and was born in 1832. He came to Fayette county with his parents when a lad, and has spent his life on the farm in Perry township. He received a common school education. He enlisted in a company and served in the Union army during the late Civil war. He has held the offices of school director and tax collector, and is a Democrat. He married Miss Lavina, daughter of George Krepps. They had four children: Mary E., wife of J. B. Husband, of Pittsburg; Susan, wife of Wm. M. Stickle, of Pittsburg; Lindsey T., our subject; Allean, wife of Wm. Hartwick, of East Liberty, Fayette county. Mrs. Russell died and Mr. Russell's second wife was Miss Louisa Hagerty. They have no children. Dr. Russell received his education in the public schools of Perry township, commenced the study of medicine in the fall of 1879, under Dr. S. S. Stahl, at Dawson, Pa., and graduated from the Physio-Medical institute at Cincinnati, O., in the spring of 1882. He began practice almost immediately at Ruffsdale, Pa., remaining there one year. He then took a post-graduate course at the Physio-Medical institute and located at Vanderbilt in the spring of 1883, where he practiced until 1886, when he removed to Allegheny City, and practiced six years. He then returned to Vanderbilt, where he now resides. He

took a special course in the fall of 1898 at the College of Medicine and Surgery of Chicago, Ill. He was married July 4, 1885, to Miss Settuman, daughter of John B. Blair, of Perry township, and they have six children: Nellie, Gertrude, Bessie, Charles J., Maud and Kent. The family attend the Baptist church, and Dr. Russell is a member of the Order of Iroquois.

JOHN FREDERICK SHOEMAKER, physician and surgeon, of Vanderbilt, Pa., was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1868. He is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Probst) Shoemaker. He received his education in the public schools of his native county, and graduated from the State normal school at Lock Haven. He read medicine with his brother, Dr. Wm. A. Shoemaker, at Dawson, Pa., was graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical college, of Philadelphia, in the spring of 1893, and opened an office for the practice of his profession in July of the same year at Vanderbilt. Dr. Shoemaker stands in the front rank of his chosen profession, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Fayette County Medical Society, the Royal Arcanum and Order of Americus. He is a conscientious, Christian gentleman, a member of the M. E. church, and has the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come into contact, professionally and socially.

LEROY LINDSLEY GARARD, owner and proprietor of the Dawson house and the Garard livery, of Dawson, was born at Whiteley, Greene county, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1850, and is a son of Lindsley and Susan (Smurr) Garard, of Greene county, Pa., and of French extraction. He was reared on a farm, educated in the public schools and at

twenty-one embarked in the stock business, which he has followed about three years. He then followed farming to March, 1880, when he came to Dawson and rented his present hotel, and after five years bought the property, continuing in the business to 1892, when he rented the hotel and for some time was in the mercantile business at Oakdale. In December, 1894, he again took possession of the hotel property. In May, 1895, he bought his present livery business, and in the spring of 1896 a retail coal business, and has since conducted all three. He is one of the progressive business men of Dawson borough. He has been a member of the council for three terms. He married on December 28, 1870, Miss Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of the late Jonas Emery, merchant of Greene county, and to them have been born five children: Susan, wife of John N. Garard, of Sistersville, O.; Frank Leslie, clerk in the register and recorder's office, Uniontown; Holly Holmes, student at Waynesburg, and Lillian and Walter, deceased. The family are members of the Baptist church. By a first marriage to Chas. T. McCune, Susan, now wife of John N. Garard, has one child, Charles Edmund McCune.

HARRY GRANT NEFF, registered druggist and pharmacist, of Dawson, was born at Maysontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1861. He is a son of Dr. George W. and Mary A. (Rhoades) Neff, the former of whom died August 18, 1874, and the latter passed away August 13, 1889. Doctor Neff was a son of John Neff, a native of Lancaster county, and his mother was a daughter of Major Williams, of York county. Dr. Neff was born in York county, read medicine with Dr. Bitner, of Lancaster county, and after attending Jefferson Medical college was rob-

bed on his way to Pittsburg. He was with Dr. Hugh Campbell, of Uniontown, from 1834 to 1836, and after a short residence at Clarksburg, Va., now West Virginia, was recommended by Dr. Campbell as a fit partner to Dr. David B. Rhoades, of Masontown, with whom he practiced in partnership until the death of the latter, and then succeeded to his practice. Dr. Neff married Mary Ann, second daughter of Dr. Rhoades, and their children were: Mary H., Dr. G. W., who served creditably in the Pennsylvania house of representatives, and was surgeon-major of the recently-returned Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which served with such distinction in the Philippine Islands; William D., John C., Ida and Harry G. Mrs. Neff's parents were Dr. David B. and Harriet E. (Tarr) Rhoades. Dr. Rhoades was born in Allegheny county, Pa., November 5, 1793, and died March 8, 1841, at Masontown. Mrs. Rhoades was a daughter of Daniel and Frances Tarr, of Westmoreland county; married on April 3, 1817, and died in 1833. Harry G. Neff received his education in the Masontown public schools, and when eighteen years of age entered his brother's drug store as clerk, and was there employed until 1890, when he came to Dawson and worked two years in a drug store, and then, having passed the State pharmaceutical examination, and secured a certificate, he opened a drug store, and a few months later consolidated his drug business with that of Dr. Wm. A. Shoemaker and continued the business as a firm for two years; when he bought out his partner's interest, and has since continued alone. In May, 1898, he moved into his present quarters in the Cochran building, and has one of the finest drug stores in Fayette county. He is an up-to-date business man, an extensive advertiser; issues one of the

prettiest lines of advertising calendars in this county. He manufactures several specialties: "Neff's Cream Tuba Roses," "Neff's Comp. Extract Sarsaparilla," "Neff's Corn Cure," "Neff's Cough Syrup," "Neff's Headache Powders," and "Neff's Toothache Drops." He also makes a specialty of prescriptions. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Elks, Jr. O. U. A. M., Knights of Malta, and Order of Iroquois. Politically he is a Republican. On August 20, 1885, Mr. Neff married Miss Laura B., a daughter of Alfred Dearth, of New Salem, and to them have been born three children: George W., Ida A., and Loretta E. The family attend the M. E. church.

CHARLES JENKINS MCGILL.—Adam Jenkins McGill, born in Virginia in 1818, was a farmer by occupation and was the pioneer McGill of this family in Fayette county. He was a son of Adam and Loraine (Jenkins) McGill, and a grandson of Charles McGill, who was born in Ireland between 1750 and 1755, and resided successively in Virginia and on a farm which he purchased opposite Elliott's iron works on Cheat river, where he farmed and ran a small distillery. He had nine children: Job, John, Andrew, Hugh, David, Hannah, Mary, Adam and Reese. Charles McGill also built boats and ran a ferry, at which he was drowned. Adam Jenkins McGill received but little early education, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He came to Fayette county and located near Dawson and followed the river as a pilot. Later he purchased a farm in Lower Tyrone township, where he died in December, 1891. He married Margaret McDonald, and to them were born nine children: Three, who died in infancy; John T., and Mary A. (both deceased); Daniel, a resident of Dawson; Elizabeth, Amanda (both deceased), and Emma, a resi-

dent of Dawson. Mrs McGill died in September, 1872. John Thomas McGill, son of Adam Jenkins and Margaret (McDonald) McGill, was born in Lower Tyrone township, March 20, 1835, received a limited common school education, and spent his boyhood days on the farm. When about eighteen he went to Nebraska, where he learned and worked at the carpenter trade until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in company C of the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, early in the fall of 1861, and was in the following battles: Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Cape Girardeau and many other minor engagements. After his three years of service had expired he returned home, and after two months re-enlisted and served a time in the Secret Service, and later as commissary sergeant, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He returned home, and after a short time embarked in the mercantile business in Dawson, a venture that proved disastrous, and then for a time he did teaming and dray work. He later accepted a position as foreman at the Sterling coke works, and while thus employed received serious injuries by a fall, but recovering in part, returned to work, but failed in health and died July 27, 1882. He married on October 25, 1866, Miss Emily, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Strickler) Newmyer, of Dawson, who still survives him. To this union were born seven children: Laura, Mrs. A. L. Bradley, of Wilksburg, Pa.; Lillie, died at the age of seven years; Chas. J., postmaster, Dawson, Pa.; Frank P. and Harry C., employed in the P. & L. E. round house at Dickerson Run; Maggie Loraine, clerk in the postoffice, Dawson, Pa., and J. Clarence, clerk in Geo. C. McGill's general store at Dawson, Pa. The family are members of the Christian church. Mr. McGill was a member of

the I. O. O. F. and served shortly after the incorporation of the borough of Dawson as a member of the town council and school director.

Chas. Jenkins McGill, postmaster of Dawson, was born in that borough February 28, 1871, attended the public schools and began work when only ten years of age. He attended school only one winter after this. When eleven years old he secured a place in a livery stable, and after eighteen months went as chore and office boy to Dr. W. A. Shoemaker (now of St. Louis, Mo.), and after one year in the fall of 1889 entered the store of Geo. C. McGill, with whom he remained eight and one-half years, giving up his position to assume the duties of postmaster in April, 1898. Mr. McGill is an ardent Republican and active in his identification with his party's interests. He was elected a member of the central Republican committee in 1893, and served five years. He was elected borough auditor in 1893, and resigned in 1895 to accept the office of school director, to which he was elected the same year. He is a member of the Order of Iroquois and owns two fine properties in Dawson.

HENRY THOMPSON COCHRAN, one of the owners of and yard foreman at the Clarissa mines of Jas. Cochran, Sons & Co., Vanderbilt, Pa., was born Oct. 25, 1856, in Lower Tyrone township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of James and Clarissa (Huston) Cochran. The family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. John Cochran came from Ireland to Chester county in 1745, and his son, Samuel Cochran, after serving as a Revolutionary soldier, removed to Lower Tyrone township, where he and his wife, Esther (John) Cochran, reared their family of six sons. One of these sons, Isaac Cochran,



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married Rosanna Sample, and their son, James Cochran, made the first Connellsville coke ever sold for money. James Cochran was one of the self-made men of Fayette county. He worked on a farm, ran a boat on the Monongahela river and was a pioneer in the Connellsville coking business. By his own efforts he rose from a farm hand to a leading business man of the county, and died at an advanced age, enjoying the respect and confidence of all who knew him. His wife was Clarissa, daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Hazen) Huston, and to their union were born eleven children, of whom several survive. In making record of James Cochran, one who knew him said: "A man of clear understanding, of great energy, indomitable will, but of a generous good nature, tender-hearted withal, and in short a fine example of hearty, robust manhood."

H. T. Cochran was reared on a farm, educated in the public schools, and worked on the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he entered his father's store, as clerk, at the Spring Grove coke works, and five years later went to the Cochran company store at Vanderbilt, and was made outside foreman at the Clarissa mines. Mr. Cochran was married in January, 1886, to Miss Emily E., daughter of James Ambrose, of Lower Tyrone township. They have three children: Harry, George G. and Clarissa C. Mrs. Cochran is a member of the M. E. church. Mr. Cochran is a Democrat.

HUGH DARSEY SHALLENBERGER, a representative citizen of Vanderbilt, and bookkeeper for the firm of James Cochran Sons & Co., was born January 14, 1860, in Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Lester and Agnes (Strickler) Shallenberger, of Dunbar township. Lester Shal-

lenberger was born August 2, 1832, in Connellsville, Pa., where he was reared to manhood and resided until 1873, when he purchased a farm in Dunbar township and located on the same, residing there to the present time. He was for a number of years foreman and patternmaker at the car shops of what is known as the B. & O. R. R. He is a splendid citizen and highly respected by all who know him. Lester and Agnes (Strickler) Shallenberger had three sons and four daughters: Norton, resides on the farm in Dunbar township; Connell E., a resident of Vanderbilt; Flora, single; H. D., the subject of this sketch; Rose, wife of J. J. Barnhart, of Dunbar township; Leonora (deceased), and Etta, twins, the latter of whom is the wife of George Bashy, of Connellsville. The parents of Mr Shallenberger are both living, the father at the age of sixty-seven years and the mother (born August 31, 1827), at the age of seventy-two years. Hugh Darsey Shallenberger attended the public schools of Dunbar township and Connellsville, and graduated at the California State Normal school in the class of 1881. Mr. Shallenberger taught two years in Lower Tyrone township, after which he accepted a situation at Leisnering in the office of the Connellsville Coke and Iron Company, remaining there nearly seven years. After leaving there he was for a short time in the office of the United Coal and Coke Company in Westmoreland county. In August, 1888, he located in Vanderbilt, accepting a situation in the office of James Cochran Sons & Co., as bookkeeper, also having charge of the books of Brown & Cochran. Mr. Shallenberger was married to Miss Kate Freeman Galley, daughter of Henry and Ruth (Freeman) Galley. Henry Galley, father of Mrs. Shallenberger, was a prominent Democrat and represented Fay-

ette county in the legislature. Mrs. Shallenberger is a granddaughter of Philip Galley, who was a prominent citizen of Fayette county. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shallenberger, three sons and one daughter: Eugene, Mayme Ruth, H. D. and Philip Galley, all living. Mr. Shallenberger is a member of the Disciple church at Vanderbilt, and has been an elder in the same for twelve years. He is a member of Dawson Council, 787, Royal Arcanum, and is also a member of Vanderbilt Council, No. 104, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics Mr. Shallenberger is a Republican. The parents of Mr. Shallenberger are members of the Christian church, and the father is a Democrat in politics. Hugh Darsey Shallenberger is a man of strong personality and splendid education, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of a host of friends. He is honest, energetic, industrious and a practical business man. On his father's side he is of German descent, and of Scotch-Irish descent on his mother's side. His maternal grandmother was a Miss Cochran. The ancestors of Mr. Shallenberger have been identified with Fayette county for many years, are among the pioneers of the county, and stand high socially, and are among the most representative citizens of the county.

THOMAS JEFFERSON MITCHELL, one of Fayette county's most active and leading business men, is general manager of the W. J. Rainey coke works in Pennsylvania. He was born November 6, 1845, in Jefferson county, O., and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Smith) Mitchell, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in York county, Pa., in 1808; the mother in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1812. They moved to Jefferson county, O., after their marriage, where they remained for a

number of years. From the latter place they removed in 1864 to Illinois, locating near Springfield, where they remained for the rest of their lives. The father died in 1876 at the age of sixty-eight years; the mother in 1896 aged eighty-four years. They were of Scotch-Irish descent, and the father was a farmer. The ancestors on both sides descended from prosperous and well-to-do Scotch-Irish families. Mr. Mitchell's paternal grandfather was James Mitchell and his maternal grandfather was James Smith, both prosperous and leading citizens of Pennsylvania. Thirteen children were born to Thomas and Jane Mitchell. One daughter is the widow of W. J. Rainey, who owned and operated the W. J. Rainey coke works in the Connellsville region. T. J. Mitchell is the fifth child of the family. After leaving the public schools Mr. Mitchell entered Washington and Jefferson college at Washington, Pa., and graduated from that institution in the class of 1869, when he engaged in teaching, which he followed for four years, in the meantime taking a course in law in the University of Michigan, graduating in the class of 1873. Owing to the death of his father Mr. Mitchell was called home to settle up the estate, and after a few years he went to Cleveland, O., and became private secretary to W. J. Rainey, remaining in that capacity until 1884, when he came to Fayette county, Pa., to become general manager of the W. J. Rainey coke works, in which capacity he has remained to the present time, managing successfully and profitably the vast interests under his charge. He has the management of eight large plants in full operation, employing more than two thousand men, and other plants under construction, employing a large force of men. They have at the present time more than two thousand ovens in operation. Mr. Mitchell

is a man of strong business judgment, which has been demonstrated by the able manner in which he has conducted and managed the affairs of the large and important industries under his supervision. He was married to Miss Jessie K., daughter of William and Sarah Morris, of Lawrenceville, Lawrence county, Ill., in 1885. Her father was a native of Kentucky, and she is a niece of Jesse K. Dubois, and a cousin of United States Senator Fred. T. Dubois, of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have had three children, two of whom are living, Morris and Pauline. In politics Mr. Mitchell is a Republican and a Presbyterian in religious belief as is his wife. J. J. Mitchell, the St. Louis millionaire, also W. H. Mitchell and son, of Chicago, railroad officials and bankers, are closely related to the subject of this sketch. Mr. Mitchell is a man of thorough education, polished and refined in manners, of splendid address and a thorough-going business man.

SAMUEL E. PORTER, a druggist, of Vanderbilt, was born in Tyrone township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1863. He is a son of the late Samuel S. and Mary Ann (Smith) Porter. His paternal grandfather, Moses Porter, was born near Frostburg, Md., January 10, 1804, and came to Tyrone township, where he died on his farm June 10, 1880. He married, April 20, 1826, Emily Wade, who was born near Cresaptown, Md., August 12, 1810, and their union was blessed with fifteen children. One of these children was the late Samuel S. Porter, who was born in Maryland. He taught for sixteen years, and served as second lieutenant in company B, Sixteenth Maryland Volunteers (Cavalry), participating in Gettysburg and other battles. He came to Tyrone township, where he settled. He married, February 19, 1852, Mary

A. Smith, and their children were: Margaret E., Moses E., Ella, Alcinda E., Samuel E., and Hettie, who survive, and Mary Alice, Rachel Jane and Nathan S., deceased. To trace back the remote new world ancestry of the Porter family, we find that John Porter, Jr., of Baltimore, moved to Allegany county, Md., in 1782; married Nancy, a daughter of Moses McKinzie, and left eight children. His father, John Porter, Sr., was born in 1690 in England, and settled in Baltimore twenty-five years later. John Porter, Jr., had a son, Michael McKenzie Porter, who married Rebecca Frost, a daughter of Josiah Frost, who owned the land where Frostburg, Md., stands. Michael M. Porter's children were: Jane, Josiah, John, Moses (grandfather), and Margaret. Samuel S. Porter's wife, Mary Ann, was a daughter of Henry E. Smith and Margaret, his wife, whose parents were named Barr. Continuing back now the maternal line we find that Henry E. Smith was a son of Nathan Smith, who came from County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1770, and near Connellsville married Margery, a daughter of Henry Irwin. Margery Irwin Smith was born in Lancaster county in 1776 and died in 1867. Samuel E. Porter was reared on the farm, received his education in the common schools of Fayette and Westmoreland counties, and at nineteen years of age became a clerk in his brother's drug store at Dawson. He afterwards opened a drug store in partnership with Dr. George which he continued until 1885, in which year he removed to Vanderbilt, where he established his present successful drug business. Mr. Porter is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. In October, 1886, Samuel E. Porter married Della, daughter of Milo and Anna (Smith) Jenkins, of Preston county, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs.

Porter have two children: Van Dale and Milo Smith.

WILLIAM F. BUTE, of the firm of Oglevee & Bute, of Vanderbilt, is a son of Joseph and Clarissa (Black) Bute, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1843. His paternal grandfather, John Bute (the founder of the Bute family of Western Pennsylvania), was born about 1781 at Winchester, Va., and in 1813 came to Upper Middletown, where he was a butcher and hotel keeper, but shortly removed to the Pears farm on Bute's run. He married Miss Mary Morrison and died in 1857. Of his eleven children one was Joseph Bute, born July 24, 1812. Joseph Bute was twice married, first to Sarah A. Sparks and after her death to Clarissa, daughter of William and Mary (Sayers) Black. To the second union were born six sons and six daughters. The second of these sons, William F. Bute, was reared on the farm, received his education in the common schools and was engaged chiefly in farming and stock raising up to 1881. In that year he removed to Vanderbilt and engaged in merchandising, which he has followed continuously ever since, forming his present partnership association with Mr Oglevee. Mr. Bute has grown with the place and is now one of its best known business men. He is an active Democrat; has served two terms as school director and was twice elected justice of the peace, serving in each of these two offices in Franklin and again in Dunbar township. He was married in 1864 to Mary, daughter of the late Jacob Smith, of Connellsville. To this union have been born two children: Evalina C. (deceased), and Katie E. Mrs. Bute and daughter are members of the Disciple church.

JAMES DOLAN, of Vanderbilt, is now retired from active business life, yet for the last fifteen years was prominent in the commercial affairs of his town. He is a son of Michael and Mary (Burk) Dolan, and was born at Brandy Gap tunnel, near Clarksburg, Harrison county, Va., now West Virginia, November 9, 1853. His paternal grandfather, Michael Dolan, Sr. was a native of Ireland, where he married Mary Cummings, who died in the land of her nativity. After her death he came to Clarksburg in 1846 and died some years later at Grafton in the same State, at the age of seventy-six years. He left one son, Michael, who married Mary, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Barry) Burk, natives of Ireland, and both of whom died at Buckhannon, W. Va., when nearing their hundredth year. James Dolan received his education in the Virginia primary schools and the Clarksburg academy, after which he engaged in railroad work, which he abandoned on account of injuries received in an explosion at Brook's tunnel, Somerset county, in 1870. The next year he had a grocery at Clarksburg, which he sold three years later to become a mine contractor at the Hill Farm coke works, where he remained until 1881. He then kept a grocery at Dunbar for two years, conducted the Central hotel at Braddock's Field, Allegheny county, till 1885, and in that year located in Vanderbilt, where he was the founder and well-known proprietor of the Central hotel from 1888 to 1892. He then built and up to February, 1899, conducted the hotel Vanderbilt, which he leased to Mr. Samuel E. Porter. He was the proprietor and one of the founders and builders of the Electric Light plant at Vanderbilt. Mr. Dolan retired from active business on account of impaired health. In 1879 he married Mary E. Rogan, a native of Ireland,

whose father, Thornton Rogan, died in 1887. Mrs. Dolan died August 5, 1888, leaving four children: William Francis, James Edward, Arthur Augustus and Mary Ellen. Mr. Dolan married a second time December 8, 1890, to Katharine Owens, of English birth and Irish parentage. Three children have been born of this marriage: Aloysius, Philip Sattoli and Ignatius Loyola. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

DR. JOHN R. WATSON, of Dawson, was born Dec. 10, 1851, at Blacksville, Va. (now West Virginia). His father was Abram Kendrick Watson, of Blacksville, Va. His mother, Sarah (Myers) Watson, was of one of the oldest families in the country, which traces back to the Revolutionary times, were of German descent, and crossed the mountains from Maryland in 1730. His father's people can also be traced back to Revolutionary times; they were English, and crossed the mountains about the same time his mother's people did. His father's grandfather resigned from the British army when he saw his superior officers dine with General Marion on sweet potatoes. He said he would not fight such people. He was among the first English officers to return to this country after the Revolution. The doctor is the third child of the family, and the only son. He was educated at the Garrard's Fort public schools, and finished his education at Vinton city, Iowa, where his father was then president of the First National Bank of Vinton. He took his professional course at the Baltimore Medical College of Oral and Dental surgery, from which he graduated in 1889, and afterward took a post-graduate course in Dr. Lute's school of crown and bridge work, Columbus, O. He is now secretary of the Fayette County Dental association. He is

also the inventor and patentee of "The Air Cell System of Teeth without Plate," Pat. Serial No. 367,465, and Pat. No. 493,800, granted March 21, 1893, under a patent estimate of \$30,000. On October 7, 1871, he married Sarah Swisher, daughter of Rev. Jacob Swisher, of Marion county, W. Va., of Swedish and German descent, and whose people for four generations have carried arms in the service of this country. They have seven children, one of whom, Florence B., is married to Mr. C. B. Gaddis, F. R. S., of New Haven, Pa. Dr. Watson is a disciple of Thomas Jefferson, politically, and the whole family are members of the old Presbyterian church.

JOSEPH T. G. BARCHUS, an experienced and reliable locomotive engineer of Dawson, was born in Allegany county, Maryland, July 26, 1842, and is a son of Atha G. Barchus, who served twice as sheriff of his county. Joseph T. G. Barchus received a limited education in the public schools and a night school, and at nine years of age went into a coal mine. Ten years later he became a fireman and in five months was promoted to engineer, which position he gave up in August, 1861, to enlist in the Eleventh Indiana Zouaves. He served a year; was wounded and discharged and then went back as an engineer on the C. & P. railroad. He left that road two years later and was an engineer for eleven years on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and then in 1880 accepted his present position as an engine driver on passenger trains on the Pennsylvania and Lake Erie railroad. He came to Fayette county in 1885, and ten years later removed to Dawson, where he has remained ever since. In 1864 Mr. Barchus married Ada King, who died and left one child, Charles W., who was born January 24,

1866, and killed October 20, 1896, while on duty as an engineer on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad. Mr. Barchus wedded on May 13, 1880, Alice Barclay, a daughter of Alexander Barclay, and by this second marriage has two children: Joseph F., born May 10, 1885, and Hazel H., born August 10, 1887. Mrs. Barchus is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Barchus has been a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers since 1873, and is known as one of the safest and most trustworthy engineers on the Pennsylvania and Lake Erie Railroad.

JAMES ARTHUR SMITH, a careful and experienced locomotive engineer of Dawson, is a son of John R. and Nancy (Bryan) Smith, and was born at East Liberty, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1860. He received his education in the East Liberty public schools, worked two years in a brickyard, and spent the next four years, from 1880 to 1884, in various kinds of work. He then entered the machine shops of the Pennsylvania and Lake Erie Railroad Company, and in July, of 1884, became a fireman on their road. He served four years as fireman, and September 5, 1888, was promoted to engineer, and in that capacity has served faithfully and acceptably ever since. On August 15, 1888, Mr. Smith married Anna McBride Porter, a daughter of John Porter, of Perryopolis, and their union has been blessed with two children: Nettie Porter, born July 13, 1889, and Howard Ransom, born January 3, 1895. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Smith is a respected citizen of Dawson. Mr. Smith removed in 1888 to Dawson, where he built his present fine residence in 1891. He is a Democrat in politics

and a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

WILLIAM THEODORE DOM, the genial and popular proprietor of the Central hotel, of Dawson, was born at Wellersburg, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1844, and is the youngest son of Philip and Margaret (Gearhart) Dom, both natives of Germany. Philip Dom left the "Fatherland" in 1824, and came to Somerset county, where he first located at Berlin and worked at his trade of tailoring. Later he removed to Wellersburg and embarked in the hotel business, which he conducted until his death, which occurred in 1872. Philip and Margaret Dom had eight children: Henry, who went west and has never been heard from since; Ellen, now Mrs. Harrison H. Null, of Greensburg, Pa.; Josiah, a resident of Indiana; Malinda, married W. W. Gaither, and both are deceased; Oliver, a resident of Ellerslie, this State; Leonard A., of Phillipsburg, Pa.; Louis G., a resident of Myersdale, Somerset county, and William T., the subject of this sketch. William Theodore Dom received his education in the public schools of his birthplace and assisted his father in the hotel business until he was twenty-two years of age. He then took a commercial course at the Iron City Business college at Pittsburg, and became a clerk in a store at Greensburg, Pa., where he opened a store for himself in 1869, which he conducted until 1875, when he accepted the position of bookkeeper for Hogsett, Hanna & Co., at Lemont, this county. He resigned in 1879 to become superintendent of J. W. Moore & Co.'s coke and coal plant at Brownfield, and seven years later, in 1886, resigned this position to open a bank at Dawson, which he conducted until 1892, when the First National Bank of Dawson was established,

and he closed his banking operations to open his present hotel. He is energetic, active and useful, and with his entire family holds membership in the Greensburg Presbyterian church. On October 3, 1872, Mr. Dom married Eliza J., a daughter of John McCullough, of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, and their union has been blessed with three children: William T., an attorney-at-law of Greensburg, who was acting sergeant-major of the famous fighting Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment when it went to the Philippine Islands; John M., a graduate in civil engineering at the State college, and now engaged in the general insurance business at Connellsville, and Welty M., now a clerk in the insurance office of Dom & Co.

JAMES HENRY CLARK, an energetic and efficient locomotive engineer of Dawson, was born at Mount Savage, Md., May 2, 1847, and is a son of Peter and Jane Clark, both natives of Ireland. He attended the neighborhood schools of his home until twelve years of age and then worked on nearby farms as a day hand until the commencement of the late Civil war, when he raised a company of men whose business it was to search for stolen Confederate horses. Later the company was mustered into the Third Virginia Confederate Cavalry, and at the end of six months' hard service he received a dangerous wound in the head, for which he was discharged for physical disability. Returning home he was variously employed until 1865, when he became a section hand on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. One year later he became fireman, and after two years' service was placed as engineer on a hoisting machine on the Connellsville division during its construction. He then served as a section foreman; was in mining work for a time and

came on the P. & L. E. railroad as a section hand, but was soon placed as hostler in the round house. Shortly thereafter he became a fireman on the road, and in 1890 was promoted to his present position of engineer. Mr. Clark is an efficient engineer. He is a Democrat in politics and has been a member for some years of Division 148, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. On February 22, 1866, Mr. Clark married Catherine Lynch, and to their union have been born five children: Henry and Margaret, who are deceased; Mary, Loretta and Sarah J.

JOHN PARKHILL SHALLENBERGER, salesman for the firm of James Cochran Sons & Co., of Vanderbilt, Fayette county, Pa., was born October 8, 1856, in the town of East Liberty. He is a son of Abraham and Angelina (McBurney) Shallenberger. Abraham Shallenberger was born near Broad Ford in Fayette county, January 30, 1824. He boated sand and stone for many years down the river; was also a farmer and dealer in horses and cattle and was an active and successful trader. The paternal grandfather was Abraham Shallenberger, who owned a large farm and was by trade a blacksmith. He was a native of Fayette county. He owned and ran a shop near Broad Ford, Fayette county. The Shallenbergers are of German descent, and are pioneers of the county. Angelina (McBurney) Shallenberger, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of Robert and Malissa (Wilgus) McBurney, of East Liberty, Fayette county. The great-grandfather was Robert McBurney, a native of Ireland, who came to this country about the period of the Revolutionary war and landed in Baltimore, Md. He married, April 5, 1797, Miss Annie Burford, a native of England, and a lady of royal descent. They located

in East Liberty, Fayette county, about 1798. Eleven children were born to Abraham and Angelina Shallenberger: John P., the subject of this sketch (the oldest); Sarah, Malissa, died when one year old; Amanda Jane, wife of Samuel J. Moore, of Lexington, Ky.; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Martin, of Connellsville, Fayette county, Pa.; Mary Katherine, wife of Ulysses Grant Blair, residing near Perryopolis, Fayette county, Pa.; Carrie, died when a mere child; Frances, wife of Grant Leighty, of Dunbar township; Robert McBurney, married Miss Lou Means, of Fayette county, and resides at East Liberty; Abraham A., is single and resides with his mother at Vanderbilt; Harry, single, resides with his mother. The father of the subject of this sketch died July 12, 1895, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother of Mr. Shallenberger resides at Vanderbilt, and is sixty-one years old. The parents and nearly all the family were, and are members of the Disciple church at Vanderbilt. Mr. Shallenberger was educated in the public schools of Vanderbilt. When twenty-one years of age he left school to engage in farming. He worked two years in the store of John D. Frisbee. He spent three years traveling and in that time was over twenty-three States. He then entered the employ of W. J. Rainey, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for eight or nine years. He has been in the employ of James Cochran Sons & Co. for eight years, except one year of the time when he was appointed by the commissioners of Fayette county as mercantile appraiser for the county. Mr. Shallenberger is a member of and deacon in the Christian church at Vanderbilt, and is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of the Mystic Chain and Order

of Americus. Mr. Shallenberger, as were his ancestors on both sides, is a Democrat. He married Miss Carrie Winter Bogardus, daughter of Philip and Phoebe (Lincoln) Bogardus, of Uniontown. Four children, two sons and two daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shallenberger: Edith, Phoebe, William Franklin and Herbert Moore. Mr. Shallenberger is a member of one of Fayette county's oldest, best and most respected families, and he is a man of pleasant address and strong business judgment.

WILLIAM BLANEY, a farmer and civil engineer of Perry township, is a son of the late John H. and Mary (Parkhill) Blaney, and was born and reared in Perry township. Captain Samuel Blaney, his paternal grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was born in Boston, Mass., reared in New York city and was a sea captain for a number of years. He married Margaret Foy, of New York city, and soon after, abandoning the sea, they emigrated to Western Pennsylvania, settling first in Uniontown, Fayette county, in which town and county he taught school for many years, being considered par excellent in his day. To them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom some lived to maturity. Captain Blaney died in 1843, and Margaret, his wife, died in 1859, both having attained a ripe old age. John H. Blaney, third son of Captain and Margaret Blaney, was born December 24, 1803, and died in 1887. He was married in January, 1831, to Mary Parkhill, eldest daughter of James and Sarah (Smith) Parkhill. She died in 1885, aged nearly eighty-three years. To them were born five children: Mary J., born in 1832; Margaret, born in 1833, and died in 1897; Sarah (Campbell), born in 1835, and died in 1887, leaving one son, J. Clark Camp-

bell; William (subject), born in July, 1837, and Adaline, born July 11, 1841, and died July 28, 1844. William Blaney received his education in the common schools, Laurel Hill academy and Madison college, at Uniontown. Leaving school he took up civil engineering and teaching in the public schools. He was married to Eliza Ann Campbell, April 7, 1864, who died June 6, 1870. To this union there were born two sons: John C., born May 22, 1865, married Lida Crow, of German township; and Robert B., born March 29, 1867, married Laura Farrell, of Perry township. In December, 1873, Mr. Blaney married Mary A. Burch, daughter of John and Martha Burch, deceased. Mr. Blaney has followed surveying and farming for upwards of forty years, in which time he has been fairly successful, having acquired about three hundred acres of well improved lands in this and Washington counties. He is a man of strictly moral habits, and adheres to the principles of the Republican party.

JOHN H. DAVIDSON, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Fayette county, has been a resident and practitioner of Perryopolis for the last thirty years. He is a son of the late Rev. Jacob and Hannah (Kelley) Davidson, and was born two miles east of Brownsville at the old Basil Brown pike tavern stand, in Redstone township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1845. The Davidsons are of English lineage, and the doctor's father, Rev. Jacob Davidson, was a son of Jacob Davidson, who left England at an early age with his father, a minister of the gospel, to settle in Philadelphia. Jacob Davidson married Mary Young, of Franklin county, and in 1837 settled near Brownsville, on the Basil Brown farm. He was a buhrmaker by trade, owned a large amount of land and con-

siderable stock in the Monongahela Bank of Brownsville, of which he was a director, and died April 15, 1856, at seventy-four years of age. His son, Rev. Jacob Davidson, was born in Westmoreland county, and came to the Basil Brown farm, where he died in 1858. He was a successful farmer, noted for honesty and piety, and served for a number of years as a local minister of the United Brethren church. On June 2, 1835, Rev. Jacob Davidson married Hannah Kelley, whose father, Jacob Kelley, was a native of England and a resident of Westmoreland county. To their union were born the following ten children, of whom eight are living: Mary, who married John Rice, November 2, 1855; Kate, married Benton Bennett, January 23, 1867; Lou, married January 3, 1871, to James F. Grable; Dr. John H., Haddie, wedded Jesse Coldren, July 24, 1873; Anna, married November 12, 1874, to Luther Noble; Amos W., married Maggie Vernon, on May 29, 1878; Ada, who married A. J. Nixon, and Elizabeth, wedded Otho Brashear, March 12, 1862. Of two children deceased, one died in infancy. Dr. John H. Davidson spent his early years of life on the home farm, and received his education in the common schools and Dunlap's Creek academy. He read medicine with Dr. Samuel B. Chalfant, of Upper Middletown, was graduated from the medical department of the Western Reserve university of Cleveland, O., with the class of 1870, and practiced with his preceptor for two years subsequently. He then, in December, 1872, located at Perryopolis, where he has resided continuously ever since and practiced his profession with marked success. December 26, 1871, Dr. Davidson was united in marriage with Chilnissae J. Chalfant, who was a daughter of the late Dr. S. B. and Elizabeth Chalfant, and died June 27, 1877, leaving

a son, Clayton Torrence, now an active business man and a member of the Perryopolis Supply Co., who was born August 11, 1873; graduated in 1870 from the Western Reserve university, and on October 13, 1896, married Elsie V. Townsend, and their son, born January 8, 1899, died June 13, 1899. Dr. John H. Davidson wedded for his second wife, January 10, 1881, Mary E. Chalfant, sister of his former wife. Dr. Davidson is blessed with that rare qualification of good practical common sense in connection with intellectual and medical ability, and thus started into the practice of his profession with an unusual degree of success which has accompanied him through life. Skillful and successful as a physician, able as a financier, and well respected as a citizen, he is a man of means and influence in Fayette county and Southwestern Pennsylvania. Dr. Davidson has been actively identified with the interests of the Republican party in Fayette county; has served as a member of the county committee and as a delegate to various conventions. He has not been an aspirant for political preferment, but has rendered efficient service as a school director in his township. He is a member of the M. E. church of Perryopolis, and has been one of its board of trustees since 1873. He is president of the Perryopolis Banking Company and of the Perry Coal Company, and has other interests that have been contributory to the business growth of the county. Dr. Davidson is a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 252, F. and A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M.; Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, K. T.; Pennsylvania Sovereign Grand Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°; and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

E. H. WILLIAMS, one of the young business men of Perryopolis, is a son of Edward

J. and Jane (Wilkins) Williams, and was born in Llanley, Wales, September 22, 1873. His grandfather, Benjamin Williams, was a tin refiner by trade. His father is also a tin refiner, and came to Pennsylvania about 1881. Edward J. Williams married Jane Wilkins in Wales, and had seven children: William, who remained in Wales; Benjamin, of Greenville, Pa.; Thomas, living in Youngstown, O.; David C., general manager for the Perry Coal Company at Banning; Sadie, wife of A. T. Spear, of Port Royal, Pa.; E. H. (subject), and John, deceased. E. H. Williams when a mere child was brought to Pennsylvania by his parents. He received his education in Mercer county, and at an early age commenced life for himself. He was variously engaged until 1894, when he became outside foreman for the Youghioghny Coal Co., and four years later, in October, 1898, he accepted the position of shipping clerk for the Johnstown Coal Company's works at Fayette City. In the meantime he had concluded to embark in the mercantile business, and in April, 1899, resigned his position to open his present general mercantile establishment at Perryopolis. He is pleasant and courteous and has already built up a good patronage. He votes for principle—not party, and is a member of the Baptist church. On September 29, 1897, Mr. Williams married Reba Harris, a daughter of Jacob and Kate (Cochran) Harris, of Perry township. Their union has been blessed with one child, a son named David Warner Williams, born November 5, 1898.

DR. JAMES ESTEP WHITSITT, of Perryopolis, Perry township, Fayette county, Pa., who has practiced medicine for nearly half a century, is a son of the late Ralph C. and Rachel (Estep) Whitsitt, and was born in Port

Royal, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1828. The Whitsitt family is of Scotch-Irish origin. The doctor's paternal grandfather, William Whitsitt, and two of his brothers, Joseph and John, came about 1770 to the site of Harrisburg, then known as John Harris' Ferry, and were among the early settlers in the lower Susquehanna valley, then subject to Indian raids and depredations. These brothers were energetic and fearless frontiersmen, and erected a flouring mill, which was destroyed by the Indians in a raid in which they burned the houses of the infant settlement and massacred many of its residents. The Whitsitt brothers fought bravely in this dreadful carnage and escaped unhurt. They then pushed westward to Hannastown, in Westmoreland county, where William Whitsitt became a noted Indian scout and spy on the western confines of civilization, the field of his operations being the present territory of Washington, Fayette and Greene counties, and many a pioneer family felt secure and slept soundly when they knew he was on his rounds. He often gave warning of Indian war parties, and enabled the settlers to reach the forts before the red men reached their homes. He was in the thick of the fight at the burning of Hannastown by the Indians in 1781, and afterwards married a niece of Colonel William Crawford, settling at Stewart's Crossing, having a house near the site of the New Haven Railroad depot. Some years later he went by boat to Pittsburg, where he purchased a log inn and wagon yard and the lots between Wood and Smithfield streets, which he sold later for two thousand eight hundred dollars, and bought a Jack's run farm near Dixmont, where Ralph C. Whitsitt, the youngest of his thirteen children, and the father of Dr. Whitsitt, was born in 1801. Ralph C. Whitsitt

sold the farm, was engaged in the mercantile business at West Newton for some time, moved to Port Royal and then came to near the site of Whitsitt station, where he established a shovel factory, a flouring mill and a store, and was successful in his mercantile enterprise and manufacturing industries. He was a man of action, a natural leader in any enterprise, and lived to see his ninety-second birthday, dying in 1893. Ralph C. Whitsitt in 1826 married Rachel Estep, a daughter of Rev. James Estep, M. D., D. D., a well known and celebrated Baptist minister. They had the following children: James E., born April 27, 1828; Roxana, born September 10, 1829; William W., born September 13, 1831, and now a druggist at Fayette City; Drusilla E., born October 5, 1833, married Rev. O. P. Miller, D. D., and now deceased; Dr. Ralph C., born November 10, 1835, and died in 1880; David P., born November 7, 1837, and died in infancy; David P. (the second), coal merchant of Indiana, born February 2, 1839; Walter S., born July 6, 1841, and died in boyhood; Narcissus C., born January 18, 1845; Dr. Albinus, born January 12, 1848, and resides on the old homestead; Emily D., born October 1, 1850, and died in infancy; and Henry B., born May 31, 1852, an orange grower of Florida. Dr. James E. Whitsitt was reared on a farm, and received his education in the common schools, Connellsville Academic school and Madison and Washington colleges. He commenced the study of medicine in 1846, was graduated from the Cleveland Medical university in 1858, and practiced successively in Greene county for one year, in Washington county for twelve years and at Bethany, W. Va., for nineteen years. Leaving Bethany in 1888, he came to Perryopolis, where he has been in active and successful practice ever since. Dr. Whitsitt

was a member for some time of the Washington County and the West Virginia State Medical associations, and has been elected as a member of the Fayette County (Pa.) Medical society. Dr. Whitsitt at the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion recruited the Washington Cavalry Company at Beallsville, Washington county, and as its captain took it into the Union service. Dr. Whitsitt, in 1855, married Clara B. Martin, a daughter of the late John F. Martin, who was a prominent business man and large glass manufacturer of Perryopolis for over twenty-five years. To Dr. and Mrs. Whitsitt were born seven children: Emma J., born March 4, 1856, and on January 1, 1889, married M. M. Cochran, now of Uniontown; Emma J. Cochran graduated from Washington seminary; Dr. Charles C., born February 19, 1858, educated at Bethany college, graduated from Ohio Medical college, practicing physician in Ohio, where he married Rosa L. Jones; Anna L., born November 18, 1860, and died in infancy; Olive M., born January 10, 1865, and died in infancy; Virginia K., born February 27, 1869, and died in childhood; Ralph D., born October 6, 1871, and died in infancy; and John W., who was born January 1, 1876, and is now a student in Western Pennsylvania Medical college. Dr. Whitsitt is an experienced and skilful physician, and a member of the Christian church. Dr. J. E. Whitsitt has always stood for the best interests of his profession, and has ever labored for the advancement of medical science and the promotion of the public health.

JAMES MURPHY, an old merchant and well respected citizen of Perryopolis, is a son of the late John and Mary (Allen) Murphy, and was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1819. He

was reared on the home farm, and attended the old subscription schools when in their last days, and learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some years in the country and in Uniontown and Brownsville. He assisted in building some of the handsomest residences of those towns at that day. In 1858 Mr. Murphy removed to Perryopolis and embarked in the general mercantile business which he has followed ever since. He has always been cheerful and genial, has never failed to meet his obligations, and has a large circle of friends. He is a Republican, and a Presbyterian, his church membership extending over a period of forty years. Mr. Murphy, in 1844, married Mercilla Watson, and they had one child, a son, who was born in 1845 and died in 1851, at six years of age. Mrs. Murphy was a worthy woman who aided and encouraged her husband, and who was called from time to eternity in 1895. The Murphy family is of Irish lineage and Henry Murphy, the grandfather of James Murphy, was a native of Ireland, who came to New Jersey prior to the Revolutionary war, and afterwards founded a home in Fayette county, in a section that was then a wilderness. Of his children, one was John Murphy, who lived and died in Perry township. John Murphy married Mary Allen, and their children were: Eliza, Thomas, Allen, Johnson, Henry, James (subject), Mary, Henry L., Susan, Andrew and David. Of these children, all are dead, except Henry L. and Andrew, who occupy the home farm, and James, whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

THOMAS CARSON HIXENBAUGH, an experienced mechanic and veteran soldier, of Perryopolis, is the third living son of the late Adam and Annie (Carson) Hixenbaugh, and was born January 23, 1841, in Perry town-

ship, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, John Hixenbaugh, came from Germany to Western Pennsylvania, where he had numerous encounters with Indians and fought in the Revolutionary war. Of his sons, John Hixenbaugh, Sr., came in 1818 from Greene county, and settled on a part of the Washington farm near Perryopolis. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was the father of Adam Hixenbaugh, who was born in Greene county, and followed blacksmithing. Adam Hixenbaugh, in 1830, married Annie Carson. To their union were born twenty-one children, of whom eleven grew to maturity: Kate, Martin, Henry G., Thomas C. (subject), Elizabeth, Ellen, Annie, Arthur (a twin), Celia, Estella and George. Thomas C. Hixenbaugh was reared at Perryopolis, attended the common schools and learned with his father the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until 1863, when he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the Civil war, being at Gettysburg and all the other great battles of the Army of the Potomac under Meade and Grant, and in Sheridan's great raid through the valley of Virginia. He fought bravely, was wounded three times, having his hip dislocated at Brown's school-house, and being left for dead on the field on July 3, 1864. Returning from the army he resumed his trade at Perryopolis, where he has conducted a blacksmith shop ever since. He is a Democrat politically, and has followed his trade at Perryopolis for forty-nine years. May 3, 1866, Thomas C. Hixenbaugh married Margaret E. Sisley, a daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth (Boden) Sisley. Mr. and Mrs. Hixenbaugh had six children: Mary, born December 12, 1867, and died in infancy; Lulu, born February 12, 1868, and died in childhood; Lizzie

E., born May 28, 1871, married Harry Luce, in 1885, and they have eight children; Ethelbert, born June 28, 1873, and now in a Western State; Orville O., born May 8, 1876, and a partner in blacksmithing with his father; and Adam E., born October 4, 1878, and now in Iowa. Mrs. T. C. Hixenbaugh died in 1879. Mr. Hixenbaugh, on September 26, 1885, wedded Mary Eurith Crow, a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Brown) Crow, of Fayette county. By his second marriage Mr. Hixenbaugh has had two children: Chester C., born January 8, 1887, and Charles H., who was born May 3, 1890, and died September 16, 1891.

WILLIAM H. HOPKINS, an old citizen and well known merchant of Perryopolis, is the second son of the late H. E. and Rebecca (Strawn) Hopkins, and was born September 27, 1828, in Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio. H. E. Hopkins was a man of remarkable energy and business ability. He was a native of New York, but was reared in Cincinnati, where he assisted his father, Elliott Hopkins, in editing and managing a paper. Later he conducted a paper at Aurora, Ind., for some years, and then served as city marshal and deputy sheriff of Cincinnati for a number of years. Mr. Hopkins married Rebecca Strawn, and had seven children, all sons: James E., born in 1826, and resides at Council Bluffs, Iowa; William H. (subject); Benjamin F., born in 1831, now a retired merchant of Sandusky, Ohio; George E., born in 1835, and died in infancy; Joel S., born in 1840, at Perryopolis, and foreman of the mailing department of the Cincinnati "Post;" Hannibal M., born in 1842, and a retired business man of Dayton, Ohio; and Joseph, who died in childhood. William H. Hopkins was reared and received his ed-

ucation in the "Queen City of the West," and learned the trade of wagon making, receiving three dollars per month, while an apprentice, with five dollars as a freedom gift when he completed his apprenticeship. He then followed his trade for eighteen years at Perryopolis, next spending eight years on a farm, and at the end of that time, in 1867, engaged in his present general mercantile business at Perryopolis. As a business man Mr. Hopkins was very successful. He owns a fine residence, a heavily stocked and well-patronized store, and four houses and eight lots in Perryopolis, with two good Perry township farms, aggregating one hundred and sixty-five acres of land, besides notes and bank stocks. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and has held every township office at different times within the last forty years. He is not a church member, but regards highly the religious and educational growth of his town. William H. Hopkins, in 1850, married Rebecca J. Jeffries, and to their union were born five children: John A., born February 12, 1853, now engaged in the general mercantile business with his father; Henry A., born in 1859, and died in childhood; William J., born in 1863, and died in infancy; and William H., Jr., born in 1865, and James, born in 1866, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Hopkins died in 1868, and Mr. Hopkins wedded for his second wife, Nancy J. Lynch, a daughter of the late Robert and Sarah Lynch. By his second marriage Mr. Hopkins has three children: Harry, born October 4, 1870, and now an undertaker; Bertha, born in 1880, and Mary, born in 1883.

DAVID STICKEL, merchant, farmer and liveryman, of Perryopolis, was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1837. He is a son of the late

George Stickel, who was an honest and hard working man, and came to Perry township about a century ago, and settled on a part of the George Washington lands near where the Washington coke works are now situated. The valley in which George Stickel located was named Stickel valley, after him. David Stickel was reared to hard work, obtained a common school education, and has made his own way in life. He now owns a good store, has a first-class livery and is engaged to a considerable extent in farming. He is a Democrat politically, but no politician, and gives his time chiefly to his different business enterprises. In 1857 David Stickel married Margaret McLain, a daughter of John and Mary McLain. To their union were born four sons: George F., born February 2, 1858, a partner with his father in the mercantile business, who, on June 16, 1896, wedded Annie B. Nutt, who was a daughter of the late William and Mary (McCuen) Nutt (Mrs. George F. Stickel was born in 1865, and died in 1897, leaving one child, a son, which soon followed her to the tomb); John, born October 31, 1859, and married Annie Forsythe; Harry, born in 1865, and Elmer P., born in 1869, married Mary Wilks, in 1894, and has two children, Margaret and Arthur. Mrs. Margaret Stickel died December 27, 1889, and in 1891 David Stickel wedded for his second wife Nevada Armstrong. By his second marriage Mr. Stickel has two children: Gertrude, born May 26, 1892, and David, Jr., born April 10, 1896. The Stickels originally were of the Quaker faith.

JAMES ESTEP CARSON, general manager of the large mercantile establishment of Carson & Carr, at Layton, is a son of the late Thomas and Mary (Lynn) Carson, and was

born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1851. The Carson family is of honorable English descent, and just after the close of the Revolutionary war Thomas Carson, Sr., came to Fayette county and married Anna Layton, who lived to be ninety-three years of age, and after whose brother, Peter Layton, Layton was named. Thomas, Sr., and Anna Carson had ten children: John, Sarah, Delilah, Anna, Abraham, Thomas, James, Allen, Nancy, and one which died in infancy. Thomas Carson, the second son, was a farmer, and died in 1889. In 1845 he married Mary Lynn, a daughter of Ayres and Prudence Lynn, of Franklin township, and to their union were born twelve children: William, deceased; Anna, wife of David L. Powers; James E. and John (twins); Prudence, residing at Layton; Mary, wife of A. Shurff; Thomas, who died in 1889; Katherine C., now deceased; Johnson L., of near Layton; David, of Dawson; Andrew L., of Star Junction; and Jessie, wife of Samuel B. Hamilton, of Layton. James E. Carson was a farmer's son, and received his education in the common schools of his neighborhood. He then borrowed money to learn telegraphy, and after serving for a short time on the Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad, became telegraph operator for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Layton, where he served continuously for twenty-two years. At the end of that time, in 1894, he became manager of the general mercantile store of Carson & Carr, which position he still holds. On July 31, 1873, Mr. Carson married Emma D. Squibbs, who was born December 17, 1832, and is a daughter of the late Thomas M. and Sarah (Keyster) Squibbs. To Mr. and Mrs. Carson have been born eleven children: James Albert, died in childhood; John,

Martha, Howard, Nelson, deceased; Thomas, Mary, deceased; Dessie and Frank (twins and both dead), and two who died in infancy. Mr. Carson has been successful in his business transactions, and owns several houses and lots at Layton. He is a Democrat in politics, and served very acceptably as postmaster at Layton for eleven years, besides holding the office of school director for some length of time. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and the Ancient Order of United American Workmen, in which latter organization he holds membership at Perryopolis, while he belongs to the Order of United Workmen at Layton.

REV. JOHN MCINTIRE, deceased, was a worthy and honored minister of the M. E. church, who labored zealously and well in the cause of his Divine Master. He was born in Armstrong county in 1829, and died in Allegheny county in 1873. In 1860 he married Mary Jane King, and their marriage was blessed with four children: Annie M., born in January, 1862, married C. R. McDonald, of Perryopolis, and they have one child, whose name is Paul; C. W., was born August 27, 1864, and he is in the gentlemen's furnishing business in the town of Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, and married Josephine Cope, of Perry township; John E., born February 2, 1870, and is book-keeper for Hostetter Coke Company, in Westmoreland county, and married Carrie Blair, they have one child, named Wilbur; and Josiah K., resides with his widowed mother on the home place, and is a hard working and respected man, married Emma Gue, of Perryopolis, and they have two children, Charles R. and Francis A. Mrs. Mary J. McIntire was born March 19, 1836, and is a kind and Christian woman, who comes of an honor-

able family and bears with patience and fortitude the great loss of her husband. She returned to Fayette county at the death of her husband and reared her children, mostly in Perry township. Rev. John McIntire was reared to a life of labor on a farm and educated himself for the ministry, in which he spent the best years of his life. He was a Republican but would take no part in the war or politics, and being drafted was discharged on account of physical disability. He was well read in the Scriptures and his great aim in life was to win souls to Christ. He was a man of character and influence, lived a life of usefulness and died with the consolation that he had fought a good fight and had kept the faith.

CHARLES L. STUCKSLAGER, whose farm adjoins the town of Perryopolis, is one of the substantial farmers of Perry township. He was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1863, and is a son of the late Henry and Mary Ann (Strawn) Stuckslager. Henry Stuckslager was born September 9, 1818, and died June 9, 1885, and Mary Ann (Strawn) Stuckslager was born June 1, 1829, and died January 30, 1880. Charles L. Stuckslager is of German descent, and is fifth in order of age in a family of six children, as follows: Adaline, wife of William Blair; Orrel, wife of W. H. Morrow; Thomas, married Bertha Mason, of Minnesota, and resides in that State; Sabina, wedded Patrick Curran, who died June 13, 1898; Charles L. (subject), and Eliza, who died in childhood. Mr. Stuckslager was reared on the home farm, received his education in the common schools and has followed farming continuously ever since attaining his majority. To his own exertions he is indebted for his success, as he is practically a self-made

man. On March 11, 1886, Charles L. Stuckslager married Elvira Stickel, a daughter of Edward and Rebecca Jane (Marsh) Stickel. Edward Stickel was born October 14, 1840, and Rebecca Jane (Marsh) Stickel was born January 24, 1843. Mr. Stickel is a prominent farmer near Star Junction, and Stickel valley is named after his grandfather. Elvira (Stickel) Stuckslager, born January 20, 1861, is the oldest of nine children, as follows: Elvira; John E., Mariah Bell and Oliver M., who died in childhood; William S., married Sudie Page; Annie L., married Oliver Sisley; Edward L., married Lulu Miller; and Isaac and Harry, who are single. Mr. and Mrs. Stuckslager have three children: Bessie L., born April 19, 1887; Blanche A., born January 14, 1894, and Beatrice J., born March 10, 1896. Mr. Stuckslager is a Republican and Protestant, and has served his township as tax collector and school director. He owns and cultivates a well-improved farm adjoining the pleasant and prosperous town of Perryopolis, and he believes in the Golden Rule in practice as well as in theory as the foundation principle of business life.

JACOB S. ELWELL, ex-county commissioner, was born September 3, 1837, on the farm on which he now resides, half way on the Pittsburg and McKeesport railroad, between Fuller and Whitsett stations. He is a son of Martin and Sarah (Carson) Elwell, and his father, who was a native of New Jersey, crossed the mountains with his brother Samuel and family, in a wagon drawn by oxen, and settled at Warren, Ohio, where he built the third log cabin erected at that place. Later he came to Fayette county, where his son, Jacob S. Elwell, was born, and spent his busy and useful life. Martin Elwell married Sarah Carson, a member of the old and well



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known Carson family, of Fayette county, and to their union were born seven children: Thomas and John, who both died in boyhood; George W., was a brave soldier in the Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in 1862 near Yorktown, Va.; Jacob S. (subject); and Martin, Sarah Jane and Martha, all of whom died in childhood. Jacob S. Elwell, born and reared on a farm, formed a liking for farming, and after ending his school days in the early common schools of Fayette county, became a farmer. As a farmer and stock raiser he has been quite successful, and he has always kept up with the agricultural progress of the county, being well acquainted by observation and experience with the needs of the great farming class whose interests are often neglected or injured by public officials. In 1863 Mr. Elwell married Mary Freed, born in 1835, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Stoner) Freed, of Lower Tyrone township, and the eldest of the five following children: Mary (Mrs. Elwell); Elizabeth, wife of Amos Hixon, a farmer of Lower Tyrone township; Martha, married Josiah A. Strickler, president of the First National Bank of Wilkesburg, Allegheny county; Joseph S., a farmer, of Allegheny county, and one who died in childhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Elwell have been born six children: Martin F., born September 6, 1865, married Addie Luce, and has five children; Charles Boyle, born August 3, 1866; Annie, born July 4, 1867, married Dr. Patton, of Charleroi, Pa., and they have three children; Walter W., born March 5, 1869, and is a carpenter; Allie, born December 25, 1870, and John J., born September 5, 1872, a carpenter. Mr. Elwell is a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, and besides holding the township office of school director, served one term as county commissioner. He is a mem-

ber of the M. E. church and A. O. U. W., at Perryopolis. He is a man of business ability and experience, and has settled a number of estates in different parts of Fayette county.

ALLEN CARSON, farmer, butcher, merchant and justice of the peace, at Perryopolis, is a son of Allen and Sarah Jane (Jeffries) Carson, and was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1855. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Carson, was a native of New Jersey, and came with his parents to Greene county, which he left at eighteen years of age to settle in Perry township. He was a farmer and married in Fayette county. Of his eleven children, one was Allen Carson, Sr., who lived and died in his native township. Allen Carson, Sr., married Sarah Jane Jeffries, and their children were: John W., now dead; Caleb J., of Westmoreland county; Thomas, Annie and Sarah J., all now deceased; Annie E., wife of Charles Martin, of Perry township; Allen (subject); Hasing, of Perry township; James, a resident of Perryopolis, and one child who died in infancy. Allen Carson received a farm training and common school education, and followed farming until he was twenty-three years of age, when he commenced to widen out his business operations by engaging in his present butchering operations. In 1891 he engaged in his present general mercantile business at Perryopolis, and is now interested in various business enterprises. He owns a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty-nine acres, carries a large and well selected stock of merchandise and has provided ample means to maintain all enterprises in which he is engaged. He is a Democrat and a Methodist, and while justly active is never officious in political or religious matters. He has never been an aspir-

ant for position or place, but has always served in the field as cheerfully as at the council board. He has held all of the important offices of his township and was elected justice of the peace in 1895, which office he is still holding. Squire Carson, on November 30, 1879, married Emma M., daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Harris) Luce. To this union have been born eight children: John A., born October 25, 1880, and a clerk in his father's store; James L., born August 27, 1882; Clarence O., born April 5, 1885; William W., born December 11, 1887; Walter J., born July 15, 1889, died July 21, 1891; Lillie M., born December 6, 1892, died November 30, 1894; Edna E., born September 23, 1894, and Nina, born September 20, 1896.

DR. A. H. WHITSETT, a retired physician, and a present merchant at Whitsett, is a son of Ralph C. and Rachel (Estep) Whitsett, and was born in January, 1848, in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His grandfather, William Whitsett, a native of Harrisburg, was twice driven from a western home by Indians, and the second time at the burning of Hannastown; he fled to Fort Pitt, where he finally settled on Jack's run, now a part of Pittsburg. One of his sons, Ralph C., was born in Pittsburg in 1801, and died in Fayette county in 1892. Ralph C. Whitsett, in 1826, married Rachel Estep, a daughter of Dr. James Estep, and who was born in 1808, and died in 1890. Their children were: Dr. James E., a physician at Perryopolis; Roxana, wife of John Rice, of the State of Washington; Drusilla, married Rev. O. P. Phillips; Dr. Ralph C., now deceased; Odessa, wife of John Henderson, of Kentucky; Walter S., died at sixteen years of age; Katherine, de-

ceased; David P., engaged in the coal business at Shelburne, Ind.; Emma, who died in childhood; Albinus H. (subject), and Henry G., an orange grower of Eustis, Fla. Ralph C. Whitsett built and operated on the site of Whitsett the first shovel and pick factory in Fayette county, and at the same place had an early grist mill and a store, whose goods he hauled from Philadelphia and Baltimore over the old National Road. He was a man of prominence, importance and usefulness. A. H. Whitsett, the subject of this sketch, commenced life for himself as a teacher, but after teaching seven years read medicine and attended lectures for two years at the Ohio Medical college. He practiced medicine for five years in Ohio; next with his brother owned and operated the Rainbow coal and coke works at Whitsett for some time, and was then in general mercantile business at Perryopolis until 1897. In that year he returned to Whitsett and opened his present general mercantile establishment. He is a Republican and a member of the Christian church; a man of observation, experience and general information, and a useful and influential citizen. November 7, 1872, Mr. Whitsett married, and to Dr. and Isabella Whitsett there have been born five children: Harry, born in January, 1874, and died in infancy; Hattie, born January 9, 1876, married Charles A. Beatty, of West Newton, Westmoreland county, and they have one child, Ralph Beatty; Ralph C., born April 7, 1879, and is general manager of a mercantile establishment at Sullivan, Ind.; Ellis Y., born September 29, 1881, and lives at Shelburne, Ind., and Belle, born February 2, 1892. Mrs. Whitsett died in 1892, and Mr. Whitsett on February 16, 1893, wedded Victoria Luce, a daughter of David P. Luce, of Perryopolis.

By the second marriage he has two children: Albinus H., Jr., born September 16, 1896, and Robert Luce, born July 3, 1898.

HUGH H. PATTERSON, one of Perry township's enterprising and progressive farmers, is of English and Irish lineage, and a son of the late James H. and Jane (Smith) Patterson, whose children were: Robert, Hugh H., John P., deceased; William, Andrew, Milton, Clarence, deceased; Mary, and Elizabeth. Hugh H. Patterson married Martha, daughter of the late Joel and Annie Cooper, on February 22, 1849. This marriage was blessed with two children, Lamarah, the eldest, was born September 13, 1851, and married Kell Long, of New Haven, Pa., where she died on January 1, 1872; Joel Cooper, the second and youngest, was born November 27, 1860, and lives in New Haven, where he is an architect and contractor. Mrs. Patterson was born September 14, 1827, and died May 14, 1890. She was a true and devoted wife and consistent member of the Baptist church for more than forty-five years. Hugh H. Patterson is a firm Republican, and a consistent member of the Flatwoods Baptist church. He has been a school director, and has held other township offices. He has made his own way through life—made it honorably—and made it so successfully that in the sundown of his life he can live in ease and comfort. He is a respected citizen, a good neighbor and a friend; though he has not a college education, he is a self-student, well read on all late and important matters, and while practically a business man yet is well informed on educational affairs.

PHILIP R. LUCE, a leading farmer and coal dealer of Perry township, is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Rodecker) Luce, respectively

of German and French descent, and was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1839. Joseph Luce was a native of New Jersey and about 1807 came to the farm in Perry township now known as the old Luce homestead. He married Margaret Rodecker, and their children, eight in number, were as follows: Mary, deceased; Nancy, wife of William Whitsett, of Fayette City; David P. and William, who are dead; Philip R. (subject); Samuel K., of Perry township, and Alexander and Henry, who died in childhood. Philip R. Luce grew to manhood on the farm, received a common school education, and has been engaged in farming ever since. October 4, 1862, Mr. Luce married Josephine Haggerty, who was born April 4, 1842, and whose parents were Samuel and Maria (Guein) Haggerty, of Perry township. To them have been born seven children: Samuel H., born August 14, 1863; he is a carpenter in Youngstown, O.; William P., born October 25, 1864, and now farming near Whitsett; Ada V., born February 21, 1866, and is the wife of Rev. A. B. Elliott, pastor of Masontown Cumberland Presbyterian church; David, born May 14, 1868, and farming on the home place; Margaret M., born July 27, 1870, and died February 14, 1893; Harry, born June 23, 1873, and married Viola Murphy and Elliott P., born August 24, 1879. Mr. Luce is independent in politics, voting for the man best fitted for the position, or the measure best calculated for the public weal, and giving no heed to party candidates or party policy. He is a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which he has served acceptably as an elder for a period of nearly forty years. He has been a prominent man in his community for over a quarter of a century, serving as school director and road su-

pervisor and holding other township offices. Philip R. Luce stands prominent as one of the successful business men of the county. He owns over three hundred acres of good farming land in Perry township and sold the coal under it in 1899 for eighty-two thousand dollars, and recently purchased one thousand acres of coal land in Washington and Greene counties, while he holds notes and mortgages for over sixty-two thousand. For years his gains were small, but were properly invested in lands which to-day have increased wonderfully in value. He deserves the success which he has won.

FREEMAN COOPER, one of Perry township's responsible citizens, is a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, and has an old and honorable English ancestry. He was born April 12, 1830; and is a son of Joel and Ann (Freeman) Cooper. His grandfather, John Cooper, Sr., came from New Jersey about 1790 to the State of Pennsylvania, and took up land. Joel Cooper, his son, had a family of eight children, three daughters and five sons: Mary (dead); John (dead); Narcissa, Alfred, Joel, Jr., Martha, Freeman and Amos. Freeman Cooper married Emeline Peirsol, of Perry township, on April 23, 1863. She is a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Peirsol. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper two children were born: Laura, born August, 1864, and died in infancy; and Elizabeth P., born April 12, 1866, and died February 18, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper live on their place in Perry township and are living happily together, spending their old age with the consolation of well spent and useful lives. Mr. Cooper was reared on a farm and started out in life a poor boy; but by hard work, pluck and energy, he has acquired enough of material wealth, so that in his old age he can

live in comfort and ease. He owns a farm of one hundred and eight acres, with good improvements. In politics he is a Republican. He has held various township offices. His father, Joel Cooper, was born April 11, 1791, and died in 1870, at eighty years of age. His wife, Ann, was born in 1793, and died in 1852. Joel Cooper was considered one of the leading farmers in the community in which he lived. He was an honest and upright citizen, and sincere in his convictions. His life was worthy of imitation and his character was beyond reproach. Freeman Cooper, like his father, has always taught the doctrine that honesty is the first principle of religion. He is a man of retentive memory, and he has already lived to a good old age. He can look back upon a well spent life, in which he has ever been a friend to those in need, when deserving of sympathy and aid.

EDWARD C. CAMPBELL, general manager of the Wickhaven Supply Company's store, is the youngest son of James, Jr., and Mary (Jackson) Campbell, and was born at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1870. His grandfather, James Campbell, Sr., came about one hundred and twenty-five years ago to Jamestown, Pa., where he was one of the first settlers and reared a family of five children: James, Jr.; John and Lessie, dead; Ma-linda and William, who was killed in childhood in a grist mill. James Campbell, Jr., was reared at Jamestown, where he still resides. He married Mary Jackson in 1857, and they have five children: Etta, born February 23, 1859, and married Frank Beatty, of Headley, Pa.; John, born January 11, 1861, and is a stonemason by trade; William H., born January 1, 1863, and is a farmer by occupation; Frank, born January 9, 1865, and is now a constable at Jamestown, and Ed-

ward C., subject of this sketch. Edward C. Campbell passed his boyhood at his Jamestown home and obtained a fair English education in the common schools which fitted him for business. His choice of a life pursuit was merchandising and commencing as a clerk, he in due time came in charge of different stores, and in 1893 secured his present position as general manager of the large company store at Wickhaven, where he is also postmaster. He is a Democrat and a Presbyterian, and enjoys the reputation of being a first-class business man.

DAVID P. LUCE, deceased, was among the most highly respected farmers of Perry township. He was a son of the late Joseph and Margaret Luce, respectively of German and French descent, and was born in 1831. His grandfather, Lockard Luce, was a native of New Jersey and came to Fayette county prior to the Revolutionary war. One of his sons, Joseph Luce, married, and to him and Margaret R., his wife, were born in their Perry township home eight children: Mary J., deceased; Nancy, of Fayette City; David P. (subject); William, deceased; Philip R., a prominent farmer; James W., deceased; Samuel, of Perry township, and Alexander, now dead. David P. Luce was reared on a farm, obtained an ordinary education and followed farming with good success. Shortly before his death he sold the coal under his farm for twelve thousand dollars. He was a Republican and a Presbyterian, and a man of integrity and excellent reputation. He was a kind husband and a loving father, and died May 27, 1897. Mr. Luce, October 7, 1860, married Jane Francis, a daughter of the late Robert W. and Elizabeth (Ratcliff) Francis, of Connellsville, and of Scotch lineage. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Luce's children

were: Joseph F., born December 9, 1861, resides at Uniontown and is superintendent of the Star Junction coal mines; Robert F., born February 29, 1864, and is bookkeeper for the Wickhaven Supply Company; William W., born May 13, 1866, and is a teacher in the public schools; Victoria F., born in 1869, and Albinus Whitsett, of Whitsett; Judson, born January 9, 1871, and follows teaching, and J. F., born June 17, 1876, and died July 17, 1895. Mr. Luce is sadly missed in his family and the wide circle of his friends where his many good qualities were fully known and duly appreciated.

MICHAEL BROWNELLER, a comfortably situated farmer and stock raiser of Perry township, was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1839, and is a son of William and Mary (Conkle) Browneller. Frederick Browneller, the first of the name in Fayette county, was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania, and in 1820 settled on the Thomas Blakely patent in Perry township. His children were: Sarah, Margaret, William, Frederick, Elizabeth, Samuel, Susan and Henry. William Browneller, the eldest son, married Mary Conkle in 1825, and their children were: Annie M., widow of James Culler; Rebecca, wife of John Zundel, and Elizabeth, the wife of David Forsythe; Sarah, married Stockdale Snyder, of Allegheny county; Frederick, married Erzanna Springer, of Belle Vernon; Elias, married Kate Davis, and lives in Westmoreland county; Michael (subject); Margaret, married Hiram Leiper, and both are dead; Henry, deceased, and Cyrus, a resident of Pittsburg, who married Belle McCabe. Michael Browneller, trained to farm labor, and with a common school education, commenced his career as a farmer. Later he en-

gaged in stock raising and to-day he has a home farm of one hundred and forty acres of well-improved and well-cultivated land, besides selling forty-three acres of coal land. He also owns a number of houses at Wickhaven and is interested in other valuable property. He is a Democrat politically, has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for a number of years and holds membership in the Royal Arcanum at Fayette City, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Perryopolis. He has always taken any needed part in local affairs and has served his township as tax collector, judge of elections and school director. Michael Browneller, on October 21, 1861, married Pauline Leiper, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Ammon) Leiper, of Washington county, Pa., who was born February 10, 1839, and died March 5, 1895. Michael and Pauline Browneller had four children: William H., born in 1863, married May, daughter of P. G. Smith, and is a farmer and justice of the peace at Wickhaven; Emma F., born in 1864, was a teacher until her mother's death and since then has remained with her father; Mary E., born in 1866, and now the wife of W. R. Shupe, of South Connellsville, and Frank M., who was born February 16, 1874, and married Lizzie E. Porter, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and is now living near the old homestead at Wickhaven, Pa.

JONATHAN RANKIN, one of the substantial farmers and land owners of Perry township, is a son of James and Rachel (Hill) Rankin, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1836. James Rankin, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from Ireland about one hundred and twenty-five years ago and settled in Fayette county. He was a

hard working man and had a family of eight children: Samuel, James, Adam, Robert, Rebecca, Sarah, Hannah and one who died in infancy. James Rankin, the second son, spent his life in Franklin township, where he followed farming. He was born August 28, 1807, and on February 2, 1832, married Rachel Hill, who was born February 10, 1806, and to their union were born nine children: Samuel, born January 2, 1833; died July 27, 1898; Sarah Jane, wife of J. M. White, of Monmouth, Ill.; Jonathan (subject); Mary Ann, married Matthew Patterson, and is now deceased; Robert W., died in his eighteenth year; James H. and three others, all of whom died in childhood. Jonathan Rankin grew to manhood on his father's farm and attended the common schools of Franklin township. He then engaged in farming and some years later moved to Perry township, where he now owns a farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres, which is a part of the George Washington estate in Fayette county. One hundred and twenty acres of this farm is underlaid with coal, for which Mr. Rankin refused three hundred dollars per acre, and since sold it for sixty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Rankin is a hard-working and honest man, whose many years of toil have brought him a comfortable home and a respectable competence. He is a Democrat in politics, has held most of the offices of his township and has been a member of the I. O. O. F. Jonathan Rankin married Rachel E. Murphy, daughter of the late Robison and Margaret (Frasher) Murphy, February 21, 1865; she was from Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have a son and four daughters: Laura J., born January 21, 1867, married Alva Piersol, of Franklin township; they have one child, Bertha; Maggie, born February 11, 1869, married George Piersol, of

Redstone township, and they have one child, Eltha Dian; Iona, born April 7, 1872, married J. K. Chalfant, of Perry township, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Pauline; James H., born September 26, 1879, married Jessie Curry, of Franklin township, and is farming on the home place; Bessie, born January 2, 1881, and is at home with her parents.

ALLEN GALLEY, the proprietor of the Star Junction hotel, is a member of one of the old and honored families of Fayette county. He is a son of Hon. Henry and Ruth (Freeman) Galley, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1849. Philip Galley, paternal grandfather, in early life settled in Upper Tyrone township and near Broad Ford, but soon removed to the site of Dickerson Run, where he built the old brick mansion standing on the river bank. His children were: Jacob, Catherine, Peter, John, Elizabeth, Barbara, Abraham, David, Samuel, Jonathan and Henry, the father of the subject of this sketch. Hon. Henry Galley was a man of character and influence, and when he died was greatly missed. He was active and prominent, served one term as a member of the legislature from Fayette county, and left a character worthy of imitation. He married Ruth Freeman and nine children were born to them: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Luce; Frank, died in childhood; Allen (subject); Emma, resident at Dickerson Run, in the old Galley mansion; Sabina, wife of O. F. Arnold, of Aurora, Nebraska; Ewing, a farmer, near Dickerson Run; Kate, married Hugh Shallenberger, of Vanderbilt; Belle, of Wilkinsburg, and Henrietta, residing at Dickerson Run. Allen Galley was reared on the farm, received his education in the common

schools of Franklin township and Waynesburg academy, and followed farming until the establishment of the mines and works at Star Junction. Shortly after the founding of this new town and great coke center, Mr. Galley became proprietor of his present house, the Star Junction hotel. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat, as was his honored father. His family are members of the Christian church. He is an industrious man and a well respected citizen. December 19, 1872, Allen Galley was united in marriage with Isabella Gallatin, a daughter of the late Samuel and Harriett Gallatin, of Lower Tyrone township. To their union have been born eight children: Lena, born in 1873, and remains at home with her parents; Samuel, born in 1875; Ruth, born in 1877; Henry, born in 1882; Freeman, born in 1889; Irene, born in 1894, and twins that died in infancy. The Galley family has always been known for the honesty, industry, thrift and morality of its members in Fayette county and in all other sections of the United States, of which they are residents.

EDWARD STICKEL, a reliable citizen and well-to-do farmer of Perry township, was born October 11, 1838, in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of the late Edward and Maria (Ervin) Stickel. The Stickel family of Fayette county was founded by George Stickel, who settled at an early day in the valley which bears his name. He reared a large family in Stickel valley, and his son, Edward Stickel, Sr., was a farmer and married Maria Ervin. Edward Stickel, Sr., and his wife reared a family of seven children; James, now deceased; William, living in Kansas; Eliza Jane, deceased; Orpha, wife of Aaron Brown, of Kan.; Maria, wife of George King, now of

Kansas; Rebecca, married Samuel Lynn, and they reside in Ohio, and Edward, the subject of this sketch. Edward Stickel grew to manhood on his father's farm when farming was the main occupation of the people of Fayette county, and in a day when agricultural machinery was almost unknown and farm labor was greater and harder than it is to-day. He received his education in the common schools of Perry township, and at twenty-one years of age selected farming as a life pursuit and he has never regretted his decision, to-day owning a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land which has been acquired largely by his own exertions. He is a Republican in political opinion, but is no aspirant for office and devotes his time chiefly to farming and stock raising. In 1859 Mr. Stickel married Rebecca Jane Marsh, a daughter of John S. Marsh, of Tippecanoe. To this union have been born six children: Elvira, wife of C. L. Stuckslager, a farmer of near Perryopolis; William, who married Susan Page, and is now postmaster at Perryopolis; Annie, wife of Oliver Sisley, of Perry township; Lindsley, who married Laura Miller and engaged in farming with his father; Isaac, born November 12, 1878, and at home; and Harrison, born in 1880, and still with his parents. The family attend the M. E. church.

JOHN PIERSOL, a farmer and a member of one of the old families of the county, is the eldest son of James and Elizabeth (Gue) Piersol, and was born June 10, 1825, in Guernsey county, O., where his father (a native of Fayette county) was for a time engaged in farming. John Piersol was reared on his father's farm in Ohio and Perry township, and received the rather limited advan-

ages of the early common schools. He has always followed farming and in 1852 located on his present farm near the site of Star Junction. After many years of hard and honest toil he is now living in quiet and surrounded with all the necessary comforts of life. He is a Republican in politics, but has never been a politician; he is a good neighbor and a highly respected citizen. Mr. Piersol on February 28, 1850, married Martha Watson, and to them were born three children: Nancy, now deceased; Albert, who resides near Connellsville and Mary L., who married Robert Cooper, and who is now deceased. Mrs. Martha (Watson) Piersol died in 1864, and eight years later, in 1872, Mr. Piersol wedded Sabina Kerr, of Franklin township. By his second marriage he has three children: Grace C., Norman C. and Annie K. The Piersol family of Fayette county goes back nearly one hundred and fifty years. Mr. Piersol's grandfather, William Piersol, came from Chester county to Perry township in October, 1784, and reared a family of seven children: John, Sarah, Jeremiah, Samuel, Mary, William, Jr., and James, who was born in 1799. James Piersol married Elizabeth Gue in 1823, and their union was blessed with nine children: John (subject); Mary Jane, wife of Patrick Watson, of Bridgeport; James A., who married Lydia Arnold and lives in Washington county; Sarah S., a resident of Westmoreland county; Joseph, now in Ohio; Emmeline, wife of Freeman Cooper; Edith, married Benjamin Hazen, of Franklin township; Nancy B., who died young, and Jacob L., of Westmoreland county. The Piersols have always been useful and industrious citizens. The family of John Piersol are members of the Baptist church.

JOHNSON STEPHENS MOSS, proprietor of the Washington hotel at Perryopolis, is a son of the late William and Elizabeth (Fisher) Moss, and was born in Washington township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1845. His paternal great-grandfather came from Ireland to Washington county long before the Revolutionary war and reared a family. One of these children was John Moss, who married twice and had sixteen children. The third child by the first wife was William Moss, who was born May 15, 1803. William Moss in 1829 married Mary Fisher, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Fisher. To Mr. and Mrs. William Moss were born eleven children, of whom the following three are living: Eliza, wife of Lewis P. Hess; Esther, wife of Levi Sisley, and Johnson S. Moss, the subject of this sketch. Johnson S. Moss was reared on a farm, received a common school education and chose farming for an occupation. He followed farming for a number of years in Washington township, where he still owns a farm. He also owns several houses and lots in Perryopolis, where he is proprietor of the well-known Washington hotel. On January 12, 1865, Johnson S. Moss married Phebe Lynch, a daughter of the late Robert and Sarah (Brewer) Lynch, of Perry township. To Mr. and Mrs. Moss have been born four children: Arthelia and Allene, who are teachers in the public schools; Ada, who died in childhood, and Eveline Moss. Mr. Moss is a Democrat in politics and has served as director of the poor in Fayette county, road supervisor, school director, judge of elections, register (three terms), and as assessor and tax collector for several terms. He served two terms as justice of the peace in Washington township and was twice re-elected, but refused to lift his commission on account of

the unpleasant duties, at times, of the office. He is a member and has passed all of the chairs in Lodge No. 511, I. O. F., at Fayette City. Mr. Moss is also a member of the Christian or Disciple church, and ranks high as an energetic and public-spirited citizen, ever alive to the best interests of his borough and his township.

LEWIS PIERSOL, an old and highly respected citizen of Perry township, is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Piersol, and was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1820. The Piersol family is among the early settled families of Fayette county, and its members were prominent and active citizens of Perry township over a hundred years ago. Samuel and Sarah Piersol lived and died in Perry township, and their children were: Lewis (subject); Mary Ann, married John Wheatley, of Redstone township, and both are dead, and James, who wedded a Miss Wolf, and resides in Washington county. Lewis Piersol was reared on his father's farm and has always been engaged in farming and stock raising. He now owns two hundred acres of the home farm, and in 1892 sold one hundred and sixty acres of coal land at one hundred dollars per acre. He has always been a safe and careful business man who was contented with regular gains and never embarked in hazardous enterprises for large possible profits. He is independent in politics, voting for the best man to fill the office. Notwithstanding his independence of party allegiance he has served his township as road supervisor, judge of elections and school director. On November 15, 1859, Mr. Piersol married Rhoda Blair, who was born in 1831, and is one of a family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Piersol have two children, both

sons: Holland, born in 1860, married Sallie Campbell, of Stickel valley, and they have one child, a son named Curtis, and Alva B., born January 3, 1864, wedded Laura Rankin, of Perry township, and they have one child, Bertha.

ANSON B. HARRIS, an active and enterprising farmer of Perry township, was born January 18, 1857, in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Jacob Harris came to Fayette county prior to the Revolutionary war and settled in the old Harris homestead and built the old stone house on the Perryopolis and Fayette City road, now occupied by L. C. Harris. Jacob Harris had a son, Benjamin Harris, Sr., who was the father of Benjamin Harris, now deceased. Benjamin Harris married, on October 18, 1848, Miss Ellen Freeman, and their children were: L. C., born October 16, 1851; Cora J., born February 6, 1855, and wedded John Patterson, of Westmoreland county; Anson B. (subject); E. F., born March 20, 1859, and in Allegheny county; William R., born January 16, 1861, and now a resident of Pittsburg, and Frank G., born October 27, 1869. Anson B. Harris was reared on the old Harris homestead, attended the common schools and has been a farmer in Perry township ever since, except three years spent in Kansas and other western States. He has succeeded by hard work and good management and owns a fine and well improved farm of one hundred and thirteen acres. In politics Mr. Harris is a Republican; he has served as school director and held other township offices. Mr. Harris on January 2, 1884, wedded Emma M. Murphy, a daughter of Andrew H. and Nancy (Burton) Murphy, of Jefferson township. They have one child, Benjamin F., born October 12, 1885, and now attending school.

REV. JOHN H. STONE, an old and highly esteemed minister of the Methodist Protestant church, is a son of the late Henry and Elizabeth (McCleary) Stone. J. H. Stone was born near Perryopolis, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1824. Henry Stone was a native of Ohio, and his wife came from Ireland. They had seven children: William, Jane, Mary J., James, Andrew, Isabella and Rev. John H., the subject of this sketch. Henry Stone and one brother only escaped when their father's family was murdered by Indians in Ohio. Henry Stone married a woman in Ohio, who only lived six months thereafter. He then came to Cumberland county, where he met and married Elizabeth McCleary, who was a cousin to the celebrated O'Connell, of Ireland. Rev. John H. Stone was reared on a farm, earned the money to pay for his education at the California State normal school and Waynesburg college, and was actively engaged in preaching for twenty years at a salary varying from forty to a hundred dollars per year. He has now retired from active ministerial services and resides on his farm, a part of the historic George Washington tract, and on which his father, Henry Stone, settled in 1834. In 1848 Mr. Stone wedded Olive Hayden Daugherty, a daughter of the late John and Rachel Daugherty, of Westmoreland county, and who was born in 1826. Rev. and Mrs. Stone have had three children: Flora Jane, born October 24, 1849, and deceased; Isaac N., born October 22, 1851, and Carrie, born August 23, 1856. Rev. and Mrs. Stone celebrated their golden wedding in 1898 in a well-appointed home, while at their marriage Mr. Stone only had one dollar and a half in money. In politics Mr. Stone votes for men and principles and not for party. He has served as school director, judge of election, road supervisor and tax collector of Perry township. He owns a good

farm and ran a threshing machine for over fifty-three years. He is very fond of relics and old-time articles. His bedstead is over one hundred years old, on which is a feather bed brought by his mother from Ireland and over one hundred and twenty-five years of age, while the blanket on it was used by Mrs. Stone's uncle in the war of 1812. Mr. Stone rides a horse over twenty-seven years old, and has gathered around him many relics. He has toiled and labored well in life and now can enjoy himself in the comfortable home which he has earned. Although seventy-six years of age, he is well preserved and does all his immediate work and feels as spry as a boy of eighteen years of age.

GEORGE W. JACKSON is one of the well-respected citizens and farmers of Perry township. He is a son of the late Ephraim and Nancy (Cook) Jackson, of the State of Ohio, and was born in Knox county, Ohio, December 10, 1831. He came to Pennsylvania in 1852, learned the carpenter trade, and in 1854 married Elizabeth I. Hewitt, a daughter of the late John and Sarah Hewitt, both of Irish and Welsh descent. He has allied himself with the Prohibition party, which he thinks is needed to act for the best interests of the country. He has served as steward in the Methodist Episcopal church nearly all the time for forty years. Elizabeth Jackson was born in Fayette county, Pa., July 9, 1839. There were eight children born to them: Mary E., dead; Oella N., Sarah Ann, John E., dead; Nancy Jane, William Duncan, dead; Harriet Lewis and Clara May. Mary married Charles Martin and resided in Allegheny City, where she died in 1887. Oella married James Stephens in 1900 and lives in Perry township. Ann married William Bailey and lives in Allegheny City. Jane married Isaac

Martin and lives in Perry township. Hattie L. married Clark McMillen and lives in Washington township. Clara married Ernest B. Martin and lives in Connellsville, Pa. Mrs. Jackson has been a helpless invalid for eight years; has not walked in all that time, but trusts in the Lord for strength to bear her afflictions. The minister often goes to visit her and says he always receives encouragement in place of giving advice. Mr. Jackson is a consistent Christian and a good citizen.

ASA CHAMBERS, a farmer and veteran soldier of the Civil war, was born June 1, 1834, and is a son of Asa, Sr., and Mary (Sparks) Chambers, of Perry township. Edward Chambers, of Scotch-Irish origin and east Pennsylvania nativity, was the father of Asa Chambers, Sr., who was married twice. By his first marriage his children were: Joseph, now living in Iowa; Elizabeth, widow of Abraham Carson; May, widow of Thomas Patten; Rachel, widow of William Hibbons; Nancy, wife of David Carson; George, married Lucinda Hornbeck, and is dead, and J. L., who married Sarah Gue, and is a prominent farmer of Jefferson township. For his second wife he wedded Mary Sparks, and their children were: Asa, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, who married Isaac Lynn, of Redstone township, and Edward, who married a Miss Adams, and after her death wedded Ada Stephens. Asa Chambers grew to manhood, attended the common schools and followed farming until the Civil war commenced, when he enlisted in the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served until the spring of 1865. He then returned home with his health broken, and although never recovering, yet has carefully managed his business affairs so as to become prosperous.

He owns a small, but well-improved farm, which he personally superintends at all times when his impaired health will permit. In politics Mr. Chambers is a Democrat. He has served as school director for six years and has held various other township offices during the last twenty-five years. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and deserves the recognition of his country in defense of whose liberties he risked his life. On February 22, 1857, Asa Chambers wedded Emma W. Harris, who was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Susan (Gepford) Harris, of Perry township. Mrs. Chambers was born April 24, 1838, and died September 5, 1898. To Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were born three sons and two daughters: Anna E., born March 12, 1858, and is the wife of W. L. Waggoner, of Fairburg, Ill.; Martha B., born February 25, 1860, and died January 22, 1879; Harris C., born March 8, 1869, and died March 24, 1888; Asa Everett, born April 27, 1874, and wedded Lotta Bailey, of Fairburg, Ill.; and Edward, who was born December 7, 1880, and is engaged in farming with his father.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, one of the old and well-respected farmers of Perry township, is the sixth child and second son of Benjamin and Sarah (Farquhar) Brown, and was born in Perry township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1832. Over a century ago Samuel Brown, who was of English origin, left his New Jersey home and settled in Perry township, where he resided until his death. His son, Benjamin Brown, was a native and lifelong resident of Perry township, where in 1814 he wedded Sarah Farquhar, and their children were: Mary, now deceased; Esther, a resident of Ill.; Elizabeth, deceased; Malinda, a resident of Fayette City; John, now

residing in North Dakota; and William F., the subject of this sketch. William F. Brown, like all the farmers' sons of his day, was reared to hard work on the farm, received a common school education and then engaged in farming, which he has steadily pursued ever since. He has been successful as a farmer and stock raiser, to which lines of business he has principally confined himself. In 1856 Mr. Brown married Elizabeth Stewart, and to their union have been born four children, two sons and two daughters: Lewis, born April 21, 1857, resides in Belle Vernon, married Emma Watson, and has three children; Emma E., born February 11, 1859, and lives in the State of Ohio; Sarah E., born December 26, 1861, married Clayton Parkhill, of Franklin township, have two sons, and they now reside in Denver, Col., and Charles S., born April 21, 1866. Charles S. Brown is steady and industrious and remains on the home farm with his father. He married Carrie Teggert, of Washington township, and they have two sons and three daughters: Mary, Stewart, Ruth E., James and Lena. William F. Brown in early life voted the Republican ticket, but since the emancipation of the negro on January 1, 1863, he has not voted. He and two of his old friends then entered into an agreement that if the negro was allowed to vote they would never cast another ballot. The right of suffrage was extended to the negro and Mr. Brown, true to his pledge, has never voted since. He has toiled hard for his competence and is now so situated in his declining years as to be able to enjoy the comforts of life.

JOHN B. FRASHER, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Franklin township, is of Scotch origin. He is a son of James and Eliza

(Wheatley) Frasher, and was born October 15, 1855, in Franklin township. James Frasher was one of ten children, six sons and four daughters. He was a farmer and married Eliza Wheatley, and had a family of eight children: Sarah, Mary (deceased); J. W., L. H., John B., Caroline, Turner (deceased), and W. R. Mr. Frasher died in 1878 at the age of sixty-four years, and his widow followed him to the last resting place in December, 1891, aged seventy years. John B. Frasher, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, received his education in the common schools and then chose farming for an occupation. He has of late years been engaged in milling and wheat threshing. Mr. Frasher married Laura, daughter of Samuel Woodward (see sketch in this volume), and their union has been blessed with two children: Mary Lida, born January 11, 1890, and Ina Alberta, born February 28, 1892. Mrs. Frasher is a devoted church member and a Christian woman. Her parents were Samuel and Mary (Curry) Woodward, residents of Menallen township, and her brothers and sisters are Lizzie, Ida, James and Ewing. Mr. Frasher is a Democrat and has efficiently filled the offices of road supervisor and school director. He owns a one-third interest in a fertile farm of two hundred and eighteen acres of land, partly underlaid with coal, which found a market at about two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. He is an honest, upright man, a kind husband and devoted father, and enjoys a good reputation and high standing in his community.

SYLVESTER DUFF, a leading farmer and stock grower of Franklin township, is of Irish and English origin, and was born December 30, 1849. He is a son of the late William and Drusilla (Brandon) Duff, who were married

in 1844, and whose union was blessed with six children, of which Mr. Duff is the second child. He married Miss Malinda M. Zuck, of Westmoreland county, Pa. She is a daughter of Jacob and Susan Fisher Zuck. Mr. and Mrs. Duff have had nine children, of whom are: Edwin C., born in 1873, William M., Luretta, Walter T., Louise Jane, Annie M., Harry E., and Ruth. Edwin C., the eldest son, married Katie Taylor, of Menallen township, and they have two children, Howard and Horden. Mr. Duff was reared on a farm, attended the common schools and after he attained his majority followed teaching for nearly twenty years in Westmoreland county. He then came to Fayette county and purchased his present fine farm in Franklin township, consisting of one hundred and seventy-five acres, with a good stone house and a commodious and well built barn. His farm is underlaid with coal and natural gas. Mr. Duff has his farm under a good state of cultivation, and uses all of the late agricultural improvements. In politics Mr. Duff is a staunch Republican. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and has served as school director and road supervisor. He is true and sincere in his convictions, and honest in all his dealings, active and industrious. He is a good neighbor and useful citizen. He is well read on all current subjects, has a retentive memory, and is an interesting conversationalist.

A. E. LYNN, of Franklin township, is a well-known farmer and stock grower and is of German and Irish lineage. He was born February 3, 1857. He is a son of Andrew and Mary (Skelkey) Lynn. His paternal grandfather, Aaron Lynn, came to this country from Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania

about one hundred years ago. His father, Andrew Lynn, was born in Fayette county in 1824. He married Mary Skelkey, who was born in 1826, and their children were: Rachel, born in 1855, who died in infancy, and A. E.; subject of this sketch. A. E. Lynn married Mrs. McDonnald, the widow of William McDonnald, and a daughter of Robert and Esther (Fisher) Haggerty. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have five children: Wilbur S., born 1884; Blanche, born in 1886; Mattie E., born in 1888; Elmer Grace, born in 1889, and Andrew M., born in 1892. Mr. Lynn received his education in the common schools of Fayette county, and when he grew up to manhood he chose farming as his occupation, remaining on the old homestead that was left him by his father. He has a farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres of good agricultural land, which is underlaid with coal and which has never been optioned. His farm is well improved with good buildings and fences. In politics Mr. Lynn is a Prohibitionist, and in religious opinion and church membership has always been a Baptist. He is conservative, but not wavering in his opinions, which are slowly and carefully formed.

E. C. SMITH, a farmer and stock grower of Franklin township, was born March 12, 1857, and is a son of the late Robert and Rosetta (Shotwell) Smith, who were married January 4, 1827. She was the daughter of John and Sarah Shotwell, of Franklin township. Robert and Rosetta Smith were blessed with twelve children, ten of which grew to manhood and womanhood. Mr. Smith was a justice of the peace for many years, and was one of the first justices after the office was made elective in this State. He also held other important township offices. He was modest

and unassuming, honest and enterprising and consistent and exemplary as a member of Laurel Hill Presbyterian church for more than forty years preceding his death. He was a son of Robert Smith, who emigrated from Scotland to America in early life, and settled on the farm where his son Robert lived and died, and which now belongs to his grandson, E. C. Smith, the subject of this sketch. Robert Smith, Sr., died in 1857, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, Mary (Starret) Smith, died at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. E. C. Smith is the youngest of the following children: Sarah, born in 1827, and died in 1897; John S., born in 1830, died in 1899; Mary, born in 1832; Caroline, born in 1834; Robert S., born in 1837; Elizabeth, born in 1843, and died in 1886; Jerome, born in 1847, died in 1849; Catherine, Rosetta, born in 1851, and died in 1880, and she and her little twin were buried together, and E. C. E. C. Smith was reared on a farm, and chose farming for his life's pursuit. He married on September 6, 1883, Lizzie L., a daughter of William and Sarah (Chalfant) Burchinal. To their union have been born two children, a daughter and a son, Sarah R., born in 1885, and George Oliver, born in 1898. Mrs. Smith was one of four children, as follows: Lizzie L., born in 1857; Oliver, born 1861; George B., born 1869, and Harry Chalfant, who was born in 1876, and was drowned while bathing with a friend in the Allegheny river near Creighton, Pa., in 1898. Mrs. Smith is well read and well informed and cares carefully for her family, friends and guests. Mr. Smith is one of the leading farmers in the community in which he resides. He owns a fine farm of three hundred and thirty acres of land, on which he has a good residence and a fine barn and all other necessary improvements. He is a kind and

obliging neighbor, lives peaceably with every one and affords his family every possible pleasure and comfort within his means. He is a church member and supports the principles of the Republican party.

FRANK L. TOWNSEND, a merchant and the postmaster at Flatwoods, Fayette county, Pa., was born May 10, 1867, and is a son of the late Aaron and Martha (Lutz) Townsend, of Perry township. His grandfather, Aaron Townsend, was a native of Pennsylvania, and of Quaker descent. His father, Aaron Townsend, was born October 20, 1822, and died June 1, 1900. The latter's children were all sons, five in number: William J., born about 1851, died in 1881, leaving three sons and two daughters: John A., born 1856; Curtis, born 1858, died aged seven years; Martin E., born in July, 1862; Frank L., born May 10, 1867. Aaron Townsend was one of the leading men in his community and a deacon of the Flatwoods Baptist church for thirty-five years. He was a staunch Republican and honest and firm in his convictions in politics and religion. He cast his first vote for Henry Clay, and did not miss an election in over fifty-five years. Frank L. Townsend, the subject of this sketch, married Lizzie Cooper, October 22, 1891. She is a daughter of Joel and Eliza Jane (Fetz) Cooper, and has no children. Mr. Aaron Townsend was a nephew of the late Amos Townsend, ex-member of Congress, of Cleveland, Ohio. Frank L. Townsend attended the schools of his native township, learned the carpenter's trade and followed that avocation for several years. In 1890 he and his brother bought out the firm of Murphy and Townsend at Flatwoods, and have continued in the mercantile business successfully up to this time. The firm is known as J. A. & F. L. Townsend, and car-

ries a general stock of merchandise. They have by hard work and honest dealing built up a good trade. Mr. Townsend is a Republican and a member of the Baptist church. Mrs. Townsend's brothers and sisters were: Isaac, Ella (deceased), David, A. F., an attorney at Uniontown; Roxalena, Lizzie, Frank L. and Mary. Mrs. Townsend was born March 17, 1869, and is a quiet woman of worth and merit. Mr. Townsend is a man of good business qualifications, of rare energy and quiet perseverance, honest and truthful and of mark and influence in his community and township.

HENRY G. BOWMAN, of honorable German descent, was born February 18, 1838, on the farm on which he now resides in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pa., and is a son of Andrew and Ruth (Cook) Bowman. Andrew Bowman was born at Hagerstown, Md., May 16, 1797, and came to the farm now owned by Henry G. Bowman, with his parents when he was but two years old. He attended the subscription schools and was first a Democrat in politics, then a Whig and afterwards a staunch Republican. He was a member of the Disciple church from 1844 until his death. He was a good citizen and neighbor, noted for his truth and honesty and integrity. He married Ruth, daughter of Thomas Cook, of Redstone township, May 19, 1825. Their union was blessed with four children: John, born in 1826, died in 1877; Annie Eliza, born in 1828, now living with her brother Henry on the old homestead; Thomas C., born in 1830, died in 1851; and Henry G., born in 1838. Andrew Bowman died February 17, 1874, and his wife preceded him, dying August 19, 1844. His father, John Bowman, was born in Franklin county, in 1772, and was a wagonmaker by trade. He

married Catherine, daughter of Andrew Sniveley, in 1796, and after his marriage he removed to Hagerstown, Md., and in 1800 came to Fayette county, where he died in 1858. He gave to each of his four daughters a quarter section of land. He was one of the leading citizens of Fayette county at his death. John Bowman's father ran away from his home in Germany, at the age of eleven years, and came to America about 1730, being sold upon his arrival here to pay for his passage across the ocean, as was the custom of those days in regard to runaways who sought to come to the new world on merchant or other crossing ships. He married Catherine Sniveley, whose father, Andrew Sniveley, took a patent in 1778 for three hundred and seven acres of land in what is now a part of Franklin township, which adjoined the land of Gen. George Washington and Jacob Sniveley. He deeded this land to his two daughters, Catherine Bowman and Susan Newman. John Bowman bought Susan Newman's half of the land and deeded the whole tract to his son, Andrew Bowman. Thomas Cook, maternal grandfather, was born in Nottingham township, Chester county, Pa., July 28, 1756, and died February 14, 1842. He was married three times; first to Susannah Cousins, of Washington county, Pa., born September 18, 1783; his second wife was Elizabeth Cope, daughter of John and Mary Cope. The Cope family in this county originated from Oliver Cope and Mary, his wife, who came over to this country with William Penn, in 1682. Four children were born to the second marriage, solemnized in 1797, as follows: William, Elizabeth, Ruth and John. Henry G. Bowman and his sister Ann live on the home farm. Neither of them or either of their other brothers were married. He and his sister Ann are the only ones of their

family living. They are passionately fond of children and their house is always full of children, neighbors and friends. They are known through the surrounding country for their acts of charity. They have reared four orphan children, in 1834 taking Sarah J. Sinclair; in 1858 Nancy Wadsworth; in 1866 William Rhodaback, and in 1870 Sanford Rhodaback, and then John Hodges, who went away awhile and then returned to die. Mr. Bowman is a staunch Republican politically, but not a politician. His moral character is above reproach and he is widely known for his many acts of kindness and charity.

JOHN S. MARSH, late merchant and postmaster of Tippecanoe, in Jefferson township, was a son of the late Thomas and Nancy (Cunnard) Marsh, and was born in Indiana county, March 16, 1822. His parents removed in his childhood from Indiana county to Ohio, from whence they came to Fayette county. Their children were John S. (subject of sketch); Barsheba, born February 9, 1824, and Jane Nancy, born January 18, 1826. Mrs. Marsh was a daughter of Anthony Cunnard, a Revolutionary soldier, who served under Washington, at Yorktown, and the twelve silver buttons of his army coat are now in the possession of F. A. Marsh, son of the late John S. Marsh. Anthony Cunnard wedded a daughter of Captain Wheatly, of New Jersey, who was a brave and daring officer in the Revolutionary war. John S. Marsh made his own way in life. He attended the old subscription school a short time, and in 1831, at nine years of age, was put in Cook's woolen mills to learn fulling, which he quit in 1852 to become a clerk in the store. Four years later he purchased the store on his personal note, soon cleared his indebtedness and conducted a remuneratively general mercan-



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tile business at Tippecanoe up to his decease on July 4, 1900. On August 9, 1840, Mr. Marsh wedded Charlotte, daughter of Andrew and Lucretia Waggoner. Mrs. Marsh was born August 7, 1813, and passed away June 6, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh had the following children: Thomas, born May 22, 1841; Rebecca Jane, January 24, 1843; John C., of Connellsville, September 3, 1844; Isaac D., a steamboat engineer, born May 27, 1846, and who served in the Civil war, and died at New Orleans, in 1874; William L., born May 27, 1848; David J., born August 20, 1850, and died in infancy; Israel Uriah, March 22, 1852; Harrison C., September 19, 1854; Sarah Olive, July 24, 1856. John S. Marsh served as captain of a militia company during the Civil war and as postmaster under Buchanan's administration, at Tippecanoe, which postoffice was named in honor of General William Henry Harrison, during the log cabin and hard cider campaign of 1840. Captain Marsh had a retentive memory and a cheerful disposition, and wore well and lightly the weight of advancing years. He was a prominent and active Mason, having passed the chairs of the lodge and chapter, and at his decease was the oldest Knight Templar in Pennsylvania. He was ever true to the principles and teachings of Free Masonry.

JOHN N. WOLF, of Jefferson township, was born August 17, 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Mary Jane Wolf. He is of German and English origin. He is one of a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters, as follows: Israel, born in 1842; Sarah E., born in 1844; John N.; Maria, born in 1848; Martha, born in 1850; Annie M., born in 1852; Robert L., born in 1854, and Isabelle, born in 1856, all of whom are living but Martha, who died in her thirteenth year. J. N. Wolf was united

in marriage, September 12, 1872, to Miss Frances Virginia Allen. This union was blessed with four children, three daughters and one son: Mary Elner, born in 1783; Gertrude, born in 1878; Alva J., born in 1883, and Rena M., born in 1887. Mrs. Wolf was a daughter of the late Alva and Elner (Patterson) Allen. She was born November 17, 1847, and died on March 13, 1890. She was a kind and considerate woman and has been sadly missed by her husband and children. Mr. Wolf is a farmer and followed agricultural pursuits ever since doing for himself. He is a staunch Republican and a member of the Methodist church. He is a member of a musical family, his father being a composer, and he understands music also. His daughters have excellent musical taste and readily understand any kind of music, being able to perform on almost any kind of musical instrument. The eldest daughter Elner is especially fond of the piano and organ, and Gertrude is a splendid performer on the guitar. These young ladies conduct their father's store and have the house management at home, as Mr. Wolf is not in good health. Alva J. Wolf is still at home and sees to the management of the farm, and in other ways lightens the necessary labors of his father. Mr. Wolf is well and favorably known in his community.

ADDISON N. ALLEN, of Franklin township, is a leading farmer and stock grower. He is a son of Isaac and Mary (Chalfant) Allen, and was born on January 21, 1823, in Fayette county, Pa. Isaac Allen was born in Virginia and emigrated to Pennsylvania about one hundred years ago. He followed teaming in the early part of the century and hauled from Baltimore, Md., across the mountains to all the western trading towns

as far west as the State of Ohio. He was an active man of his day and was noted for his business qualities and at his death had acquired considerable wealth. Addison N. Allen was reared on the farm and married Rebecca, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Collet, of Fayette county, in 1857. This marriage was blessed with the following sons and daughters: George C., who was born in 1858; lives in Redstone township; Robert W., who was born in 1859, lives in Redstone township, and had two children; Eliza M., who was born in 1863, married Robert C. Dunn, and has two daughters; Hannah J., who was born in 1865, married William Murphy, and has two daughters; Col. E., who was born in 1867, lives in Franklin township, and has two children, a son and a daughter; Jasper T., was born in 1872, and has two children; John Addison, Jr., was born in 1875, and married in 1888, Lou Woodward, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Woodward, of Franklin township, and Ethel R., born in 1879, is still at home. Of these children Ethel R. and John A. Allen, Jr., reside with their father on the home farm. Mrs. Allen was born December 23, 1834, and died February 11, 1890. She was a kind and Christian woman and is a much missed neighbor and friend. In politics Mr. Allen is a Republican, and in religious thought and practice he follows the Quaker principles and teachings of George Fox and William Penn. Mr. Allen originally owned five hundred acres of choice farming and fine coal lands and of the latter sold to the value of \$25,000. He acquired his competency by hard work, economy and good management and has provided well for each of his children. In rearing his family he has always taught them that honesty is one of the first principles of religion, and as his life in this

world is almost finished he can say with much confidence that he owes no man any thing but good will. His character is worthy of imitation by his posterity.

STEWART HENDERSON.—One of Fayette county's leading citizens and successful farmers, is Stewart Henderson, of Franklin township. He is of Irish and German descent, and was born August 24, 1849. He is a son of Isaac and the late Mary (Dunlap) Henderson. His grandfather, Stewart Henderson, came to America from Ireland about one hundred years ago, and had a family of eight sons and two daughters: Thomas, Stewart, Isaac, Alexander, Harvey, David, Jacob, Joseph, Nancy and Mary. Isaac Henderson, father of our subject, was born in 1814 and is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-six years and enjoying the best of health. He married Mary Dunlap, in 1834, and she died March 20, 1872. This union was blessed with eight children: Hannah, Mary Ann, Samuel, deceased, Alexander, twins that died in infancy, Stewart and Thomas, deceased. Stewart Henderson married Harriet Woodward, December 10, 1874. She is a daughter of Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward (see sketch of Samuel Woodward), and the youngest of a family of thirteen children: Samuel, Joseph, Rebecca, Finley, John, Phebe, Eliza, Dempsy and Harriet living, and Robert, Caleb, Davis and Mary deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have four children: Davis, born in 1875 and now studying law in Uniontown; Isaac, born April 4, 1878; one born in 1881 and died unnamed and Mary, born 1889. Mr. Henderson started out in life a poor boy, but by hard work and good management he has obtained a competency. He attributes most of his success to the assistance, sympathy and

wise counsels of his wife. They have just sold their home place for fifty-one thousand dollars. Mr. Henderson is a Republican, and a Presbyterian, and devotes his time and attention largely to his business affairs, but neglects no duty he owes to his friends, neighbors and fellow citizens.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, a prominent farmer of Jefferson township, was born January 12, 1846, and is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Stephens) Adams, both of Scotch origin. Alexander Adams was a cooper by trade, and married Elizabeth Stephens in 1841. This marriage was blessed with four children: Nancy Jane, born in 1842, married Nelson Nickles; John Quincy, born in 1846; Phoebe, born in 1848, married Edward Chambers, of Fayette county; Mary Ellen, born in 1850, married John W. Murphy, of Fayette county. On October 27, 1870, John Quincy Adams married Frances Stephens, a daughter of Joshua and Amanda (Bentley) Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have two children, one son and one daughter: Curtis B., born December 26, 1875, and living on the home place with his father, is a farmer, a church member and a member of the Epworth League; and Ada O., born April 6, 1885. Mrs. Adams is a member of the M. E. church; was born August 9, 1849, and is one of a family of three children: Bell M., Frances and Bentley. Her father, Joshua Stephens, was born in 1820, and was one of the leading citizens of Fayette county. Mr. Adams started out in life as a poor boy, was reared on a farm and attended the common schools. By hard work and economy he and his wife managed to obtain a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres, with good buildings and all necessary improvements. He is a Democrat and a church member. He lives in a good agri-

cultural and rich mineral township of Fayette county, and is one of Jefferson's reliable and responsible citizens.

EMANUEL SHEARER, a prominent farmer of Franklin township, was born January 1, 1843, and is a son of Jacob and Emily (Shotwell) Shearer. His grandfather, Frederick Shearer, was an early settler in Pennsylvania. He was a German by birth. He was born March 24, 1770, and married in America, on March 23, 1793, Rebecca Markle, of Berks county. They had eleven children, of whom Jacob, the father of this subject, was the eighth child. He was born in Franklin county, January 30, 1809, and removed with his father, in 1815, to Jefferson township. He married, on March 27, 1838, Emily Shotwell, a daughter of John Shotwell, a prominent farmer of Franklin township. Their union was blessed with seven children: John T., born July 25, 1839, now deceased; Rebecca M., born May 19, 1841, also deceased; Emanuel, born in January, 1843; Sarah C., born August 23, 1845; Leroy, born in January, 1851, now deceased; Susan E., born September 28, 1853, also deceased; and Emma C., born December 1, 1855, and deceased. Emanuel Shearer, on November 29, 1864, married Elizabeth Cook, a daughter of Henry and Esther (Dearmon) Cook, deceased. Their union has been blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters: Esther E., Frederick O., Harvey J., Jessie M. and John C. Mr. Shearer is a first class farmer, and started out in the world in moderate circumstances. He has obtained considerable wealth, and has recently sold his coal, retaining the surface. His home place is a fine farm, and well improved. He is a Republican and a member of the Christian or Disciple church and ranks as one of the self-made men of his township.

DAVID H. COOK.—One of Fayette county's honored citizens and prosperous farmers is David H. Cook. He is a son of the late Henry and Sarah (Hazen) Cook. His grandfather John Cook was an early settler in Redstone Creek valley and built and ran the first mill in Redstone township, about one hundred and twenty years ago, near the site of Tippecanoe postoffice. Henry Cook, father of the subject of this sketch, was born August 9, 1814, and died October 27, 1887. He was a leading citizen in the community in which he lived for a number of years. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, serving as an elder for about forty years. He was sincere in his convictions and honest in all his dealings with his fellow men. He was in his day one of Franklin township's wealthiest citizens and left behind him a character beyond reproach and worthy of imitation. He married Esther, daughter of Alexander and Mary Deyarmond, and by this marriage had seven children: Rachel, Jane, Elizabeth, John, Susan, Ruth and William. Mrs. Cook died and after her death he married Sarah Hazen; to this second marriage were born three children: Esther E., David H., born August 5, 1858, and Clara, born in 1860. David H. Cook, October 11, 1883, married Sarah Emily, daughter of George and Susan Shields. To this union have been born two children: Henry, born December 29, 1884, and Sarah H., born February 24, 1890. In politics Mr. Cook is a staunch Democrat, and like his father before him believes in Jeffersonian principles. Mr. Cook is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for a number of years. Since 1874 he has held several township offices for six years and is one of the leading citizens of Franklin township. He is a man of moral character, hon-

est and sincere in his convictions, a good neighbor, a friend to the poor and a ready worker for his church and the advancement of Christianity. He is possessed of considerable means, owning a half interest in a fine farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres, and one-third of a flouring mill at Tippecanoe. His home farm has fine buildings and is well improved. He faithfully discharges every duty of life, and well maintains the reputation of an old and useful family of Fayette county.

JESSE O. STRICKLER, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Franklin township, is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Snyder) Strickler, of Franklin township and both of German origin. Of a family of twelve children, he is the tenth child: David, born in 1849; Conrad, born in 1851; Sudie, born in 1853; John, born in 1855; Elizabeth, born in 1857; Sadie, born in 1859; Joseph, born in 1861; Frank, born in 1863; Flora, born in 1865; Jesse O., born in 1869; William, born in 1871; Annie, born in 1876, all of whom are living and in good health. Jesse O. Strickler, on November 19, 1890, married Lenow, daughter of Henry and Emily (Hostetler) Core, of German township. Mrs. Strickler was born January 20, 1871, and has one sister, Georgianna, born April 7, 1873, and married to William McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. Strickler have four children; three sons and one daughter: Henry Ray, born November 19, 1891; Jacob Willis, born April 20, 1894; Lloyd, born September 21, 1896, and died March 11, 1900; and Emily Rebecca, born January 1, 1899. Mr. Strickler started out in life a poor boy, and received his education in the common schools of Franklin township. By hard work and economy he has acquired a nice farm of one hundred and ten

acres, on which are good buildings and other improvements. All of his land has been limed, and he has to-day one of the best farms in Fayette county. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion he and his wife are Presbyterians. He is a member of the county grange of the Patrons of Husbandry and has been a director of the Grange Insurance Company for several years. He carries insurance on his buildings and his stock, and thus sensibly provides against unforeseen losses.

JOHN S. RITTENHOUSE, one of Franklin township's successful farmers, is of Scotch-Irish origin. He was born on May 29, 1856, and is a son of William and Achsah (Smith) Rittenhouse. Abner Rittenhouse, his father, settled in Fayette county. He was the father of five children: Rebecca, Emily, Eliza, William and James. William Rittenhouse (father) was born in 1822, and married Achsah Smith on May 17, 1853. This marriage was blessed with three children: Alice J., John S., now deceased, and Annie Eliza. Mrs. Rittenhouse (mother) is a daughter of the late John and Sarah (Patterson) Smith, and is the seventh of a family of eight children: Robert, John P., Margaret, Mary, Jane, Harriet, Achsah and Sarah. John S. Rittenhouse was reared on a farm. His father died when he was only three years of age, and as soon as he was six years old, he was compelled to go to work to help to support his widowed mother and his sisters. He married Caroline W. Arnold, on October 16, 1879. She is a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Wyley) Arnold, of Franklin township, and the youngest of the following eleven children: Eliza, born April 27, 1837, died August 27, 1838; Andrew, born August 3, 1838, died October 18, 1865; Margaret, born

July 29, 1840; John, born June 13, 1842, and deceased; Jane A., born September 18, 1844; Thomas M., born September 30, 1846; Hamilton, born December 23, 1848; Henry, born March 4, 1851; Mary E., born May 3, 1852; Orton F., born November 9, 1856; and Caroline W., born June 19, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse have two children: Clayton A., born September 30, 1880, and Otis W., born November 1, 1897. Mr. Rittenhouse has made his own way in the world, and received his education in the township schools. He now owns a good farm of one hundred and forty-four acres, which is well improved and very productive. Mr. Rittenhouse is a Republican and a Baptist. He is a member of Lodge No. 965, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Flatwoods and has held various district offices. He is also a member of the county grange, No. 1144, at Waltersburg. He takes a great interest in his farm, and all things that are for the good of his neighbors and community at large. He is a devoted son to his widowed mother, who now spends her time at his home at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. He is also devoted to his children and is always ready to share their troubles, leaving nothing undone that would give them pleasure or comfort.

JACOB STRICKLER, one of the honored and responsible citizens of Franklin township, was born in 1828, near Dunbar. He is a son of the late Conrad and Elizabeth (Barnes) Strickler, and the Strickler family is of German lineage. Jacob Strickler is the eldest of a large family of children; their names are: Jacob, Conrad, Mary, Joseph, John, Jesse, Elizabeth, Samuel, Sarah and one who died in infancy. Mr. Strickler was reared on a farm and was trained to hard work and honest dealings. He married on October

10, 1850, Rebecca, a daughter of the late David Snyder, of Tyrone township. Mr. and Mrs. Strickler have twelve children: David, born in 1851, (now in California); Conrad, now in Ohio; Mary and John, born in Fayette county, Pa.; Elizabeth, now in Ohio; Sadie, residing in Nebraska; Joseph, Frank, Jesse, Flora, William and Annie, who are residents of this county. Jacob Strickler was born of poor parents, and has made his own way in the world. He started out in life without a dollar, but by the help of his good wife and hard work, pluck and economy he has become a man of means. He has given to each of his twelve children a good farm, aggregating in value about sixty thousand dollars. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian church, and has held most of the township offices. He is a useful citizen, a good neighbor and a friend to the poor. He has a retentive memory and is well acquainted on the general subjects of the day. He has so aided his children that they are living in comfortable circumstances. He and his wife are now spending their last days together, living a retired life and as their end in this world draws nearer they look back upon a well spent life filled with rich rewards of generous acts kindly done and assistance cheerfully given to others.

CLEMENT LAIRD VALLANDIGHAM BUTE, one of Franklin township's leading citizens and farmers, was born May 25, 1863. He is a son of the late Joseph and Clarissa (Black) Bute, of Franklin township. Joseph Bute (great-great-grandfather) was born in Scotland, served as a soldier under Braddock and was one of the survivors of that ill starred general's defeat. When his term of enlistment was out, he settled in Virginia, and was mar-

ried there. His marriage was blessed with one son: Joseph Bute, Jr. (great-grandfather), was born in Virginia and married a Miss Dick of that State. He left two sons and two daughters. One of these sons, John Bute (grandfather) was born in Virginia, in 1785, and when a small boy he removed with his mother and stepfather to near Wheeling, but at the age of sixteen years he left home on account of his stepfather's idleness. After working three years he removed to Upper Middletown, then known as Plumsock, and engaged for a time as bar tender for his uncle, Henry Dick. He afterwards purchased the Pierce farm in Franklin township, where he built in 1829, a saw mill and grist mill. He married in 1808, Miss Mary, daughter of the late Joseph Morrison. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Washington, born in 1809, deceased; Madison, born in 1811, and died in 1885; Joseph, born in 1812; John, born in 1815; Jane Ann, born in 1817; Cyrus, born in 1819; Jefferson and Monroe, twins, born in 1822; Andrew Jackson, born in 1824; William Morrison, born in 1826; Franklin, born in 1829, and one who died in infancy. Joseph Bute received a very good education, and when he was twenty-five years of age he removed from the Phillip's farm to the one his son now owns in Franklin township. He was married to Sarah Ann, the daughter of Joseph Sparks, of Perry towship, in 1837, and she died in 1838, leaving one child, Jackson, born in 1838, and who died in 1898 near Grand Ridge, Ill. Joseph Bute's second wife was Clarissa, a daughter of William Black, of Perryopolis. They were married in 1839, and she died in 1875. This second marriage was blessed with the following children: John Bute, born in 1841 and died in 1843; William, born in 1843; Horatio S., born, 1845;

Espey, born in 1846; Sarah J., born in 1848; Arabella, born in 1851; Susan E., born in 1853; Joseph P., born in 1855; Mary C., born in 1857; George C., born in 1859; C. L. V., born in 1863; Cora S., born in 1866 and Olive E., born in 1870. Joseph Bute was always a staunch believer in the principles and teachings of the Jeffersonian Democracy. He was a consistent member of the Flatwoods Baptist church for over fifty years, and served as clerk of the church from 1863 up to within ten years of his death. He was also one of its board of deacons. He started out in life with moderate means, but afterwards he inherited one hundred acres of land, and by hard work, push and energy he managed to acquire over five hundred acres in Franklin township, and some three thousand acres of land in Nebraska, and at the time of his death was one of the wealthiest men in Franklin township. He was always a leading citizen in the community in which he resided. He lived to a good old age, and when he was called from this earthly life in 1896, the township lost a leading, active and prominent citizen. C. L. V. Bute was reared on a farm, and received his education in the public schools of Franklin township. He married on September 25, 1893, Harriet M., daughter of James and Mary (Craft) Armstrong, of Fayette county. Mrs. Bute was born January 31, 1870, and was one of a family of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Bute have been blessed with one child, Mary Gladys, born July 21, 1897. Mr. Bute went to Grand Ridge, Illinois, in 1894, and opened a hardware and implement store, which he conducted for one year and then returned to the old place in Franklin township. He owns a fine farm, that is a part of the old homestead. His farm is well improved and he has a fine dwelling and good barns and other buildings.

In politics, Mr. Bute is a staunch Democrat; and religiously a consistent member of the church of Christ. Not over bold, with a speculative spirit, yet not neglecting passing opportunities, but always conservative and prudent, he has risked no great losses for greater possible gains, and has held well to moderate and sure increases.

JAMES H. RITTENHOUSE, one of the honored and esteemed citizens of Franklin township, is a prosperous farmer and stock grower, and is of sturdy English and German nationality. He was born on January 23, 1857, and is a son of the late James and Diana (McKee) Rittenhouse, of Franklin township. Mrs. Rittenhouse was a daughter of the late Henry and Susan McKee, of Franklin township. Mr. Rittenhouse's grandfather, Abner Rittenhouse, was an early settler in Fayette county. His father, James Rittenhouse, was one of the honored and respected citizens of Fayette county. He was born in 1824, and died in 1898. He was married to Miss Diana McKee in 1853 and they had three children: Finley, James and one child, who died in infancy. James H. Rittenhouse was married to Dorcas Hazen in 1879, and their union has been blessed with four children: May, born in 1880; Carrie, born in 1884; Harry, born in 1885, and Hazen, born in 1887. Mary Rittenhouse married Frank L. Lee, of Franklin township, and has one son, Luther, born in 1899. James H. Rittenhouse was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Franklin township. He started out knowing no such word as fail, working quietly and persistently, and success finally crowned his efforts. He now owns a farm of ninety-three acres of land on which are a nice dwelling, a first class barn and other necessary

buildings. He is a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He is a staunch believer in Prohibition principles and was his party's nominee for county commissioner in 1899. His candidacy was not made with the hope of election but rather as an evidence that he had the courage of his convictions. He is a man that has always worked for the good of the community at large. He has always acted independent of personal interests in any matter of public import, and is perfectly satisfied, if he thinks he is right, to be found with the minority. Mr. Rittenhouse took an active part in the formation of the Franklin Grange and acts as its purchasing agent. He is one of the board of directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

THOMAS SCOTT DUNN, of Franklin township, is a leading farmer and lumber dealer in the community in which he resides. He was born January 7, 1848, and is of Scotch-Irish origin. He is a son of the late Thomas and Eleanor (Scott) Dunn, of Franklin township. Thomas Dunn, his father, was born in 1824, and married Eleanor Scott of German township. To this union were born eleven children: John A., born in 1845, now deceased; Agnes R., born in 1846; Thomas Scott, (the immediate subject of this sketch); Mary C., born in 1849, Samuel W., born in 1855, now deceased; Harriet L., born in 1857; Robert C., born in 1861; Major E., born in 1862, and Henry G., born in 1866. Mr. Dunn's great-grandfather patented the land on which the former now lives, in 1787, and built the house the former now lives in in 1790. His name was Thomas Dunn and he came to this country from Ireland in 1772. He married a Scotch woman, Mary Caldwell, and the grandmother of this subject was born in 1800,

and lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three years. She was widely known through the county as Aunt Katie. She was an excellent woman and loved by all who knew her. In her old age she was a dear lover of little children. She possessed a splendid memory all through life, and when she died she left a character worthy of imitation. Thomas Scott Dunn was married to Jane A. Murphy, in 1869. She is a daughter of Robinson and Margaret (Frasher) Murphy, of Franklin township, who reared a family of seven children: James, Luke, now dead; Elizabeth, Jane A., born in 1848; Martha, Nancy M., and Arabella. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn's marriage has been blessed with six children: Clarence E., born in 1869; Olive B., born in 1871, and married Dr. J. O. Arnold, of Philadelphia, in 1897; Thomas B., born in 1875, and married Ethel Arrison, in 1898; William R., born in 1879; James H., born in 1881, and Harriet, born in 1884. Mr. Dunn was reared on a farm and chose farming for his occupation. He received his education in the common schools of Franklin township. He has been engaged in the saw milling and lumber business for the past thirty years. Mr. Dunn politically was first a Republican, but after he reached manhood and began to fight life's battles and study for the good of the country, he changed his politics and joined the Prohibitionists in Franklin township, and is one of the Prohibition leaders in the county. He is not a Prohibitionist for policy, or for the purpose of seeking office, but because he thinks his party advocates the principles that are best for mankind and the country at large. He has been county chairman of his party for two years. Mr. Dunn is a highly respected citizen in the community in which he lives. He is a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church, and

has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school in his church for a number of years, being known for his earnest work in both the church and Sabbath-school. He is a good musician and has taught vocal music in several parts of the county. Mr. Dunn started out in life a poor man, but by hard work, favorable opportunities and good management he has obtained a respectable competency. He has a fine farm of three hundred acres, all under a good state of cultivation. On his farm are two good dwellings and two ample barns. Mr. Dunn is sincere and true to his convictions. He is a man who is honest in all his dealings with his fellowmen. Thomas Scott Dunn acts from principle, not policy. He accepts as his duty what his conscience sanctions, and performs every duty faithfully that opportunity presents, according to the best of his ability.

GEORGE C. ALLEN, one of Redstone's leading and prosperous farmers, was born in Franklin township, April 28, 1858, and is a son of N. Addison and Rebecca (Collett) Allen, of English descent. His grandfather, Isaac Allen, a native of Virginia, came to Brownsville, Pa., when he was a small boy and worked about the boat yards until he accumulated money enough to buy a team. He then followed teaming for a while from Baltimore, Md., to all points Northwest as far as the State of Ohio, investing his earnings in land. He was a thrifty and enterprising man acquiring considerable property. His son Nathan Addison Allen was born in 1823, and married Miss Rebecca Collett in 1857. Their union was blessed with nine children: George C., subject; Robert W., born in 1859, and married Etta, daughter of Nath. and Hannah Stephens, and has three children;

one dying in infancy; Elizabeth M., born in 1863, and married Robert Dunn and they have two children; Hannah J., born in 1865, married William Murphy and has two children; Col. E., born in 1867, married Cora, daughter of John and Jane Watson, and has two children; Jasper T., born in 1872, married Ida, daughter of Jacob and Ann E. Cooper, and has two children; John A., born in 1875, married Lou Woodward, daughter of John and Elizabeth Woodward, and Ethel R., born in 1879, married August 4, 1899, Morris Duff. After Ethel's marriage Mr. Allen made his home with his son John A., on the old homestead until his death, January 30, 1900, thus breaking up the home, the mother having died February 11, 1890. George C. Allen was reared on a farm, received a common school education and chose farming for his occupation. He married Maggie, daughter of Watson and Rachel (Frasher) Murphy, of Franklin township, on August 24, 1879. They reared a family of five children: James, Elizabeth J., Margaret, Alice and Martha (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Allen have two children, both daughters, Maud, born in 1880, married Sylvester Walters, January 1, 1900, and Bessie, born in 1883. Mr. Allen started in life without a dollar, and to-day owns a fine farm and has just completed one of the handsomest dwellings in Redstone township at a cost of about three thousand dollars. He is getting out timber to build a fine large barn, which when completed will be a model as well as an ornament to his farm. Mr. Allen is a good farmer and a hard worker, a good neighbor and a useful citizen and is firm and sincere in his convictions. He is a staunch Prohibitionist, and believes that he is advocating the principles that are best for the country and his fellow men. Although he is

not a member of any church he is strictly a moral man, and is always ready to help with church enterprises. He holds the view that honesty and temperance are the first principles of religion. Mr. Allen can truthfully say that he was never drunk in his life, having never tasted whisky, and never used intoxicating drinks or tobacco in any shape, remembering at all times a mother's counsel "touch not, taste not, handle not." Mr. Allen is an enterprising man and takes a great pride in his farm and community, advocating central schools, good roads and free rural mail delivery. He is a member of the Franklin Grange, No. 1169, and believes that the farmers should unite for their own protection. One characteristic of the Allen family is that every one out of the seven who are married has only two children. The Allen family is of considerable age in the county, and its members are industrious, moral, energetic and strictly temperate.

HERMAN T. BLAIR, machinist and manufacturer, is a son of the late Milton T. and Mollie (Yocum) Blair, of Fayette county, and was born July 13, 1875. His grandfather was John Blair, a native of Pennsylvania, who reared a large family of children. He was of Irish descent. His son Milton Blair married Mollie Yocum, of Fayette county, and they had four children: Lillian, Herman T., Minnie and Annie, all of whom died but the subject of this sketch. Herman T. Blair lost his father when he was but two years old. He removed with his widowed mother soon after his father's death to the State of Ohio, where they remained on a farm until he was nine years old. He then removed to Jackson county, W. Va., and went to work in an apiary, where he continued for four years. Next he went to work in the timber

business and followed that until he was sixteen years of age when he removed to Pennsylvania, where he worked at the carpenter trade for eight months. He then removed to Tennessee and remained for three months when he came back to this State again. This time he went in business for himself, put up a small sawmill and also other machinery to do rough work on lumber. He was in his eighteenth year when he went in the milling and timber business at Smock. He has met with good success, having started out in life without a cent, and now has a first class boiler and engine and all the late machinery for manufacturing rollers, handles and most any kind of wood work. He married Miss Flora, daughter of Epipe and Jefferson Mooney, November 27, 1895, and who was born in 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have three children: Hattie, born in 1896; Armento, born in 1897, and Nettie, born in 1899. In politics Mr. Blair is a staunch Republican. He is still quite a young man, but he is a hard worker and has done well. He is a natural mechanic and a first class workman. He understands nearly all kinds of machinery, and it is remarkable as he has been his own instructor as a machinist. He is a well posted and good business man with most of his life before him for achievement and success.

M. B. PORTER, one of the leading and enterprising business men of Smock, is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born March 24, 1858. He is a son of the late William and Harriet (Powers) Porter, and his grandfather, Moses Porter, emigrated from Maryland to the State of Pennsylvania about the year 1807, settling in Luzerne township, near Merrittstown. He was the father of eight children: Thomas, William, Cyrus, Robert,

Mary, J. Annie and Jane and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Porter is one of five children, viz: Eben, M. B., William, Jr., Cyrus and John N., all of whom died in childhood except M. B. M. B. Porter has lived a life of considerable change. He started out in the world a very poor boy without a dollar. At the age of eleven years he went to work as a clerk for William Warrell at Bridgeport. He remained there for two years, was then on the farm for two years, and next went to East Riverside and took charge of Captain Adams Jacob's store. He remained but one year, and then was with M. H. Mathews & Co., of Brownsville, for three years, passed two years in Kansas, and returned to Fayette county where he was engaged for the next six years in farming. He married Lidie Jane, daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Ball) Campbell of Menallen township, on January 18, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have had seven children: Mary A., born in 1885; Ernest E., born in 1887; J. C., born in 1889; Presley P., born in 1892; Ira V., born in 1894, and died in 1896; Clyde F., born in 1895, and Harriet, born in 1898. Mrs. Porter was born in 1861, and is the third of the following children, born to Mary and Emanuel Campbell, shoe merchant, of Uniontown: Elizabeth, wife of J. W. Frasher, at Smock; William, a farmer, in Menallen; Lidie J., Stella, Argosa and Annie. The three youngest of these children still reside with their parents on the home farm, in Menallen township. M. B. Porter is now a member of the firm of Porter & Frazer at Smock. This firm does a general mercantile business and carries a first class stock of goods. He is also a partner with his brother-in-law, John Campbell, at Uniontown in the retail boot and shoe business. Mr. Porter is at present superintendent of

the Warner Coal and Mining Co., at Smock, where he served for five years as postmaster. He is a man of fine business qualifications, and has been successful along the different commercial lines on which he has labored. He is a Republican politically, but not an aggressive politician, and gives his time principally to the management of the various business enterprises in which he is engaged, and with whom he is connected.

JOHN ARNOLD, deceased, was one of Franklin township's useful and honorable citizens, being a teacher and a farmer for forty years in Fayette county. He was born June 13, 1842, and died August 4, 1899. He was a member of the old and well known Arnold family of Western Pennsylvania. About 1765 three Arnold brothers—Andrew, Jesse and Jonathan—came from near Philadelphia, Pa., to Ft. Redstone on the Monongahela river, where Brownsville now stands. Jonathan married Rachel Scott and they settled on a large tract of land up the river opposite the mouth of Ten Mile creek. Andrew and his wife, Priscilla, located on a large tract of land near Flatwoods, at what is now known as Buena Vista schoolhouse. From this tract of land, the old Arnold schoolhouse lot was leased. They were compelled to go into a fort twice after settling at this place on account of the Indians. It is not definitely known where Jesse located. Andrew and Priscilla Arnold had five children: John, Henry, Jesse, Asa and Ann. John, unmarried, was a frontiersman all his life. He hunted for a long time in Kentucky with a Mr. Miller, whom the Indians finally waylaid and shot. He was also with Johnson's mounted Kentucky riflemen at the battle of the Thames, and could relate how Johnson shot Tecumseh, securing his scalp, and how

the Kentucky boys took razor straps from the old red chief's back. Henry and Jesse located on the old home tracts of land at what is now known as Buena Vista. Henry and Lydia Arnold had nine children: Caleb, Henry, John, Josiah, Andrew, Ruth, Rebecca, Jane and Hope. Jesse and Margaret (Hamilton) Arnold had seven children, viz: Priscilla, Isabel, David, Jesse, Ann, Margaret and James. It was thought that Asa moved to Mercer county, Pa. Ann married Elisha Oldham, and they also settled near Buena Vista and had three children: Mary, Priscilla and Andrew. Mary married John Dunn, and they had one child, William. Priscilla married William Harper and Andrew wedded Catharine Boden. Jesse Arnold, son of Andrew and Priscilla Arnold, was born March 28, 1767, and died August 14, 1846. Margaret (Hamilton) Arnold, the daughter of James and Margaret Hamilton, was born June 17, 1778, and died October 2, 1836. The following are the sons and daughters of Jesse and Margaret (Hamilton) Arnold: Priscilla Arnold, born March 23, 1799, married Thomas McMillan and died April 10, 1864, leaving four children: Margaret H., David, Jane and Arnold; Isabel Arnold, was born January 11, 1801, and died November 11, 1804; David Arnold, was born October 10, 1805, and died February 20, 1821; Jesse Arnold, Jr., was born October 25, 1809, and died November 26, 1865; Ann, was born March 15, 1812, married Alex. Johnson, and died August 25, 1850, leaving one child—John; Margaret, was born February 5, 1816, and died October 2, 1850; James Arnold, was born June 4, 1818, married Elma Sparks, and died November 20, 1865, leaving eight children: David M., Isaac, Elma, Milton S., Henry, Amelia, Emmet and Susan. Jesse Arnold, Jr., the son of Jesse

and Margaret (Hamilton) Arnold, was married to Mary Richey Wylie, the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Laugh) Wylie, in Dunbar township, by the Rev. James Guthrie on February 18, 1836; Mary (Wylie) Arnold was born November 18, 1815. The following children were born to this marriage: Eliza, born April 27, 1837, and died August 27, 1838; Andrew Wylie, born August 3, 1838, married Sarah E. McKean and had four children: Minerva E., James E., Joseph T. and Jesse M.; Margaret, born July 29, 1840, and died October 18, 1865; John, deceased, born June 13, 1842; Jane Ann, born September 23, 1844, married John Dunn Watson and has five children: Ida C., Mary J., Pearl, Elizabeth and Eva R.; Thomas M., born September 30, 1846, married Jennie Colvin and had six children: Mary, Arminta, William C., Franklin B., John Watson and Aileth M.; Hamilton, born December 23, 1848, married Mary C. Gilleland, has one child, Lewis M.; Henry, born February 18, 1851, died March 4, 1851; Mary E., born May 3, 1852, married Thomas H. Hazen and has one child, Mary L.; Orton F., born November 9, 1856, married Sabina Galley, and has five children: Karl, Mary, Mainard, Frisbie and Ruth; Caroline W., born June 9, 1861, married John S. Rittenhouse and has two children: Clayton and Otis W. John Arnold (subject) married Mary Oglevee, of Dunbar township, October 9, 1867. She was a daughter of the late Jesse and Elizabeth (Galley) Oglevee. This marriage was blessed with five children: Dr. Jesse O. Arnold, born December 28, 1868, married Olive B. Dunn, daughter of T. Scott Dunn, of Franklin township, graduated from S. W. S. N. School, California, Pa., taught six years, then graduated from Jefferson Medical college, and is now a practicing physician in the city of Philadel-

phia; E. Emerson, born December 5, 1870, married Annette Junk, daughter of John H. and Agnes (Dunn) Junk, of Dunbar, Pa., and farming on the home place; Anna C., born January 12, 1872, a teacher in the Fayette county schools, also being a graduate of the State Normal school at California, Pa.; Leroy O., born April 19, 1874, a State Normal graduate and teacher, and Charles E., who was born April 4, 1876, and died July 26, 1876. Mrs. Arnold died April 18, 1876, and Mr. Arnold, five years later, wedded Phebe Hazen, a daughter of the late Abraham and Dorcas Hazen, of Fayette county, and who was born March 10, 1845. Mr. Arnold was reared on a farm and started out in life a poor boy. What schooling he received was in the early common schools and local academies of his time, from 1861 until 1872 he taught, and then removed successively to Coal Centre and Dawson, Pa., where he was engaged in business until the spring of 1876, when he rented the Oglevee homestead in Dunbar township. This he gave up four months later, upon the death of his wife, to return to teaching, and resided with his mother near Flatwoods, Pennsylvania, until 1881. In the last named year he married again, quit teaching, and for several years engaged in the sewing machine business. He afterwards purchased land in Nebraska, and contemplated moving there, but in pursuance with the wishes of his family he gave that up, and traded his Western land for the Franklin township farm on which he died. The last twelve or fifteen years of his life were spent in farming and gardening; having resorted to this more free and outdoor occupation on account of his failing health. His death came suddenly, from heart disease, the result of repeated attacks of inflammatory rheumatism. He was a man

well informed on the subjects of the hour, and while not a politician was always greatly interested in local and national politics, being a Jeffersonian Democrat. He took great pride in things pertaining to the welfare of his own neighborhood. Its social, religious and educational institutions had no more loyal supporter than he. To be quietly engaged in something of benefit to the community, was to him real pleasure. His interest in his home school at Buena Vista was second only to his interest in his church and family, and for sometime previous to his death he had been collecting material for a history of this school. He was a consistent Christian, having been a member of the Flatwoods Baptist church since 1865. He was a good neighbor and a useful citizen. One of his chief aims in life was to educate his children, which he lived to accomplish. "From the time a dying mother's request placed upon him single handed the successful rearing of her little flock, the father had lived for his children and for them alone; his greatest anxiety was their welfare; his greatest joy, their success, and no kinder, more affectionate, or prayerfully solicitous father ever guided his children safely from childhood to maturity than he whose career death so suddenly ended."

HARVEY HENDERSON, one of the leading and responsible farmers of Franklin township, was born March 11, 1819, and is a son of Stewart and Ann (Hunt) Henderson. Stewart Henderson was a native of Ireland and came to this country before the American Revolution. His wife was from the Chalk Hills of Scotland. They both were hard working and industrious people and reared a family of ten children: Nancy, Thomas, Stewart, Jr., Isaac, Alexander, Harvey,

David, Jacob, Joseph and Mary. Harvey Henderson was reared on a farm and chose farming for his occupation. He married Eliza Harris in 1841, and this union was blessed with twelve children: Rebecca, born February 28, 1842; Jacob, born March 14, 1843 (now deceased); David, born January 16, 1845; Joseph, born May 30, 1847; Stewart S., May 27, 1848; Cynthia, born March 23, 1851; Sarah, born November 10, 1852, now deceased; Isaac, born May 29, 1855; Thomas S., born March 26, 1857; Samuel, born May 30, 1859, now deceased; Charles, born January 5, 1860, now deceased; Lincoln, born January 12, 1864. Mr. Henderson lost his wife in 1870, and afterwards wedded Mary Amanda Strickler, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Strickler, who reared a family of five children. Mrs. Henderson is an active and energetic woman, and has been a member of the M. E. church for forty years. Mr. Henderson has been a most successful man in business, and although he started out in life with no means, yet he has by patience, perseverance and persistence accumulated a competency. He has a fine farm of five hundred and twenty-six acres, on which he resides; two hundred acres of choice farm land in Illinois and over twenty thousand dollars in money and notes. He has been very liberal with his children, giving them each eight thousand dollars to commence life for themselves, and in all they have already received sixty thousand dollars from him. He reared one of his granddaughters, and when she married, he gave her a valuable and well improved farm. He has always been a prominent man in the community in which he resided. He has been a Republican politically, and has held most of the township offices. He has been a consistent member of the M. E. church for over forty years and is one of

the largest contributors to his church in the township. Mr. Henderson is now living a retired life on his home place at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He has lived his life well and usefully, and has acquired all of his possessions by honesty and fair dealings, as the result of hard labor, good management and sound judgment.

ROBERT MCBURNEY, JR., a well respected citizen and comfortably situated farmer of Franklin township, was born April 2, 1852, and is a son of Robert, Sr., and Melissa (Wilgus) McBurney. His paternal grandfather, Robert McBurney, was a native of the State of Maryland, and in 1798 came to Fayette county, where he settled at East Liberty and followed his trade of blacksmith for some length of time. He was a man of more than ordinary ability as well as a skilled mechanic, and in a few years was elected justice of the peace, an office which he held for a number of years. He married and reared a family of six children: William, John, Robert, Sr., Nancy, Esther and Elizabeth. Robert McBurney, Sr., was reared in East Liberty, Dunbar township, where he lived and died. He married Melissa Wilgus, and to their union were born five children: Annie, Amanda, Angeline, Robert, Jr., and John, who is now dead. Robert McBurney, Jr., was reared on the farm, received his education in the old common schools, and then engaged in farming which he has followed continuously up to the present time. On May 30, 1871, Mr. McBurney married Susan E., daughter of Joseph and Clarissa (Black) Bute, natives and residents of Franklin township. To Mr. and Mrs. McBurney have been born ten children: Frank E., born in 1872, and died in July, 1872; one which died in infancy; Clara B., born in 1875, and married James Shafer,

of Franklin township, on December 10, 1896; Joseph E., born in 1878; Olive B., born in 1880; Robert, born 1882; Eva G., born in 1884; Melissa, born in 1886; Bessie, born in 1888, and died in 1892, and Elsie M., born in 1890. Mrs. McBurney is the seventh child of Joseph and Clarissa Bute, and was born in 1853. Mr. McBurney is a Democrat, and has served as school director besides holding other township offices. He is a member of the Baptist church, has always been a good neighbor and citizen.

ROBERT SKILES BYERS, one of Franklin township's respectable and substantial farmers, is a son of the late John W. and Jane Woods (Skiles) Byers, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pa., February 19, 1851. The Byers family is of Scotch-Irish descent. Agnes and Andrew Byers (the paternal grandparents of Robert S. Byers) came from Scotland, where the former was born in 1755, and the latter in 1767. Their children were: Margaret, born 1787; Andrew, born in 1788, died in infancy; Andrew (2d) born in 1790; Martha, born 1793; William, born 1795; Elizabeth and Agnes (twins), born 1799; John W., born in 1801; Rebecca, born in 1803; William, born in 1805; and Benjamin, born in 1809. Of these sons John W. Byers grew to manhood on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits. He was married on October 1, 1844, to Jane, daughter of Isaac and Jane (Collins) Skiles. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Byers had four children: Isaac, born 1845, resides in Nebraska, and has a family of eleven children; John W., Jr., born in 1848, lives at Grand Ridge, Illinois, and has two children; Robert S.; and Nancy J., born in 1853, and died in 1881. Robert S. Byers was reared on a farm, obtained a good English education, and has al-

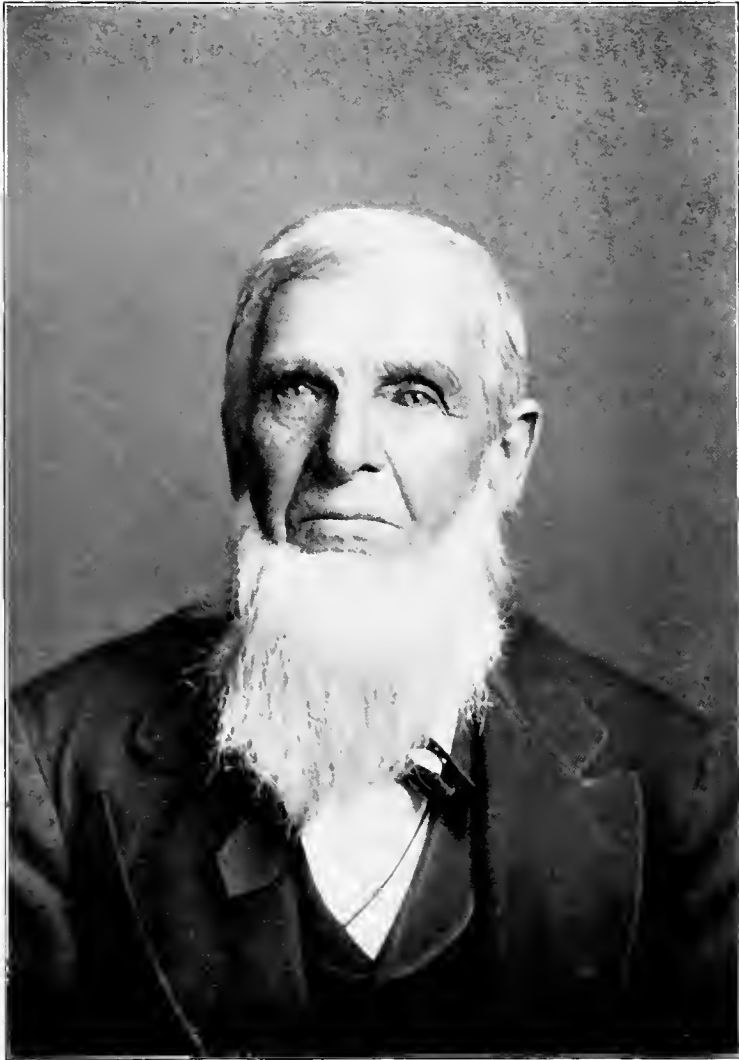
ways followed farming and stock raising. He is a good business man, and owns a choice one hundred acre farm of good land which is well improved. He is a member of the county grange at Curfew and Lodge No. 728, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Dawson. He is a Democrat, and has efficiently filled the offices of school director and supervisor. Mr. Byers on January 28, 1875, married Miss Ella S., daughter of Joel and Eliza Jane (Fetz) Cooper, and to their union were born two children: Isaac L., born in 1876, and John F., born in 1878. Mrs. Byers died in 1878, and four years later, on March 9, 1882, Mr. Byers married Caroline Gilleland, daughter of Henry and Maria (Patterson) Gilleland, and to this second union were born nine children: John H., born in 1883; Thomas B., born in 1884; Nancy Jane, born in 1885; Robert W., born in 1887, and died in 1892, from burns and injuries received by his throwing a lighted match into a keg of powder that had accidentally been placed within reach of the poor little fellow; Olive F., born 1889; Annie E., born in 1891; Franklin Grover, born in 1892; Alva, born in 1894, and Margaret E., born in 1897. Mrs. Caroline (Gilleland) Byers was born August 22, 1862, and was the fourth of a family of thirteen children. Her brothers and sisters are: Thomas, George, James A., Narcissa, Anna E., Henry, Laura B., Martha, (now deceased), Alva L., Eliza M., Charles W., and Sarah Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Byers have a comfortable and well appointed home, in which they pleasantly entertain their guests.

JOHN W. WOODWARD, a substantial farmer of Franklin township, is of English and Irish descent. He was born in 1842, and is a son of the late Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward. His paternal grandfather, Caleb

Woodward, was born in Chester county, married Phebe McCarty and came to Fayette county, where five children were born to them: Hannah, Phebe, Lydia, Caleb and one who died in infancy. His father, Davis Woodward, was born on a Menallen township farm, and followed farming for a livelihood. He married Mary, daughter of Robert Boyd, and they had thirteen children: Robert, Caleb, Samuel W., Davis, Jr., Joseph, Rebecca, E. Finley, John W., Phebe, Mary, Eliza, Dempsey and Harriet. Of these children Robert and Caleb are dead, Samuel W. lives in Menallen township, and Davis died in childhood. John W. Woodward was reared on the farm, attended the common schools, and then turned his attention to farming which has been so far his life pursuit. He married on November 8, 1866, Annie E., daughter of Robert and Sarah (Hair) Boyer, who was born March 3, 1847. She has but one sister, Mary, who was born October 17, 1850, and married Joseph Work. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have been born eight children, four sons and four daughters: Davis, born in 1868, married Carrie Patterson, of Franklin township, and has three children: Lizzie, John C. and Charles Ray; Mary A., born 1870, married Wallace Bitner, of Franklin township, and they have three children: Annie B., Finley W., and Ida L.; Robert M. B., was born in 1872, married Violet Craft, of Menallen township, and they have one child, Louisa; Sarah L., born March 24, 1875, and married John A. Allen, of Franklin township, in December, 1897; John, born 1877, married Carrie Osborn; Jacob F., born 1881, and died June 20 1881; Susan F., born 1883 and Ida Frances, born 1886. Mr. Woodward now owns a desirable and well improved farm of ninety acres of land, while his wife is the owner of a house and five

acres of land in Franklin township. He has always been a Democrat, and has held membership for a number of years in the Presbyterian church.

LEWIS McCrory, a farmer and retired engineer of Franklin township, was born January 9, 1824, and is a son of James and Esther (Sisley) McCrory. Mr. McCrory is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was reared on a farm, learned the trade of blacksmith, and then left both farm and shop to learn engineering on a steamboat. He served as engineer of boats on nearly all the western rivers, and in 1862 at Louisville, Ky., volunteered to serve as an engineer in the United States naval service. He served under Grant at Forts Henry and Donnellson, and at Vicksburg, and after the close of the Civil war he remained on the western waters until 1867, when he came to his present farm which he has cultivated and managed ever since. His farm contains one hundred and forty-six acres of good farming land, and thirty-five acres of it is underlaid with a vein of superior coking coal. He also owns two hundred and forty acres of choice land near Aurora, Hamilton county, Nebraska. Mr. McCrory has always been energetic and successful. He is a Democrat and has voted that ticket for fifty-four years. He has been a member of the church of Christ for a number of years, and always takes an interest in anything calculated to improve his community. On February 2, 1851, Mr. McCrory married Sarah, daughter of William and Mary (Sayers) Black, of Greene county, Pa. They had two children: Luella, born December 2, 1851, married William O. Parkhill, of Dunbar township, December 27, 1877, and they had two children: Willetta, born October 8, 1878, and died August 12, 1880, and Sadie



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Lou, born July 27, 1880; Ada, born June 7, 1855, married Robert Long, and died in 1876. Mrs. Sarah (Black) McCrory was born February 20, 1830, and her parents had eight children: Jane, Cynthia, Clarissa, Margaret, Sarah, Letitia, Albert and David, of whom Margaret and Clarissa are dead. The McCrory family has been one hundred and fifty years in Western Pennsylvania. Lewis McCrory's grandfather settled near Belle Vernon, and was driven away three times by Indians. He took up a large tract of land but left his improvement several times on an Indian alarm, and went to a fort for security. His son, James McCrory, was born in 1789, was a blacksmith by trade, and served in a drafted company in the war of 1812. James McCrory at the close of the war of 1812, married Esther Sisley, and to their union were born eight children: Wilson, born in 1815; John, born in 1816; Thomas, born in 1818; William, born in 1821; Lewis, born in 1824; Margaret, born in 1826; James, born in 1828; and one who died in infancy. Of these children only William, Margaret and Lewis, the subject of this sketch, are living.

GEORGE GILLELAND, one of the old and respected farmers of Franklin township, is a member of that sturdy and long-lived Scotch-Irish race which was a prominent factor in the settlement of Western Pennsylvania. He was born July 3, 1821, and is a son of the late William and Mary (Henry) Gilleland. His grandfather, Henry Gilleland, came, when a young man, from Scotland to Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war. His son, William Gilleland, was born in 1788, and died in 1839. William Gilleland was a brave and daring soldier in the war of 1812, and in 1814 married Mary Henry, a daugh-

ter of George and Mary Henry, of the State of Maryland. By this marriage William Gilleland had eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom Elizabeth (now widow of Daniel Linderman, late of Fayette county), the eldest child, is now in the eighty-fourth year of her age. George Gilleland grew up in boyhood on a farm, received a limited amount of education in the old subscription schools, and earned his first money—a quarter—by cutting a very large field of briars and bushes for an eccentric farmer. He worked, when older, on a farm for three dollars per month, and when married had only one good suit of clothes. By working on a farm he succeeded in getting a start, and then by hard work and good management increased his earnings so as to purchase his present farm of seventy-three acres, of which two years ago he sold the coal of thirteen acres for thirty-nine hundred dollars. He is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church, and has never sought to be prominent, only desiring to be useful. George Gilleland was married in 1844 to Margaret Black, a daughter of William and Mary (Sayres) Black. To this union were born eleven children: William, born May 26, 1845, was a brave soldier of the Civil war, and died in Andersonville prison in 1864; one who died in infancy; Joseph T., born May 6, 1848; Albert, born July 4, 1850, and now deceased; David, born October 13, 1852, and now dead; John, born June 10, 1854; Mary C., born April 10, 1856; David (2d), born December 18, 1857; Lewis, born June 24, 1859; Sarah J., born April 7, 1865, and Ida Belle, born May 30, 1867. Mrs. Gilleland was born in June, 1825, and died June 26, 1896. She was a kind Christian woman, whose loss was deeply felt by her family and friends.

JOEL COOPER, JR., is one of the old and respected citizens and farmers of Franklin township. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1824, and is a son of the late Joel, Sr., and Annie (Freeman) Cooper. His paternal grandfather, John Cooper, came to Fayette county in an early day and reared a family of five sons and four daughters. His father, Joel Cooper, Sr., was born in 1791, married Annie Freeman, a daughter of John Freeman, and their children were: John, Mary, Narcissa, Alfred, Joel, Jr., Martha, Freeman and Amos, of whom Narcissa, aged eighty-one, Joel, Jr., and Freeman, of Perry township, are the only ones now living. Joel Cooper, Jr., was reared on the home farm, received but the limited education of farmers' boys of that day, and was variously engaged in farming pursuits until he purchased one hundred and twenty-two acres of the home place of his father-in-law, Henry Fetz, which constituted his farm and place of residence. Since then he has bought and sold other properties, receiving three hundred and fifty dollars per acre for one coal tract of forty-one acres, and still holding two houses and lots in New Haven and a house and lot in Connellsville. In addition to dealing in land, Mr. Cooper has been engaged in the lumber business for several years. He and Thomas Dunn bought the second portable steam saw-mill ever brought into the county, and held interests in three of these mills. He is a Republican, has been for many years a member of the Flatwoods Baptist church, and is deservedly prominent in his section of the county. Mr. Cooper, on December 13, 1849, was united in marriage with Eliza Jane Fetz, a daughter of Henry and Elspy Fetz. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cooper, Jr., had eleven children: John H., born June 10, 1852, and died in infancy;

Isaac S., born August 10, 1853, and now a resident of Nebraska; Ellen L., born November 5, 1855, and died May 24, 1878; David F., born November 15, 1858; William P., born May 25, 1861, and died June 11, 1861; Allen F., born June 16, 1862, and now a practicing attorney in Uniontown; Roxalena, born April 10, 1865, and now a resident of Pittsburg; Samuel C., born January 10, 1868, and died February 3, 1868; Annie E., born March 17, 1869, and resides at Flatwoods; Frank Leslie, born December 10, 1879, and at home with his father, and Mary N., born August 8, 1873, and residing on the Henry G. Bowman farm. Mrs. Cooper was born in December, 1829, and died August 24, 1874. Eight years later Mr. Cooper married for his second wife Mrs. Riffle, a widow, who died January 10, 1895.

GEORGE WORK, an extensive farmer and stock dealer of Franklin township, is of Irish and German ancestry. He is a son of Jacob H. and Sarah (Craft) Work, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pa., January 28, 1856. His paternal grandfather, Andrew Work, was a native of Dunbar township, and his parents came from Europe prior to the Revolutionary war, and were among the pioneer settlers in the then forest region of Pennsylvania, where they made their new world home. Andrew Work took up a large tract of land near the site of Vanderbilt, married and reared a family of thirteen children. One of his sons, Jacob H. Work, was born October 14, 1814, and followed farming for a livelihood. Jacob H. Work, on April 7, 1840, married Sarah Craft, who was born January 20, 1822, and passed away March 27, 1891, after an active and useful life. Mr. and Mrs. Work were the parents of thirteen children: Daniel C., born April 3, 1841; Emily, born

July 26, 1842, and died March 26, 1846; an infant born March 15, 1844, and died in the same month; Andrew, born March 18, 1845; Caroline, January 13, 1847, and died October 15, 1869; Sarah J., born October 4, 1848, and died November 25, 1851; Joseph, born July 13, 1851, died June 19, 1900; Isaiah, born May 28, 1852, and died September 25, 1892; Davis W., born March 12, 1854; George C. (subject); Samuel, born April 28, 1858; Alexander, born March 29, 1860, and Jacob H., Jr., born October 18, 1863. George Work, in 1892, married Ella E. Fuller, of Franklin township, and to their union have been born three children: one born September 24, 1894, died soon after its birth; G. Emerson, born September 10, 1895, and Lewis F., born February 16, 1900, and died September 2, 1900. Mrs. Work is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Lewis) Fuller, and is one of seven children as follows: Levina J., Mary S., Melissa H., James V., William B., Ella E., and Florence E. George Work was reared on the home farm, and after attending the common schools turned his attention to farming, which he has followed ever since. In connection with farming he has been engaged for a number of years in buying and selling stock, in which latter line of business he has met with good success. He owns in his home tract of land four hundred acres, and it is well improved, thoroughly cultivated and highly productive. He also owns some town property, having two houses and lots in Connellsville. Mr. Work is a Democrat, and has held the offices of school director and road supervisor in Franklin township. His father, Jacob H. Work, is spending his last days with him on the old homestead, and is an old time Democrat. Jacob H. Work, now in his eighty-fifth year, was for over half a century a prominent, active and useful citizen of

Franklin township, and carefully trained his children to habits of economy and industry.

A. J. COCHRAN, one of the enterprising young business men of Fayette county, is a son of James and Clarissa (Huston) Cochran, and was born in Tyrone township, Fayette county, Pa., October 14, 1863. He was reared in his native township, received a good English education, and upon attaining his majority chose mercantile and mining pursuits as his vocation. In 1890 he became connected with the present Juniata Supply and Store Company, of which he is general manager. He is also directly and indirectly interested in other business interests in the coke and coal region of Fayette county. He owns a one-sixth interest in his father's estate, embracing lands, mines and coke ovens, and valued at one-half million dollars. Mr. Cochran is a man of good judgment, fine business qualifications, and is upon the very threshold of his career in life. He is a Democrat. On January 10, 1888, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage with Nora Cunningham, of New Haven, and to their union were born two children: Alva, born July 10, 1889, and Edna, who was born January 20, 1893, and died in infancy. Mrs. Cochran was called from life at an early age, dying on May 29, 1894. Mr. Cochran's grandfather was a leading farmer in his day, and his fourth son, James Cochran, was one of the pioneers of the great coke industry of the United States. James Cochran was born in 1820, and died in 1894, and his brothers and sisters were: Samuel, Isaac, Sample, John and Lizzie. James Cochran married Clarissa Huston, a daughter of Joseph Huston, and to their union were born ten sons and a daughter: Philip G., John T., Annie, Henry, William, A. J., George G., and five who died in infancy. Mrs.

Cochran was a devoted member of the M. E. church, and a generous and charitable woman. She was born in 1824, and died in 1896. James Cochran was largely instrumental in introducing the manufacture of coke, and making a typical fuel. He made the first coke ever sold for cash, and helped largely to make Fayette county what it is to-day, the greatest coke county in the world. Elsewhere in this volume the life of James Cochran, who justly occupies a prominent place in the history of Fayette county, is more fully written, and it only remains here to say that he was kind hearted and that his numerous business relations never prevented him from finding worthy persons needing assistance and aiding them quietly and without ostentatious show.

THOMAS L. PHILLIPS, a wealthy and well respected farmer of Franklin township, is of Welsh and English Quaker lineage, and was born February 17, 1835. He is a son of Ellis and Phebe (Lilly) Phillips, and his grandfather, Solomon Phillips, was a native of the state of Delaware, where he married Martha Nichols, of Wilmington. About 1786 Solomon Phillips removed to Washington county, and settled on a farm on the bank of the Monongahela river and opposite the mouth of Redstone creek. Here Ellis Phillips, the father of Thomas L. Phillips, was born November 12, 1798. He was reared on the farm, received the common education of that early day, and in 1824 removed to a North Union township farm, on which he resided until his death. He married Phebe, a daughter of Thomas Lilly, of Washington county, and to their union were born these children: Ruth, wife of Charles Swan, of North Union township; William, who married Miss Swan; Solomon, a North Union township farmer;

Elizabeth, who resides with Solomon; Thomas L. (subject); James A., a resident of Washington county; Dr. Ellis P., of New Haven and Martha, a resident of Ohio. Thomas L. Phillips, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, attended the common schools, and learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked for several years. Abandoning his trade he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and finally removed to Franklin township, where he now owns a good farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. He lately sold forty acres of coal at six hundred dollars per acre, and still has an interest in two hundred acres of fine coal land near Clarksburg, W. Va., and a hundred acre tract of hard coal land in Washington county. Mr. Phillips is a Republican, has served several terms as school director and is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is active and energetic in whatever he undertakes, and has been successful in business. Mr. Phillips on April 18, 1861, married Sarah Parkhill, the oldest daughter of R. S. and Eliza (Hubert) Parkhill, whose family consisted of five children: John, James H., Smith, Hannah and Sarah, who was born March 4, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have three children: Lizzie J., born in 1863, married J. S. Junk, and they have three sons; Annie F., born in 1865, and resides with her parents; and Ellis P., born in 1870, and engaged in farming and other agricultural pursuits.

HUGH RANKIN, one of the substantial farmers of Franklin township, is a son of William and Eliza (Junk) Rankin, and was born in North Union township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1848. The Rankin family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and its founder in Fayette county was William Ran-

kin, Sr., the grandfather of Hugh Rankin, and who came west in the last decade of the seventeenth century. William Rankin, Sr., reared a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters: Thomas, Esther, James, Ann, Hugh, Samuel, Mary and James (2). William, John and Joseph. William, the sixth son, and father of Hugh Rankin, was born in 1800, and died in March, 1877. He was a farmer like his father and a quiet, steady and industrious man. He married Eliza Junk, and their children were: John, born in 1831; William, born in 1841; Samuel, born in 1844; Hugh and one child that died in infancy. Hugh Rankin, the youngest child, was reared on the home farm, and received his education in the common schools of Fayette county, after which he commenced life for himself as a farmer. He left North Union and removed to Franklin township, where he steadily followed farming and raising stock with a degree of success that has placed him among the wealthiest farmers and citizens of his adopted township. His home farm of two hundred acres is well improved and under a good state of cultivation, and he has just sold the coal under seventeen acres for seventeen thousand dollars, while his investments in coal land in German and Luzerne townships have been paying, as a one hundred and sixty-eight acre coal tract there has netted him one hundred and six dollars per acre. He also owns fifty acres of coal in Washington county. Mr. Rankin is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. Hugh Rankin, on October 18, 1876, married Hannah Parkhill, born October 2, 1849, and a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Humbert) Parkhill. They have had four children, Altha, born 1879; Ewing, born 1881; James, born 1884, and Ruth, who was born in 1892, and died just one year later in 1893.

HON. HENRY GALLEY (deceased) was born June 12, 1819, and died December 2, 1895. He was a son of Philip and Magdalene (Newcomer) Galley, of Franklin township, who resided near the present village of Dickerson Run. He was the youngest of his father's family, and when he was two years old he removed with his father to Franklin township from Tyrone. He was educated in the common schools of Franklin township, and became well read at an early age. He was a Democrat and became one of the leaders of his party. He well remembered the scenes enacted during the Buckshot war at the election of Ritner for governor of Pennsylvania. He cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren for president. He held various township offices, as judge, inspector of elections, assessor, supervisor of roads and school director. At the age of twenty-five he married Miss Ruth, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth (Whetsel) Freeman, of Franklin township; they had three sons and six daughters: Elizabeth C., Franklin M., deceased; Allen, Emma W., Sabina, J. K. Ewing, Kate, Belle and Henrietta. Henry Galley was the youngest son, and inherited one-half of the old Galley homestead on the banks of the Youghiogheny river, opposite Dawson, where he lived until his death. Farming was his chief business, but he dealt in stock, bought and sold real estate, and for a time was engaged in the mercantile business at Dawson. He contributed largely to the upbuilding of Dawson. He built the brick hotel near the B. & O. station, known as the Central. He gave his personal attention to his affairs and was very successful in his undertakings. He was elected to the legislature in 1858; he was re-nominated in 1859, but was defeated by a split in the party; although defeated, he continued to uphold Democratic principles. He was opposed to war as a means of preserving

the Union and for thus expressing his views he was denounced as disloyal and several ineffectual attempts were made to arrest him. In regard to the matter of slavery, he was content to leave that question for the States themselves to settle, believing that the advanced civilization would in time eradicate all evils. He was a man who thought for himself and was not easily influenced by the opinions of others. Socially, he was kindly disposed to all; a good conversationalist; always inclined to look into causes rather than be blinded by effects.

His father, Philip Galley, was of German descent. His grandfather, Peter Galley, came from Germany to America in 1770, and settled in Lancaster, Pa. He married Sophia Stern, and had two children, a daughter, who died in infancy, and Philip, the heir. Peter Galley joined the Revolutionary army as a musician and died soon after enlistment, thus leaving his son Philip to be cared for by his widowed mother. After two years his mother married again and Philip was taken in charge by his uncle, Philip Stern; he was reared in industry and taught weaving and the grafting of trees. He married Magdalena Newcomer, of Washington county, Md. She was the daughter of Peter and Catherine Newcomer, formerly of Lancaster, Pa., but from there removed to Washington county, Md., where Philip Galley soon after followed. Their family consisted of eleven children: Peter, Catherine, John, Jacob, David, Elizabeth, Samuel, Jonathan, Barbara, Abraham and Henry. After settling in Washington county, Md., Philip Galley sold his land and with their only son Peter, moved to what was at that time considered the far west, settling in Fayette county, and in Tyrone township, on a farm now on the line of the Broad Ford and Mt. Pleasant Railroad, Morgan station

being on a part of the home farm. There they lived until ten more children were born. Philip Galley was the first man in this county to engage in the nursery business. He accumulated wealth rapidly, and in addition bought the fine river bottom farm in Franklin and moved there in 1821. He became a successful grower of fruit trees as well as a prominent farmer of his day. After assisting each of his eight sons to a farm he retired from business and gave his home to his two youngest sons, Abraham and Henry. He remained in the old mansion house until his death in August, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven. He was buried in Locust Grove cemetery, where his wife was also buried the previous year. Before Henry Galley's death, great changes took place in the old homestead, due to the construction of the Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youglioghenny Railroad. The Dickerson Run station is on part of the Galley farm. The old farm is now pretty well built up with houses and covered with railroad tracks, where once grew corn, wheat and grass. Mr. Galley built a fine frame mansion at La Belle before he died, which is now occupied by his two daughters, Emma and Henrietta. Mr. Galley was a member of the Christian church. In his younger days he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, but left that church later in his life. He accepted the Bible as a guide for living and dying. He was a man well informed on the questions of the day, had a retentive memory and in all respects his character was worthy of imitation.

J. F. BLACK, one of the leading merchants and business men of Dickerson Run, is a son of Albert and Esther (Brownfield) Black, and was born at Confluence, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1867. He was reared

and received his education in his native township, while he received his early business training in his father's store. He left Confluence in 1888, and came to Dickerson Run, where he opened a general mercantile store, which he soon made first class. He now carries the largest and best assorted stock of goods in the town, and has a large patronage, which extends over a considerable area of the surrounding country. He is a Republican in politics and has served as postmaster at Dickerson Run for the last eight years. He is a member of the M. E. church, and of the Iroquois Society and Lodge No. 728, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both of Dawson. On January 10, 1886, Mr. Black married Mary Reynolds, of Confluence, Pa., and their union has been blessed with two children: Alfred, born November 27, 1887, and Frank W., born June 29, 1895. Mrs. Black is a daughter of J. J. and Nancy (Bradley) Reynolds, of Somerfield, Pa., who had the following children: George, deceased; Maggie, wife of George H. Walton, chief clerk in the Claim Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Pittsburg; Robert, engaged in the gentlemen's furnishing business in Cumberland, Md.; Annie, wife of R. W. Gibson, who is in the employ of Bailey, Morris & Co., at Wilson, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Black, who was born September 6, 1869; and Jennie, a clerk in Mr. Black's store at Dickerson Run. Albert Black, father of the subject of this sketch, is a prominent citizen of Confluence, Pa., and has lately retired from the general mercantile business, which he had followed successfully for many years at Confluence. He is a Republican and Methodist, and has always taken an active part in political and religious affairs. He is a member of an old and respected family. Mr. Black married Esther Brownfield, and

their children are: Virgil, a merchant, married Mary Pullin, and they have four children, Fannie, married T. J. Shaffer, president of the Steel Workers' association, of Pittsburg, and they have one child; J. F. (subject); Thomas W., a merchant, who married Lillian Flenigan, and has two children; Henry J., married Mary Friend, of Friendsville, and is railroad agent at that place; Susan E., and Charles E. and Edward, who are both unmarried and have succeeded their father in his business at Confluence, Pa.

W. C. CROWELL, a retired teacher and a present merchant of Dickerson Run, is a son of David and Eliza (Rice) Crowell, and was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1849. His parents were of English descent and reared the following children: David, born in and still a resident of Huntingdon county; Margaret, wife of George W. Richardson, died in 1896; John, who married a Miss Erwin, of Birmingham, Pa., and lives at that place; James, married Mary Huggentugler; and George, died August 27, 1877. W. C. Crowell was reared at Birmingham, Pa., received a limited education in the common schools, and at sixteen years of age went to learn the trade of a carpenter. He soon after met with an accident which rendered him a cripple for life and unfitted him for manual labor. He sought to gain an education by self-study while working at what few things he could do. Later he obtained a few months' schooling and entered a class for examination, where he secured a teacher's first class certificate. He then taught in Huntingdon, Blair, Westmorland, Allegheny and Fayette counties for twenty-seven years. He came to Fayette county in 1884 and taught near Dawson until 1896, having engaged in his present

mercantile business at Dickerson Run in 1890. Mr. Crowell on August 30, 1888, married Mary A. Martin, and to this union have been born two children: Annie Belle, born August 18, 1889, and Beulah G., born April 19, 1892. Mrs. Crowell is a daughter of James and Susan (Cunningham) Martin, who had four children: George, William, Lulu, Mary A. (Mrs. Crowell), who was born April 18, 1863. Mr. Crowell owns a good house and lot at Dickerson Run and has a well-stocked store, which is well patronized. He is a Democrat and a member of the Dawson M. E. church, and is a very active church and Sunday-school worker, having for the past twelve years been superintendent of Sunday-schools of different churches near which he was residing. He is at present superintendent of Dawson M. E. Sunday-school. He is also a member of the Epworth League, in which he is an active worker.

ELI GALLEY, a substantial farmer and business man of Franklin township, is of English and German ancestry. He is a son of Abraham and Mary (Stoner) Galley, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1841. Peter Galley came from Germany to Philadelphia about 1770, and his son, Philip Galley, reared a family of eleven children: Peter, Catherine, John, Jacob, David, Elizabeth, Samuel, Jonathan, Barbara, Abraham and Henry. Abraham Galley, the tenth child, was born September 28, 1816, and died November 6, 1893. He married Mary Stoner, who was born February 22, 1822, and died April 11, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Galley were the parents of four children: Eli (subject); Albert, born January 9, 1845, and died November 21, 1898; Clark G., born November 23, 1851, and died September

6, 1887, and Martin, born September 11, 1854. Eli Galley was reared on the farm, received his education in the common schools of his township, and upon attaining his majority, commenced life for himself. He was engaged in various lines of business. He left the farm and went to Dawson, where he first conducted a jewelry establishment and then embarked in the general mercantile business, which he discontinued in 1886 to return to the management of the home farm on account of his father's ill health. Since 1886 he has followed farming and selling agricultural implements in the northern part of the county. February 3, 1870, Eli Galley married Emma Huston, of Dawson, who was born August 17, 1847, and is one of a family of thirteen children, of whom ten grew to maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Galley have two children: Laura, born June 11, 1872, married Joseph Taylor, of Westmoreland county, June 27, 1895, and they have one child, Clifford, born March 20, 1898; and Frank B., born October 23, 1880, and is assisting his father on the farm. Mr. Galley owns a well-improved farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres. He is a Democrat and for a number of years has been a member of the Presbyterian church. He has served in Dawson as school director and tax collector, and in other local offices. He is an Odd Fellow, holding membership at Dawson and ranks as a leading citizen of his township.

JOHN K. EWING GALLEY, a farmer and fruit grower, of Franklin township, is a member of the old and highly respected Galley family, which has been resident of Fayette county for over a century. He was born March 23, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Ruth Freeman Galley. J. K. Ewing Galley, on October 22, 1889, married Magdalene,

daughter of William and Mary Foster, of Smithfield, Ohio. To them have been born four children: William K., Henrietta, Mary Belle and Allen Quitman. Mr. Galley was reared on the farm and attended the common school. He still follows his chosen profession of farming. He has taken a great interest in schools and has represented his district on the board of education. Politically he has been a Democrat.

SKILES BROWNING, a successful farmer, of Franklin township, is a son of Isaac and Rebecca (Hamilton) Browning, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1856. His grandparents were of English stock, and settled in Maryland in an early day. His father, Isaac Browning, was born in 1810, and for a number of years was engaged in teaming from Baltimore to Cumberland, Md., where later he was superintendent for several years of the freight depot from which all western freight was shipped. He came in 1840 to Laurel Hill, this county, where he died March 4, 1869. He was a man of excellent business qualifications and good moral character, and married Rebecca Hamilton. Their children were: James C., born December 11, 1854, married Miss Sembower, of Uniontown, where he resides and has three children; Skiles, born May 25, 1856, and Mary E., who was born October 20, 1858, and married Leith Moore, of Pittsburg. Skiles Browning grew to manhood on a farm, and after receiving a fair English education in the common schools of Fayette county, commenced life for himself as a farmer. He worked hard and regularly, neglected no opportunities, was economical in the proper sense of the word, and to-day while only in the matured prime of life is well and comfortably situated. He has a

good farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres of land, which is only six miles from Uniontown. He has recently sold seventeen acres of coal of this farm for seventeen thousand dollars. He has a comfortable and beautiful home, and is well situated to enjoy life. Mr. Browning, on August 4, 1876, married Mary C., daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Leighty) Work, and who was born March 11, 1857. Their union has been blessed with nine children: Harry W. Browning, born February 18, 1878; Edna E., born December 22, 1879; Sarah V., born April 10, 1882; Mary C., born May 21, 1884; Ida B., born August 29, 1887; Jessie E., born June 4, 1890; Skiles, Jr., born September 5, 1892; Mabel S., born June 11, 1895; Barton G., born May 18, 1897.

JOHN BOGER, a veteran soldier and an old resident of Franklin township, was born in 1842, in Fayette county, and is a son of Joseph and Jane (Gibson) Boger. His paternal great-grandfather came from Germany to America about 1730, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His grandfather, Joseph Boger, Jr., was born in Lancaster county, Pa., where he was a millwright, and married and reared a family of five children: Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary. Joseph Boger, father of the subject of this sketch, came to Fayette county, and in 1828 married Jane Gibson, who was born in the year 1800. Mr. and Mrs. Boger reared a family of three sons and two daughters: Samuel, Rebecca, Mary, Joseph, Jr., and John, the subject of this sketch. John Boger grew to manhood in a day of limited educational advantages, and learned the trade of wagon maker, which he quit when the Civil war commenced. He enlisted in the Sixty-third Regiment of Penn-

sylvania Volunteers, and was transferred from it to the Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and again transferred from the Ninety-ninth to the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was in the infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac, being in the thickest of the great Wilderness battles, in the desperate charges at Cold Harbor, and in the advanced trenches at the siege of Petersburg. He served until Appomattox closed the great struggle, and returning home resumed his trade of wagon maker, which he followed for a number of years in connection with farming. A man of good judgment and proper economy, he has secured some means and judiciously increased them. He owns a farm of one hundred and eighteen acres near Flatwoods, and has four hundred acres of land in Kansas and Nebraska. Mr. Boger is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for any political office within the gift of his fellow citizens.

ALFRED M. FULLER was born April 7, 1833, at Perryopolis, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late James, Sr., and Lucinda (Fumer) Fuller, both natives of Fayette county, the former of Scotch-Irish, the latter of French extraction. James Fuller, Sr., was born March 11, 1796, and died July 7, 1866; his wife was born October 28, 1800, and died February 17, 1878. The father of the late James Fuller, Sr., located in Fayette county from Kennett Square, Chester county, Pa., shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war, and became a leading agriculturist, land owner and stock raiser of Perry township. James Fuller, Sr., followed his father's avocation and was eminently successful. The educational facilities of his day and community being limited he was largely

a self-educated man. Having ample means and abundant leisure and a pronounced taste for study and research, he acquired a very substantial and wide range of information. His services as advisor were in common request by his neighbors. He filled numerous local offices, including forty years' incumbency of the office of justice of the peace, and was otherwise generally recognized as a valuable citizen. As a Democrat he figured actively in his party's work, serving frequently as a member of the county committee and as a delegate to conventions. He served as associate judge of the district by appointment of Governor Shunk. Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller, Sr., had eight children, viz: David, who was born April 6, 1823; John, born November 4, 1824; James, born July 5, 1827; William M., born March 17, 1829; Daniel, born February 24, 1831; Alfred M., born April 7, 1833; Mary Elizabeth, born September 1, 1835, and died March 29, 1867; and Lucinda, born December 10, 1838, and died January 6, 1880. All of the sons are deceased, save Alfred M. Fuller, the immediate subject of this sketch. David Fuller was an agriculturist of Fayette county, and died September 16, 1886. John Fuller became a member of the Fayette County bar, practiced law at Uniontown, and died in the '80's; James Fuller, Jr., adopted medicine as his profession, and was located at Uniontown up to the time of his decease, in the '80's; William M. Fuller was associated with his brother, Alfred M. Fuller, as hereinafter set forth, and died March 19, 1900, and Daniel Fuller pursued the practice of medicine at Pittsburg, where he died March 7, 1870. Alfred M. Fuller received his education in Fayette county and spent his early manhood in agricultural and live stock raising pursuits in his native county. In 1859 he

left Western Pennsylvania to carry on business as a dealer in live stock on an extensive scale in Philadelphia and New York, with headquarters in the former city, having partnership association therein with his brother, William M. Fuller. The brothers Fuller were early in the field as exporters to European ports of American live stock. Notwithstanding the fact that this industry was operated at the outset at great pecuniary loss Messrs. Fuller believing firmly in its ultimate success, persisted therein, and their pluck, enterprise and business capacity were eventually rewarded, not only in their personal success, but in seeing the modest traffic of which they were pioneers developed to enormous proportions. The Messrs. Fuller retired from active connection with stock exporting in 1878, although their capital continues to be invested therein. Mr. Alfred M. Fuller has extensive banking and railroad interests in Eastern cities, where much of his time is necessarily spent. He was married May 23, 1882, to Margaretta, daughter of the late William Coleman, iron manufacturer of Pittsburg. To this union was born one child, Florence Marguerite Fuller, November 11, 1883. She was one of the victims of the hotel Windsor fire, in New York city, March 17, 1899.

MALCOLM McDONALD, general manager of the Rainbow Coal and Coke Company's store at Whitsett, is a son of the late David and Phebe (Harvey) McDonald, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1865. His grandfather, Malcolm McDonald, came from Scotland to Cambria county, Pa., where he married and had a family of twelve children: Daniel, Malcomb, Jr., James, John K., David, Jane A., Margaret, Parthenia, Annie, Mordecai, Mary, and one

who died in infancy. David, the fourth son, came to Perry township and lived there until his death. He married Phebe Harvey, who lived to be ninety-one years of age, and to them were born the following children: Mary, wife of A. B. Joseph, of Dawson; Malcolm (subject); Maggie, married W. D. Ritter, of Jacob's Creek, Westmoreland county; William, married Elizabeth Cottom, and resides at Dawson; Parthenia and Louisa, who died in childhood. Mr. McDonald was a well educated man and taught for twenty-five years before his death, in 1876, at the age of fifty-two years. Malcolm McDonald is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was reared at Dawson, where he attended the common schools and in 1887 became a clerk in a dry-goods store. From this beginning he slowly worked his way up until he secured his present position as store manager at Whitsett, where he has been postmaster for the last six years. October 10, 1894, he married Elizabeth A. Wardley, who was born June 10, 1874, and is a daughter of Dennis and Hannah (Beason) Wardley, of Yorkshire, England. Mr. McDonald is a Republican politically, and has been a member for several years of the Presbyterian church. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Dawson, and ranks as a man of good business qualifications.

JOSEPH LEANDER STADER, a leading funeral director and furniture dealer of Connellsville, was born in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1869, and is a son of F. J. and Matilda E. (Henry) Stader. F. J. Stader has been for more than thirty years a funeral director and furniture dealer in Latrobe, and is in his fifty-fourth year. He entered business with his father,

Francis Stader, when a young man, in Latrobe, and has since been successfully engaged in the business. Francis Stader died about 1883. He was of German descent and came to this country from Germany. Francis Stader settled in Adamsburg, Pa., where F. J. Stader was born, and was by trade a cabinet maker. From Adamsburg Francis Stader moved to Youngstown, Pa., and from thence to near Latrobe, where he purchased a farm near St. Vincent's college. In later years he purchased the interest of Francis Stader, and has conducted the business successfully to the present time. The business was established in 1866. The paternal grandmother was Mary Nieman. She is living near Latrobe, at the age of eighty-four years. The great-grandfather, George Nieman, died near St. Vincent's, Westmoreland county. Francis Stader, the grandfather of our subject, drove the first shingle on the roof of St. Vincent's, and his wife taught the founders to bake bread. George Nieman, Mr. Stader's great-grandfather, was at the time of his death over ninety years of age. The following children were born to Francis Stader, the grandfather of Joseph L. Stader: Francis J. (father), George Stader, a machinist, is married and one of the prosperous citizens of Latrobe; Andrew, who was an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad, killed by a train and left a large family; John, father of a Benedictine Order in Atchinson, Kan.; and Katherine and Annie, nuns in Scholastic convent, in Newark, N. J., the former being Sister Boniface, Mother Prioress of that convent, and the latter is known as Sister Angela; and Sadie, who died before reaching womanhood. The parents of Mr. Stader were married in Pennsylvania, and the mother died in 1879. Five children blessed that union: Joseph

Leander, subject of this sketch; John Francis, in business with his father in Latrobe; Edward George, died at the age of five years; Mary E., died when eleven years of age; William, died in infancy. The maternal grandparents were John and Eliza Henry, both of whom lived to be over seventy years of age. There was a large family born to them: Israel, Elias, John and Edward, who died at the age of twenty-four years. Mr. Stader attended the local parochial schools and St. Vincent's college. He left school when fifteen years of age to engage with his father in the undertaking and furniture business at Latrobe, where he remained until July, 1892, when he came to Connellsville and engaged in the undertaking and furniture business for himself in the Soisson building, near the Yough house. After one year he moved across the street to the Wilkey building, finally locating at the stand he now occupies, which is the oldest undertaking establishment in Fayette county. Mr. Stader came to Connellsville with small means and his success is due to his energy, integrity and correct business methods. He was married to Miss Carrie Soisson, daughter of Joseph and Caroline Soisson, of Connellsville, in October, 1894. Two children bless that union: Francis Joseph, born December 9, 1895, and Angela Caroline, born March 10, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Stader are both members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Connellsville, Pa. Mr. Stader is a member of the orders of Americus and Iroquois. Also Lodge No. 503, B. P. O. Elks. He has been conducting funerals since he was fifteen years old and is one of the most successful funeral directors in this section of Pennsylvania. He keeps all modern equipments and improvements in connection with his business, and keeps fully

abreast of the times. Mr. Stader easily ranks with Connellsville's leading and most successful business men. The father of Mr. Stader was twice married. His second marriage was to Miss Hannah Rogers, daughter of James Rogers, of Westmoreland county. Her father was for many years a boatman on the Ohio river. Four children were born to that union: James B., Victor, at home, Annie, deceased, and Hilary, at home.

WILLIAM B. CURRY, an intelligent citizen and active young farmer of Dunbar township, is a son of James P. and Caroline (Boyd) Curry, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1873. His paternal great-grandfather, Solomon Curry, came to Fayette county about the commencement of the nineteenth century, and made a home for himself on what is known as the old Curry homestead, where he died, leaving five children, one of whom was James P. Curry, Sr., the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. James P. Curry, Sr., lived and died in the township where he was born. He married and had six children: Sarah C., Mary A., James P., George W., Elizabeth, and one which died in infancy. James P. Curry was born in August, 1848, and died May 22, 1899. He lived a quiet but industrious and useful life as a farmer. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary A. Hustead, who died and left one child, a daughter, who is now the wife of William E. Crow, of Uniontown. His second wife, Caroline Boyd, a daughter of William H. and Caroline Boyd, of Menallen township, was born in 1845, and died in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Curry's children were: William B., John M., who served in the Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers in its campaign in the Philippine Islands; Robert D.,

born November 18, 1877, and was a member of Company C, of the Tenth Pennsylvania, serving with his brother, John M., in the Philippines; James L., born in October, 1879, and now employed in the tin plate works at Connellsville; and Jesse A., born February 14, 1883, and resides on the home farm. William B. Curry was reared on a farm and carefully trained to agricultural pursuits, for which he manifested a decided preference. At the same time he was ambitious of securing a good education, and after leaving the public schools, pursued his studies at the Southwest State normal school and attended several sessions at the West Virginia university. Upon leaving the university, he engaged in farming and has been following it steadily ever since. In June, 1898, Mr. Curry married Ellen V. Hambry, of Connellsville. Mrs. Curry is a daughter of F. B. and Jennie (Kreamer) Hambry, whose family consisted of eight children: Ellen V. (Mrs. Curry), born April 30, 1877, Elizabeth, Mary, Frances, Thomas, Edith, Frank and Frederick. Mr. Curry is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He owns a good farm and is active and useful in every movement for the material, intellectual or moral improvement of his community.

GEORGE W. DUNN, a resident and tradesman of Franklin township, was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1854, and is the second son of Thomas W. and Sylvia (Pence) Dunn. He is of German and Irish descent. His paternal grandparents came to America just at the close of the Revolutionary war, and one of their sons was Thomas W. Dunn, who died in 1896, at the age of eighty-five years. Thomas W. Dunn was industrious and hon-

est. He was a Democrat, and belonged to the Presbyterian church. He married Sylvia Pence, who was born in 1824, and still survives him. Their children, ten in number, were: Franklin P., George W., Margaret, Agnes, James H., Charles E., Jonathan, Lulu M., John S., and Etta, of whom Franklin, Margaret and Lulu M., are deceased. George W. Dunn spent his boyhood years on a farm, attended the common schools and then spent four years (from 1872 to 1876) in learning the trade of blacksmith with W. H. Williams, of Uniontown. Upon the completion of his apprenticeship, he opened a shop at Laurel Hill, and has followed his trade there ever since. On December 27, 1883, Mr. Dunn married Mary Junk, a daughter of Thomas and Julia (Humbert) Junk, who was born August 5, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn have two children: Robert S., born May 13, 1885, and Anna May, born August 30, 1886. Mr. Dunn owns a comfortable home at Laurel Hill, where he has spent over twenty years of his life. He is a Democrat, and belongs to the Presbyterian church. He is a good workman and a useful citizen.

J. S. STRONG, an industrious farmer and stock raiser of Franklin township, is the youngest son of Henry and Eliza (Hunter) Strong, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1855. Henry Strong was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was born November 30, 1806, and on November 23, 1831, married Eliza Hunter, who was born in 1813. To their union were born five children: John C., born May 13, 1833, married Margaret Roswell, of Franklin township, and died in 1867; Robert H., born April 6, 1835, married Mary Gaddis, of Franklin township, and has five children; James M.,

born June 14, 1837, married Elizabeth Brown, of Franklin township, and died in Pittsburg, May 9, 1896, leaving six children; Amanda, born November 5, 1847, married John Higbee, of Jefferson township, and died in 1898, leaving four children; and J. S., our subject. J. S. Strong passed his boyhood days on a farm, received a common school education, and has followed farming up to the present time. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and has always been a Republican. He has been successful, and owns a farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, for which he lately refused an offer of eleven thousand dollars. He is an industrious man and a respected citizen. In 1883 he married Mary L., daughter of Andrew and Joanna (Tracey) Frost, born June 21, 1860. They have had ten children: Joanna, born December 19, 1884; Orlando D., born June 25, 1886; Eliza E., born October 7, 1887; Belle O., born September 11, 1889; Joel S., Jr., born February 4, 1891; Clayton A., born October 28, 1892; Hazel B., born May 2, 1894; Edison K., born May 22, 1896; Mary L., born February 5, 1898; and Annie W., born November 16, 1899.

WILLIAM H. ALLEN, a veteran officer of the Civil war, and a farmer of Franklin township, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and is a son of Jonathan G. and Elizabeth (Downer) Allen. His paternal grandfather, James Allen, was a prominent man in the early history of the county, and served as sheriff from 1802 until 1806. Of his sons, one was Jonathan G. Allen, who was born in 1794 and died in 1867. Jonathan G. Allen served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and married Elizabeth Downer, who was born in 1796, and passed away in 1884. They reared a family of seven children:

Sarah (deceased), James P. (deceased), Jacob D., William H., Suttia Ann (deceased), Mary E., a resident of New Haven, and Drusilla, also residing in New Haven. William H. Allen was a farmer's son and grew up amid farm labors and farm pleasures. He received a common school education, and followed farming until the commencement of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company E, First West Virginia Cavalry. He was made orderly sergeant, and later promoted to first lieutenant, and participated in several hard fought battles. In the latter part of 1863 he took sick with smallpox, and when he recovered was honorably discharged from the Federal service for physical disability. Returning home he engaged in farming and stock raising, which he has followed ever since. Mr. Allen, in 1861, married Phoebe J. Worthington, a daughter of William and Margery (McGinly) Worthington, of Connellsville, and to their union three children have been born: William Krepps, born in 1862, is a civil engineer and has been employed in different parts of the country; Belle, born October 5, 1864, married John Keys, of Uniontown, and has two daughters, and Jonathan G., born August 6, 1866, a farmer in North Union township, where he married Ellen Wilson, and has one son. In politics Mr. Allen is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. He has a fine farm near Vance Mills, and is well situated to enjoy the comforts of life.

ISAAC HENDERSON, who has been a prominent farmer and active business man of Fayette county for over sixty years, is a son of Stewart and Ann (Hunt) Henderson, and was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1814. His grandparents came from Ireland to Erie county before the Revolution-

ary war, and were pioneer settlers in the section where they located. Their son, Stewart Henderson, married Ann Hunt and reared a family of ten children, of whom one is the subject of this sketch. Isaac Henderson grew to manhood, busied with farm labors, and enjoying but little opportunity for schooling in the crude subscription schools of those days. Soon after attaining his majority he came to Fayette county, and on January 5, 1838, married Mary Dunlap, who died in 1893. To their union were born seven children: Hannah Johnson, of Uniontown; Mary Ann, the wife of Jacob Wolf, near Vanderbilt; Samuel and Alexander, both dead; two who died in infancy, and Stewart, born in 1848, who is a leading farmer of Franklin township. Isaac Henderson is a self-made man in the true sense of the word. Without friends, influence or wealth he commenced the battle of life for himself. He worked hard, managed well and prospered better with each succeeding year, until now his possessions include three hundred and fifty acres of farming and mineral lands in Franklin township, other properties, bonds and bank stock. He is a Republican. He has been a useful member of the Presbyterian church for over half a century.

BENJAMIN F. STRICKLER, one of the young successful farmers of Franklin township, is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Snyder) Strickler, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1865. His grandfather, Conrad Strickler, came from Germany to Fayette county over one hundred years ago. Mr. Strickler is the eighth of a family of twelve children, viz: David, residing in California; Conrad, a resident of Ohio; Susan, wife of Aaron Fairchild; John, residing with his father; Elizabeth, wife of William Foster, of

Ohio; Sarah, wife of George Bute, of Nebraska; Joseph, lives near Dickerson Run; Benjamin F. (subject); Flora, wife of John Edwards, of Vanderbilt; Jesse O., residing near Curfew; William, of Vanderbilt; and Anna, wife of Dr. Coyan, of Dawson. Benjamin F. Strickler was reared in his native township, and attended the public schools, after which he chose farming as his vocation. He surmounted all obstacles in his chosen occupation, and has a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he cultivates carefully and successfully. He is a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church. On November 27, 1889, Mr. Strickler married Nannie M. Hornbeck, a daughter of John and Mary (Stuck) Hornbeck, and to their union have been born five children: Ola Strickler, born January 12, 1891; Beulah, August 14, 1893; Eunice, July 14, 1894; Eva R., September 26, 1896, and Wainwright, December 21, 1898.

MAJOR GEORGE W. NEFF, M. D., was born in Masontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1845. He is a son of the late Dr. George William and Mary Ann (Rhoades) Neff, the former a native of York county, and the latter of Westmoreland county, Pa. The father of George William Neff, Sr., was John Neff, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., where he lived and died. The latter's wife was a daughter of Major Williams, of York county, Pa. George William Neff, Sr., M. D., studied medicine with Dr. Bitner, of Washington, Lancaster county, and attended Jefferson Medical college at Philadelphia. He came west and was robbed of his money and a gold watch in crossing the mountain, the mode of travel being at that time by stage coach. He sought employment in Pittsburg, but found none. He

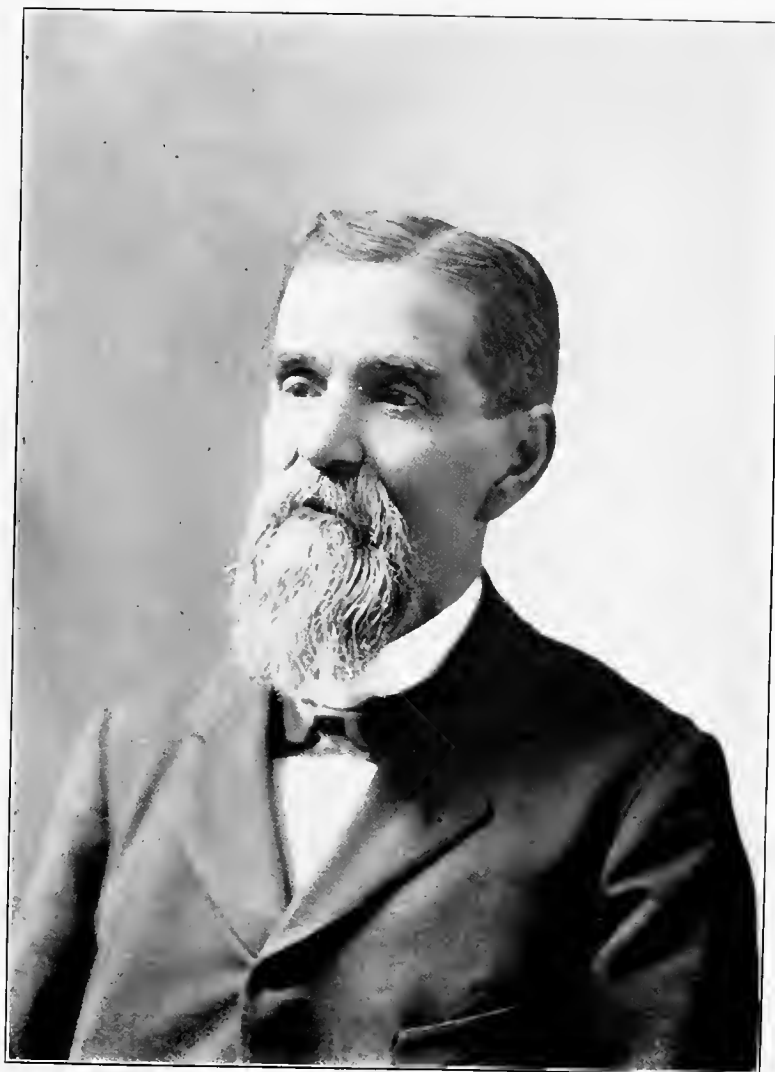
was referred to Dr. Hugh Campbell, of Uniontown, and went there in 1834, and remained with him for two years. From there he went to Clarksburg, Va. Immediately after he had left Uniontown, Dr. Campbell received a letter from Dr. David B. Rhoades, of Masontown, one of the pioneers of the medical profession of Pennsylvania, inquiring for a suitable man for a partner. Dr. Campbell at once referred him to Dr. Neff, who came to Masontown in 1836, and formed a partnership with Dr. Rhoades, under the firm name of Drs. Rhoades and Neff.

Dr. G. W. Neff, Sr., was married August 3, 1837, to Mary Ann, second daughter of Dr. Rhoades. Their children were: Mary H., George W., William D., John C., Ida and Harry G.

Dr. Neff, Sr., died August 18, 1874. His widow, Mary A. Neff, died August 13, 1889.

Dr. David B. Rhoades (maternal grandfather), was born in Allegheny county, November 5, 1793. Married April 3, 1817, to Harriet E. Tarr, daughter of Daniel and Frances Tarr, of Westmoreland county; settled at Masontown in 1833, and died March 8, 1841, at Masontown.

Dr. George W. Neff was educated in the common schools of the township and at Waynesburg. He began life as a school teacher and taught one term, then began the study of medicine with his father, attended lectures at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, during the session of 1867-68, and practiced medicine with his father. He attended the session of 1869-70 at the same college, and graduated in the class of 1870. At the time he attended lectures Drs. Dunglison, S. D. Gross, Joseph Paucoast, Lesley Wallace and Samuel H. Dixon were professors of the different chairs in the school. He located at Masontown, in practice, im-



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mediately after his graduation, where he has remained to the present time, and has a very large practice. On November 14, 1872, he was married to Miss Loretta Parshall, daughter of Elias Parshall, who resides at McClellandtown. They have four children: Hannah Matilda, born February 12, 1875; Mary Ann, born June 5, 1877; Loretta D., born November 11, 1879, and Lizzie, born March 21, 1882.

Dr. Neff is a Republican and was elected to the Pennsylvania legislature, session of 1887, and re-elected for the session of 1889. He was the first Republican representative elected to the legislature on a straight party fight in this county. While in the legislature he was an active member, being placed on the committees of appropriations, education and public health and sanitation, and was chairman of the latter. He made a strong effort for the passage of a bill requiring the State to adopt an uniform series of textbooks in the public schools, but the various book syndicates and monopolies lobbied the bill to defeat. As surgeon, with rank of major, of the famous Tenth regiment, of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Dr. Neff participated in the Philippine Islands campaign of the Spanish-American war, rendering distinguished service in the field and efficient and valuable aid in the hospital.

DR. JAMES POLK SANGSTON, physician and surgeon, is a resident of McClellandtown, where his office is located, and where he enjoys a wide patronage. He was born in Nicholson township, March 28, 1845. He received his initial schooling in his native township, and then entered Waynesburg college, where he pursued a course of study. In 1865 he entered the Cleveland Medical college, Ohio, from which he was graduated in

the spring of 1868. He studied medicine under Dr. T. W. Ross, of Waynesburg, Pa., for two years. He removed to Masontown in 1870, where he began his practice of medicine and surgery, and where he remained until 1879, when he removed to his present home in McClellandtown. The doctor is a descendant of an old English family, who came to this country at a very early day in our nation's history. The first Sangston, however, who comes under our notice, is his paternal great-great-grandfather, Isaac Sangston, who removed from Baltimore, Md., to this county in its very early history, locating in what is now Nicholson township. His son, Isaac, was the grandfather of Dr. James P. Sangston and was born in Nicholson township. His wife was a Miss Harford. Isaac was a well-to-do farmer. In politics he was a Democrat. His family numbered four sons and one daughter. He was a man who had the respect of all who knew him. He died in middle life; his wife reached an old age. His son Jefferson was the father of our subject. He was born in Nicholson township in 1817, and had a twin brother, James Madison. Jefferson was a carpenter by occupation, a trade he followed until his death in 1871. He married Miss Elizabeth De Bolt in 1839. To this union five children were born: Isaac O., James P. W. J., and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Elizabeth De Bolt Sangston was born in German township in 1817. On November 10, 1871, Dr. Sangston was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Hibbs, and to their union have been born four children: Horace G., David H., Mary and James H. Mrs. Sarah E. Sangston was born in Redstone township. Dr. Sangston had conferred upon him honorary degrees of medicine by two medical colleges. He is a man who enjoys the entire confidence of his

fellow citizens. He is a man of culture and refinement, who by nature and by practice is pre-eminently fitted for the high profession he has chosen. We read in Scripture that we are "co-laborers with God." This is true, and no more so with the minister than with the doctor. The minister brings words of hope and comfort, but the man of medicine whose own heart has been touched by the balm of Christian love can much better relieve the aching body when he can also minister words of comfort to the troubled mind. No minister of the gospel enjoys a closer relation to his parishioners than the physician sustains to his patients. David H. Sangston, second son of Dr. Sangston, is a young physician who was graduated from the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania. His earliest medical education was received in Baltimore, Md., and subsequent to his graduation he took a course at Pittsburg. He took a post-graduate course at the above named university. James H. Sangston, the youngest son, has entered the same university with a view to the medical profession. Politically Dr. Sangston is a Democrat; he is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

JAMES HENRY HOOVER is a progressive farmer residing in German township, Fayette county, in which county he was born September 15, 1843. He is a descendant of an old family who settled in this county, but whose founder's name is not known at this writing. The first of his ancestors of whom we have any definite knowledge is his paternal grandfather, Henry Hoover, of German extraction, who located on a tract of land near Mason-town. He was a sober and upright man of regular habits, and of pleasant temper. His politics were Democratic. He married a

Miss Sarah Harrison, who bore him eight children: Jacob H., Rebecca, Jesse, Lucy, Jonas S., Robert, Andrew and Sarah L. Henry Hoover died about 1843, his wife having died previous to that time. Jacob H. Hoover was the son of Henry and Sarah Hoover, and was born in German township, near Mason-town, on the old homestead, in 1812, where he was reared and educated. He was for years a wagoner on the National Road. He was a hard-working, industrious man. He was a poor boy, but by hard work and economy he accumulated considerable property before his death. He purchased two hundred acres of good land near Mason-town, which is still owned by his sons. He served as school director for a number of terms. Politically he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Church Hill Presbyterian church. He married Miss Catherine A. Baird, who bore him five children: Sarah E., James H., Jesse V., Thomas A., and Margaret J. (deceased). Jacob H. Hoover died March 4, 1854; his widow still survives and resides on the old homestead near Mason-town. Jonas Hoover, brother of the late Jacob H., was a soldier in the Mexican and also in the Civil war, where he served his country with honor. He was honorably discharged and died in Missouri.

James H. Hoover, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in his native township, where he has always followed agricultural pursuits, and has by his own efforts purchased a farm of two hundred and sixty acres of land, besides some coal land at other points. Mr. Hoover is a general and practical farmer. Since attaining his majority Mr. Hoover has been active in his identification with the interests of his party, the Democratic, in Fayette county. In the fall of 1880 he was nominated and elected to

the office of sheriff of Fayette county, and served efficiently for the full term. He has served three terms as chairman of the Democratic county committee, and as a member of the State committee for the same period. He has been a member of township committees since he reached his majority. He has held numerous township offices and has never been defeated for any office for which he was a candidate. He was united in marriage to Miss Louise R., daughter of John and Elizabeth Messmore, January 23, 1869. To this union eight children were born: Alice E., John T., Charles V., George P., Elizabeth C., Edna M., Nellie M., and Robert J. Mrs. Louise R. Hoover was born in Greene county, Pa., August 16, 1850. The family are members of Church Hill Presbyterian church.

LIEUT. JAMES ALEXANDER WELTNER was born in German township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on March 3, 1839, and descends from subjects of the German empire. He is a son of John Weltner, who was born in 1799 and died in 1877. He was a resident of Nicholson township, and in 1856 was made one of its justices. He afterward removed to German township, and became one of the founders of the old Church Hill (McClellandtown) Presbyterian church. He married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew Dunaway, and to them were born nine children, six of whom are living in Fayette county. Both father and mother have crossed the river, thus leaving their children to carry on the work which they commenced. Lieut. Weltner received his education in the "Old Stone" schoolhouse which is still to be seen on Church Hill. He is the seventh child, and as such seems to have inherited the blessedness of that favorite Scripture number. His early days were spent at home with his

father on the farm, but when the war cloud of the sixties hung over our country he felt that it was his duty to go to the front. He entered the army in 1862, in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, was sent to Camp Howe and there elected first lieutenant of Company D, of which he afterwards declined to be made captain. He was joined in the service of his country by his two brothers, Thos. N., who was in Captain Gilmore's company, and Captain John R., of Company I, Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, who was released on account of failing health; but in recovering he raised a company for the One Hundred and Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served through the war, and after its close died from disease contracted in the service. Lieut. James Weltner, on returning from the Civil war, succeeded in interesting his father in the stock business; and with a capital of six hundred dollars, obtained by his father's endorsement, he commenced a business which he has followed ever since, and which has largely helped him in amassing the comfortable fortune which he now possesses. In 1871, seven years after he commenced the stock business, he formed a partnership with William McShane, which was terminated by Mr. McShane's death on September 20, 1898. He has also been a successful wool buyer for more than thirty years. Thus in his combined businesses he has repaid the six hundred dollars which his father loaned him, and added to it enough to pay for six hundred acres of land, three hundred acres of which is underlaid with the nine foot vein of the Connellsville coking coal, and to improve and beautify his delightful country home. At his father's death he received twenty-two hundred dollars from the estate, which is now included in his own fortune.

On February 1, 1883, he married Miss Melzenia Allebaugh, daughter of James Allebaugh. Mrs. Weltner is third in number of a family of twelve children. Her mother was Elizabeth Allebaugh nee Gween, and she is of German-Irish descent. Her grandmother, Elizabeth Allebaugh, a sketch of whose life appeared in the "Genius of Liberty" September 23, 1886, was born in Hagerstown, Md., May 17, 1790, and was a daughter of Jacob Wible and Ursa Wible nee Worts, who came to that place in 1785. She married Mr. Samuel Allebaugh on August 13, 1812, and in 1813 they set up house-keeping in Masontown, where Mrs. Weltner's mother still lives. Two children, Robison Gray and Elizabeth Hail, now brighten the Weltner home and seem to reflect the sterling character of Presbyterianism, which they inherit from their parents, who taught them diligence in business and orthodox serving of the Lord.

DAVID S. LOUCKS, a farmer and manager of the Masontown creamery, was born at Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1859, and is a son of Jacob S. and Mary (Saylor) Loucks. Jacob S. Loucks was born at Scottdale, then Fountain Mills, October 10, 1829, on the farm then occupied by his father, Rev. Martin Loucks, who was a farmer and Mennonite minister, and was brought at eighteen months old in 1800 from Bucks county by his parents, who unloaded their household goods under a large white oak tree on the farm where the McClure coke works now stand in Fayette county, subsequently removing to Westmoreland county and settling on the site of Scottdale. Jacob S. Loucks received a good education, and engaged in farming, which he followed most successfully until recently when he re-

tired from active business life. Mr. Loucks married Mary Saylor, and to their union have been born eleven children, nine sons and two daughters: Joseph R., a baker of Scottdale; Martin, engaged in farming on the home farm; David S., the subject of this sketch; Abraham R., a miller at Scottdale; Rev. Aaron, a farmer and Mennonite minister of his native town; John R., a miller of Scottdale; George S., a farmer; Norman and an infant son (deceased), and Ada and Cora, who are both at home with their parents. David S. Loucks received a good common school education, and worked on his father's home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he took charge of the present farm of two hundred acres, near Masontown, which he occupies and which is owned by his father. Mr. Loucks is a progressive farmer, and was among the first in German township to be interested in the creamery business. He is a stockholder and the general manager of the Masontown creamery, one of the four creameries now in operation in Fayette county. He is a Republican politically, and has been a member of the Mennonite church for a number of years. On December 20, 1883, Mr. Loucks was united in marriage with Nellie Newcomer, a daughter of Joseph Newcomer, of German township, and to their union have been born six children: J. Lyman, Viola (deceased), Lillian, Ada W., Grace and Celesta.

SAMUEL MINOR GRAY, an extensive farmer and one of the leading distillers of the Monongahela valley, was born where he now resides in German township, near Masontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1869. He is a son of the late Sylvanus T. and Frances P. (Minor) Gray. The Grays are of honorable descent, and the founder of the family in Western Pennsylvania was Wil-

liam Gray, who was born a poor man, and by his unaided exertions rose to prominence and secured possessions and wealth. His son, Sylvanus T. Gray, left Greene county in early manhood and came to the vicinity of Masontown, where he soon engaged in distilling on a small scale in a section where many distillers had abandoned the business as unprofitable, and some had retired from it with heavy losses and shattered fortunes. William Gray was a man of good judgment and remarkable foresight, and while securing coal lands for their future value, he threw all his energy and organizing power into building upon a sound basis the great industry in which he had embarked with small means. He increased the size of his distillery, introduced new machinery, studied carefully every detail, reduced all needless expenses, and as one who knew him well said "that he produced an article of whisky superior to that of his predecessors and sold it in the markets on its merits, thus creating a demand for all that he could produce, and being one of the secrets of his great success." His small distillery grew into a large plant that shortly before his death used thirty-thousand bushels of grain yearly, and had an annual output of over one hundred thousand gallons. As his labors of life drew to a close with declining years, he looked back with a justifiable pride over a career of business success such as few men of the county in his day had been able to achieve. He passed away in 1884, and left to his family the heritage of a good name as well as material possessions.

Sylvanus Thompson Gray was born at Mapletown, Greene county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1842, and died in 1897. He received a good common school education, and embarked with his father in the distillery business, at Masontown, which they conducted

until the death of the latter in 1884. S. T. Gray then assumed entire charge of the distillery, which had been willed him in connection with six hundred acres of coal land by his father. He pursued the same business policy inaugurated by his father, and his possessions grew more valuable with each succeeding year. He was a practical business man, and gave personal supervision to all the details of his varied business interests until his death, which occurred in 1897. He was an active worker in the Republican party, ranked with the leading business men of the county, and was a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, being a 32° Mason. He married Frances P. Minor, a daughter of Samuel Minor, of Greene county, and to their union were born six children: William and Harry, who are both deceased; Samuel M., Dr. James R., a physician of Youngstown, O., and Myrtle M. and Sylvanus T., Jr., who reside with their widowed mother in Pittsburg.

Samuel Minor Gray received his education in the Masontown high school and Washington college, and was engaged in the distilling business with his father until the death of the latter in 1897. Since then he has conducted the business, and controls it in the same way as his father and grandfather before him did. His plant ranks with the leading distilleries of the State, and its product is an article known on its merit in all the markets of the United States. Mr. Gray is a Republican, and at the present time holds the office of school director of the borough of Masontown. On June 30, 1891, Mr. Gray was united in marriage with Zetta Leora Schroyer, a daughter of Thomas N. Schroyer, of Masontown, and their union has been blessed with five children: Harold M., born May 20, 1892; Thomas E., born June 6, 1894; Grace,

born June 20, 1896; Sylvanus T., born December 2, 1897, and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Gray is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and Mr. Gray is a contributor to all worthy objects. He is a successful business man, and upholds the family reputation for business ability, foresight and success. Mr. Gray was one of the founders and is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Masontown, Pa.

WILLIAM M. GRAY (deceased) was one of German township's bright and promising young business men. He was born in 1865 in German township, with bright and flattering prospects in store for him. He received a liberal education in that great center of education, Baltimore, Md. Having completed his studies, he joined his father, S. T. Gray, a wealthy distiller, in the distilling business. This relationship existed up to 1893, when his health gave way and he was compelled to abandon business. On July 14, 1895, he was united to Miss Mary L., the cultured daughter of Jason and Eliza Woolsey, of Nicholson township. To this happy union two children were born: Harry W., July 3, 1896, and Jason S., August 15, 1897. After a severe sickness of one year, in which he experienced much suffering, his death occurred June 29, 1899. In politics Mr. Gray was a strong supporter of the Republican platform. His genealogy is given in the preceding sketch of S. M. Gray. Mrs. Wm. Gray was born in Nicholson township, December 12, 1869, and is the daughter of one of our county's respectable citizens, whose sketch appears in this volume.

WILLIAM A. COFFMAN is one of German township's worthy citizens, and a descendant of a family who figured conspicuously in

the settlement of what is now German township. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Coffman, who was one of the early settlers of the county, and further particulars concerning the older members of the family will be found in the sketch of John Coffman. William A. Coffman is the son of Andrew and Mary (Dunaway) Coffman. Andrew was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1790; Mary Dunaway was born in Virginia in 1800, and they were married April 16, 1823. Andrew was but a small boy when he came with his father to this county. Andrew lived on his father's place all his life, and became heir to seventy-six acres of his father's farm. To this he added four farms, and gave to each of his sons a farm. He was one of the leading farmers in the section in which he lived. He was a member of the Lutheran church, of which he was an elder. He was a very quiet, unassuming man, with true and upright principles. He was a Democrat in politics. There were born to him and his wife, Mary (Dunaway) Coffman, ten children, five sons and five daughters: Elizabeth, born March 28, 1824; Mary, January 11, 1825; John, April 11, 1827; Andrew, February 9, 1829; William, May 22, 1831; David, February 5, 1834; Sarah J., March 19, 1835; Barbara A., February 22, 1838; Thomas, May 23, 1840, and Nancy L., March 10, 1843. Andrew died in 1866, and his wife died in October, 1873.

Wm. A. Coffman was born May 22, 1831, and is the fifth child of Andrew and Mary (Dunaway) Coffman. He was reared and educated in German township. He has always lived at home and confined himself to agricultural pursuits. He fell heir to some of his father's property, and purchased subsequently enough to make up the two hundred and twenty-five acres which he now owns. Mr.

Coffman is a worthy man, and a good, practical farmer. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth A., daughter of James and Martha Hill, on September 15, 1861. To this union one son was born, Gilbert D., born December 21, 1862. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Coffman was born in March, 1840, and died July 17, 1863. For his second wife Mr. Coffman married Elizabeth A., daughter of Jonah and Lydia Arrison, on September 21, 1872. To this union five children were born: Mary L., May 30, 1873; Lizzie O., September 15, 1874; Jonah A., October 27, 1876; Lydia E., December 19, 1879, and Mabel W., May 21, 1886. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Coffman was born May 17, 1841. Mr. Coffman is a Democrat. John Dunaway, his maternal grandfather, was born March 20, 1766; married on January 31, 1793, Mary Van Horn, who was born September 29, 1778, and died February 4, 1824.

GEORGE W. STRUBLE, one of the young and progressive farmers of German township, was born in German township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1858, and is a son of the late Asbury Struble, who was in his day one of the most extensive and successful farmers of Fayette county. George W. Struble was reared in his native township, received his literary education in the public schools and then entered the agricultural department of the Pennsylvania State college, where he obtained a scientific agricultural education. Returning home he engaged in farming and has given his whole attention ever since to that pursuit. In September, 1890, he married Annie Meshane, who is a daughter of William Meshane. Mrs. Struble is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Struble owns a fine farm containing two hundred and ninety-three acres of tillable land, which he is putting into an excellent state of

cultivation, for he is a practical, as well as a scientific farmer. He is a Democrat in political affairs, and has been serving his township for some time as a school director. He is a member of a nearby lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and has always been a farmer who studied carefully the best interests of his occupation.

ELI H. GARWOOD, a resident of German township, and one of its practical farmers and loyal citizens, was born October 29, 1849, and is the son of Abraham and Mary A. (Miller) Garwood. The former is a native of Luzerne township, and was born in 1819; the latter was born in Menallen township the same year. Abraham was a man of influence in his community, and the fact of his having been elected to several township offices showed his popularity with his fellow citizens. He owned a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres of fertile and well tilled land. He was a member of the Friends' church. He was a staunch Republican. Late in life he removed to Brownsville where his declining years were spent in ease and affluence. He died in 1894 at the age of seventy-four years. His wife died in 1892, aged seventy-two years. Their family consisted of nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity and are now living. Eli H. is the fourth in order of age. He was reared and educated in Redstone township, where he resided the first thirty-seven years of his life. He then married Jennie C., daughter of John and Elizabeth Coffman, February 19, 1885. They remained at the Garwood home for the first three years of their married life, and in 1888 removed to the State of Iowa, where they purchased a farm of eighty acres. Here they remained for three years, after which they sold out and returned to Redstone township,

where they remained one year, removing to Luzerne township in 1892 and purchased a farm of one hundred and three acres, on which they resided until 1899, when they purchased and removed to a farm in German township of one hundred acres. Mr. Garwood owns both farms. Mr. Garwood is strictly honest, and his word is considered as good as his bond. Mr. and Mrs. Eli H. Garwood had four children: Maude, Ray, Jason E. and an infant, deceased. Mrs. Jennie C. Garwood was born in German township, May 10, 1853. Mr. Garwood is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, while his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Garwood is a Republican.

DAVID FAST JOHNSON, a prominent farmer of German township, is a member of an old and worthy family, noted for its industry. Peter Johnson, a native of Scotland, came to America at twelve years of age, and was sold for nine years for his passage money. A Virginia farmer named Tristle bought his time, and some years later gave him his daughter Nancy for a wife. Peter and Nancy Johnson had five children: David, Nicholas, Jacob, Peter and Nancy. Peter Johnson came to Fayette county about 1800 from Rockingham county, Va., and settled in German township, where his eldest son, David, married Mary M. Bixler in 1809, and reared a family of eight children. David Johnson was born March 5, 1785, and died May 24, 1860. He was a Republican and a Mennonite. He ranked as a very honest man and owned sixteen hundred acres of land when he died. His son, Peter Johnson, received a limited education and was a farmer. He was a Republican and a Lutheran, and married Rebecca Fast. They had ten children: David F. (subject); Francis, Mary A., Magdalene, wife of An-

drew Sterling, of Greene county; Jacob J., of Masontown; John F., in Illinois; Elizabeth C., Margaret, wife of Alexander Williams; Miles, of Nicholson township, and Daniel J., a distiller, of Uniontown. David Fast Johnson is the eldest son of Peter and Rebecca (Fast) Johnson, and was born in Nicholson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1835. He received a fair common school education and worked on the home farm until 1863, when he and his brother Francis bought a one hundred and fifty-five acre tract, which they farmed up to 1872, when they divided it. They also bought fifty-six acres in Nicholson township, where later Mr. Johnson purchased ninety-three acres in his own right, the ninety-three acres being a part of the home farm, and now has about two hundred acres of fine farming and mineral land. Mr. Johnson is a successful farmer and has always been a Democrat. He served one term as road supervisor. On May 24, 1860, David F. Johnson married Louisa Ache, a daughter of John and Martha Ache, of Nicholson township, and who was born April 4, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have four children: Sylvester E., born August 15, 1862, and manager of the Masontown creamery; Ida M., born August 11, 1865, and wife of Nimrod A. Rumble, of Greene county; Charles E., born May 25, 1875, and William O., born April 18, 1878. Mr. Johnson and his family are members of the German Baptist church.

WILLIAM H. RIFFLE is one of Fayette county's self-made men. Beginning life as a poor boy, he has, by perseverance and economy, acquired what some would consider a fortune. He was born in German township, January 18, 1825, and a son of Jacob and Catherine (Bowers) Riffle, both of whom

were born in this county. Jacob was a small farmer, and owned sixty acres near McClellandtown. He was a good, honest and upright man. He served in the war of 1812 as a commissioned officer. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His children were as follows: John J., William H., Samuel A., Solomon G., David R., Minerva and Eliza A. Jacob died June 19, 1869, and his wife died in 1880. Jacob Riffle was the son of George Riffle, the first of the name to come into the county. The Riffles located on the farm joining the Lutheran church property in German township. They are of German descent. George and his wife (whose name is not given), had the following children: Jacob, Joseph, George and two daughters, whose names are not given. George and his wife lived to a good old age. William H. Riffle, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in German township. He lived at home until he reached his majority, working for his father. After he reached his manhood he hired out to his father for eight dollars per month for some time. He then went to work for his Uncle Joseph, for whom he worked by the month at the same rate, and after a time he "cropped" for his uncle. Desiring to make an advance on his earnings, he worked in the brickyard for eleven dollars per month for some time. In 1856 he had by economy laid up three hundred dollars, which he used in furnishing and stocking a grocery store at Brown's Ferry. Here he remained for three years, and was very successful. In 1859 he removed to his present residence on Middle run, where he continued in the same business to which he added dry-goods and run a general store for twenty-eight years. In 1862 he took out a license to sell liquor, which business he followed up

to 1887, when he gave up both hotel and store keeping. Since then he has confined himself exclusively to farming. His farming now runs to stock, which is of a superior quality, and finds a ready market. He owns five hundred and fifteen acres of farming land in a well cultivated region, which has under it four hundred and twenty-four acres of coal of the best quality yet unsold. Mr. Riffle is a good business man, having all the qualities of the successful man of business of the nineteenth century. He served as constable for four years and supervisor for six. In politics he is Democratic. April 6, 1856, he married Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Peter and Mary Jane Crago, and they had the following children: James B., born April 10, 1856; William B., born November 6, 1857; Hulda J., born December 12, 1858; Emily E., born March 16, 1860; Elazan A., born December 14, 1861; Samuel E., born February 7, 1863; Solomon G., born January 26, 1864; Mary M., born December 21, 1865; Sarah E., born August 14, 1868; Sebastian C., born March 17, 1869, died October 1, 1889; Nora A., born January 16, 1871, and John H., born May 11, 1873. Mrs. Mary J. Riffle was born April 1, 1835, in Cumberland township, Greene county.

SAMUEL BROWN is one of German township's substantial farmers, and is a descendant of James Brown (great-grandfather), who moved from Chester county, Pa., more than one hundred years ago and located on a farm of about two hundred and fifty acres west of New Salem, Fayette county, Pa. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, and to this union were born the following children: William, Joshua, Jesse, Jacob, John and Elizabeth Brown. He was a member of the Seceder church. Samuel Brown's pater-

nal grandfather was William Brown, who located on one hundred and twenty-five acres of his fathers' farm, and his farming ran to fruit growing. They had one of the choicest apple and peach orchards in the country, had a large apple cave and a still house on his farm, and like many farmers of his day made peach and apple brandy. He and his elder sons built their own boats and shipped annually a great many apples to various points on the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Watt, and to this union were born five sons and five daughters: James, David, John, William, Samuel, Susan, Polly, Lydia, Elizabeth and Orpha. For his second wife he married Mrs. Casandra Campbell. He was a good citizen and a worthy man, and in politics he was an old-line Whig. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and he and his second wife lived to be an old couple, and at death were mourned by those who knew them. James, the eldest son of Mr. Brown, was born two miles west of New Salem, in German township, in 1798, and like his father he was a farmer; but nature had done much for him. He was a natural genius and could turn his hand to almost anything in mechanics. He was a reserved man, not seeking publicity, yet he had forced upon him some township offices such as road supervisor, &c. He was an old-line Whig and a good moral man and one who had a host of friends. He was an advocate of the Quaker religion. His first purchase of real estate was a farm at Brown's ferry, in German township, of one hundred and seventy-five acres, to which he and his wife added enough to make three hundred acres, but his farming was of a general character, as he had no specialties. He married Miss Rebecca Fisher in March, 1834, and to

this union were born the following children: Samuel, Enoch F. (deceased); Mary (deceased); Levi, Isabella and James, died in the fall of 1865, aged six years. His wife, Rebecca, died March, 1891, aged eighty-one years. The history of "Beckie" Brown is interesting, for she was known far and near as "Beckie" Brown, the "Ferryman" and the ginger bread baker. She operated Brown's ferry for twenty-five years single-handed. In her early days she attended all the old time musters, elections, horse races, and fairs peddling and selling her famous ginger bread and beer, which commodities she manufactured herself and guarded well the secret of their preparation which made them palatable as well as famous, but with her died the art of their manufacture. For twenty-two years she lived alone in a moss-covered house just back from the river at Brown's ferry. She was a great lover of flowers, but her taste ran to colors. She was extremely hospitable and often entertained friends with a dinner of her own cooking, which was a marvel, and topped off with her ginger bread was never to be forgotten. Her years of toil and trouble did not go for nothing, for she left about ten thousand dollars to her children at her death. In the fall of 1888 two masked men, a part of a gang of marauders, broke into her house and tortured her to extort from her her hoarded wealth. They robbed her of all the money she had in her house, about one hundred and fifty dollars. Soon after this robbery this gang robbed several other persons and tortured some of them, and they were arrested immediately and convicted and got a term in the penitentiary for eight years. Samuel Brown, our subject, and son of James and Rebecca Brown, was born January 26, 1835, at Brown's ferry, on the Monongahela river. He worked for his father on the farm to the

age of twenty-one, and then commenced working for himself at various kinds of work as follows: threshing, making sorghum molasses, carpenter and farm work and speculating till he was twenty-eight years old, when he was married, January 26, 1863, to Miss Elizabeth J. Keener, daughter of David and Sabina Keener. To this union were born five children: Sabina E., Anna J., Laura B., Lewis A., and Henry S. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Brown was born April 11, 1847. Mr. Brown, after he was married, rented two years on the Lackey farm, one mile north of McClellandtown, and then after the death of his father in 1865 he moved to Brown's ferry, his birthplace. The first purchase he made of real estate was in 1867, a portion of his father's farm, some twenty-six acres, at Brown's ferry, where he lived for thirteen years engaged in the mercantile, huckstering, produce and grain business, by which he accumulated enough to buy one hundred and fifty-eight acres more land about two miles northeast of Brown's ferry. In 1878 he moved to his farm and commenced the general farming business, and since living on the farm he has added another farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres, and is still living on the first farm. Mr. Brown is a general practical farmer and well abreast of the times. He began life with nothing but a strong constitution and determination to win, and by industry and economy has accumulated three hundred and seventy-six acres of land and a considerable amount of other means. He is far ahead of an average farmer. To say that he succeeded would be putting it mildly. He is like his father—a natural genius, and can turn his hand to almost any kind of mechanical work. He is a reserved man, not seeking publicity, yet he had been elected to some township offices, such as assistant assessor

and also road supervisor. In politics he is a Republican, and is an advocate of the Quaker religion.

JACOB E. ANTRIM is a young and promising farmer whose career for usefulness and enterprise in the future looks bright. He is a resident of German township, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and ninety-seven acres, known as the John Hess property. Mr. Antrim was born in German township, September 18, 1875. He is a descendant of John Antrim, who was the first of that name to come to this section of country and settled in Westmoreland county, but he had a son Caleb, who was the great-great-grandfather of Jacob E. Antrim, and located at what is now New Salem. Caleb was a practical farmer in his day. Caleb was the husband of four wives during his lifetime. His family by all his wives numbered seven: Joshua, Caleb, Jesse, Mary, Deborah, Esther and Elizabeth. Caleb was a good man of pure morals; by faith a Quaker; in politics a Republican. Jesse, the son of Caleb, and Martha (Morgan) Antrim, great-grandparents of Jacob E. Antrim, was born near Winchester, Va., in 1786. He removed with his father when he came to this county at a very early time. He married Martha Hagen, of New Jersey, by whom he had eight children: Sarah, Lewis, William, Charity, Caleb, Samuel, Levi and Ruth. Jesse Antrim was a prosperous farmer, who owned four hundred acres of good farming land. He was elected to the office of county commissioner for one term. He also held several minor offices in his township. In politics he was a Democrat. He was reared a Quaker, but did not join himself to any church. He died in 1854, aged sixty-eight years. His wife died in 1869, aged eighty-five years. Caleb was

the son of Jesse Antrim, and the father of Joseph Antrim, who was born in this county. He was a farmer all his lifetime, but never acquired any real estate himself. He married Miss Mary Johnson, to whom were born two sons, Jacob E. and Joseph H. Mr. Antrim was a Democrat in politics and in faith a Mennonite. He died June 15, 1878. His wife died July 7, 1891. She was born in German township, January 10, 1853. Jacob E. Antrim was reared and educated in German township. He chose for his vocation that of a farmer, and while he is a young man yet he is not behind those who have more experience in agricultural pursuits. He is unmarried. His brother Joseph married Miss Lydia A., daughter of George C. and Tillie Moore, June 28, 1898. To this union one child has been born, Twilla Pearl. The Antrim brothers are Republicans in politics.

LEVI BROWN is a progressive and prosperous farmer residing in German township. He was born October 3, 1839, in German township, on the place where he now resides. His grandfather, William Brown, was the son of the first Brown who located in this county, but whose name we have not learned. William located on Middle run after his departure from Chester county, Pa. He was a hardy, vigorous man, possessing a constitution which has been inherited by his descendants. William lived to old age after rearing a family of nine children. James Brown, the father of Levi Brown, was born in German township. He married Rebecca Fisher, who was also a native of this county, Luzerne township. They were hospitable people, honest and industrious. James was a strong advocate of temperance, a principle which he carried out as long as he lived. He was a firm believer in the doctrine of the New

Testament, which doctrine he instilled into the minds of his children. He was a noted musician by nature and by practice, and taught that art for some years. He was an ardent Whig in politics and had served his township in various offices. He lived to be sixty-six years old. Rebecca Brown was a remarkable woman, with a vigorous constitution, a determined mind and strong in her convictions. After the death of her husband she proved herself to be equal to every emergency. She had run the ferry (Brown's ferry), for years before his death that he might attend to his farming. She also conducted the work in the sugar camp and operated it to perfection. The magnitude of this work can be appreciated when we take into consideration that it contained five hundred trees. She was a true wife and a help to her whole household. She always had an abundance of money around and was robbed three times, once when she was in her seventy-seventh year. At her death, which occurred in her eighty-second year, she was worth ten thousand dollars. Her children numbered five, three of whom are living: Samuel, Isabelle and Levi. Levi was the fourth in order of age. He is a practical all-around man, not only a good farmer, but a good mechanic. This faculty comes to him naturally. His delight is in the midst of complex machinery. He has successfully operated a threshing machine for fifteen years. He has erected many conveniences on his farm which only a genius could invent. He has held several township offices with much credit. Politically he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He was joined in marriage to Miss Mary C., daughter of William Freeman, April 4, 1877. Their children are: Fanny B., born Dec. 30, 1877; James L., August 9, 1880; George E.,

April 28, 1883; Mary E., June 25, 1885; John H., July 19, 1889. Mrs. Mary C. Brown was born in this county, January 13, 1850. Mr. Brown's sugar camp, on a steep cliff above the town of Gates, is the largest and best of its kind in the county, while its products of sugar and syrup are unexcelled. His farm is covered with buildings and a coke town which has been built to his sugar camp was one of the many unexpected things happening at Brown's ferry.

GEORGE C. MOORE, a well-to-do and respected farmer, residing in German township, was born in the above township, March 14, 1839. He is a son of John A. and Jane (Moss) Moore. The former was born April 9, 1808, and the latter on January 21, 1810; both are natives of German township. John A. Moore was an energetic business man. While he was a good farmer and devoted some of his time to that vocation, he followed other pursuits. In his early life he drove a wagon on the National Road from Wheeling to Cumberland, making profitable trips both ways. He was the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres, which was productive in his day. He was also noted for his superior quality of sheep whose wool and mutton always found a ready market. He was honored with many township offices, among them being those of school director and supervisor. In religion he was a Presbyterian; in politics a Republican. He was married in 1834, on March 27th, and had a family of six sons and one daughter. John A. Moore died December 29, 1889, and his wife's death occurred May, 18, 1859. John A. Moore was the son of Aaron, who was born October 31, 1776, and who was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian church. Aaron was the son of another John

Moore, and was the first of that name and family to come into the county in 1769. He located in German township, where his family is strongly represented by worthy men and women. George C. Moore is the third son of John A. Moore, and always followed farming as his chosen calling. He is a sober, honest and industrious man, who has always made his home on the farm on which he was born, some of which he inherited, and some of which he gained by purchase, and now owns ninety-five acres. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and in politics is a Republican. He married Miss Martha M. Jeffries January 26, 1865. To this union the following children have been born: Sarah J., Gadd, J. M., Frank and Lydia A. Mrs. Martha M. Moore was born in North Union township, January 10, 1843.

WM. A. STEVENSON is a prosperous farmer residing in German township, and was born in Springhill township, this county, May 27, 1830. He is a son of Ellis and Parmelia (Eberhardt) Stevenson. The former was born in Cumberland township, Greene county, Pa., January 1, 1805, and the latter in Cincinnati, O., in 1810, and in 1828 they removed from Greene county to Fayette. Ellis Stevenson was a fuller of woolen goods. He rented a shop near Smithfield, which he operated for three years. In 1832 he removed to Georges creek, where he purchased a site and erected a woolen mill, in which he manufactured cloth of various textures. In 1859 there was a heavy flood which destroyed his mill, including his fine machinery. He never rebuilt, but continued there until his death in 1879. His wife died several years before her husband. Politically he was a Whig. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was a first class mechanic.

and understood his business thoroughly. His family consisted of thirteen children, six of whom are now living. William A. is the first of the family in order of age. He learned his father's trade, and followed the manufacture of cloth of various kinds at Clarksville, Greene county, Pa., to which place he removed in 1860. He remained there for six years, after which he removed to Athens, Mo., where six more years of his busy life were spent in the manufacture of woolen goods. In 1873 he returned to Greene county, Pa., where he purchased a mill, which he operated for twenty years. In 1893 he removed to this county, where he now resides on a farm of ninety-seven acres, known as the "Worley Place." Mr. Stevenson was twice married. First, to Miss Jennie, daughter of Cyrus Shelley, August 13, 1861. There were born to them five children, four of whom are living: Hannah F., Sarah A., Alfred P. and Mary F. Mrs. Jennie Stevenson died June 13, 1871. For his second wife, Mr. Stevenson married Miss Amy, daughter of Joseph Worley, September 16, 1875. To this union one son, Joseph W., has been born. Mrs. Amy Stevenson was born in German township in 1838. The Stevensons are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Stevenson has served as elder. The ancestors of the present Mrs. Stevenson came from Bedford county, Pa., to this county in 1819. There were three brothers, Joseph, John and Samuel Worley, and a half-brother named Acher. Joseph was born in 1801, and bought one hundred acres of land in Redstone township. He was a sickle maker by trade, and many of the tools made by him and Acher, with his name stamped in them, are in use yet. He sold out to Acher and died in 1886, aged eighty-six years. His family numbered four, two of

whom are now living, Mrs. Stevenson and Susanna Jeffries. The old home is commodious, and was built by Joseph Worley.

JOHN STERLING, a farmer, residing on the South branch of Brown's run in German township, is one of the sturdy and enterprising men, who, through discouragements and privations, have made their way to the plane of success, where they can look down, not with disdain, but with sympathy on those who are struggling for the same enviable positions which these successful ones hold. Mr. Sterling was born March 28, 1841, and is a son of Jonathan and Mary A. (Hart) Sterling. The former was born March 29, 1820; the latter in August, 1819, in German township. Jonathan Sterling was an extensive farmer and devoted his time to grain and stock raising. He was a very determined man in his opinions; was honest, trustworthy and upright in all his intercourse with his fellowmen, who at various times honored him with various township offices. These he filled with honor and usefulness. He was a member of the Dunkard church; he was a Democrat in politics. He died August 8, 1881, aged sixty-one. His wife still survives him, at the age of eighty-one years. Their family consisted of ten children, eight of whom are now (1899) living. John, the subject of this sketch, is the eldest of that number. He was reared and educated in his native township, and took to farming so easily and naturally that he has never abandoned it. He resided with his father until he reached his majority, at which time he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hoover, January 4, 1863. In 1868 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, where he now resides, and which he has improved to a high state of cultiva-

tion. He has been honored with the offices of supervisor, assistant assessor, assessor and school director. His family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The children of his family are as follows: Annie B., born October 16, 1864, died March 2, 1899; Eva M., born November 29, 1866; Jessie A., May 27, 1870, and Louis G., November 30, 1871. Mrs. Sarah E. Sterling was born in German township, May 14, 1841.

GEORGE W. MAUST, a farmer of German township, was born in Garrett county, Md., July 5, 1845, and is the son of Jacob and Charlotte (Frazier) Maust, the former of whom was born in Fayette county in 1814, and the latter in Maryland in 1817, and is now living (1899) at the age of eighty-six years. Jacob Maust was reared and educated in his native county and resided there for a number of years, conducting a farm of two hundred acres of choice land, which he improved to a high degree of cultivation. In 1853 he saw where he could benefit himself by selling, so in that year he sold his farm and removed to Maryland, in which State he purchased one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, remaining there seventeen years. In 1880 he removed to Uniontown, this county, where he now resides in his old age, living in ease and luxury as the result of his former activity in business pursuits. He has always been a man of strictly moral habits, of pure motives and strong convictions, and has been honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men. Politically he is a Democrat. His wife died in 1893 in her seventy-sixth year. His father was named Jacob Maust, and a native of Germany. He came to this country at an early day in its history, locating in Henry Clay township, this county, on two hundred acres of land. He was a very eco-

nomical and industrious man, and lived to a ripe old age. George W. Maust, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in this county. After he reached his majority he showed his patriotism and loyalty to the flag of his country by enlisting on February 2, 1864, in Company B, Third West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, under the immediate command of Captain Johnson and Colonel Magee. He served to the close of the war, was honorably discharged and returned to civil life, engaging in his chosen vocation—that of an honest farmer, a calling which he has followed with success ever since. On February 16, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Johnson. In 1886 he purchased his present farm of fifty-two acres, which he has brought, by a close application to its needs, almost to a perfect state of cultivation. The old buildings were torn down to make room for better and more modern improvements. In fact, Mr. Maust is a man well up-to-date in agricultural pursuits. The citizens of his township have honored him with the office of school director. Politically he has chosen the Democratic party as his standard, but a good and worthy man gets his vote and influence, irrespective of party. The whole family are German Baptists. His children are as follows: Joseph E., born April 13, 1871; Charles M., October 6, 1873; Charlotte C., December 6, 1875; Sarah A., July 21, 1881, and Eliza, in June, 1885. Mrs. Matilda Maust was born January 4, 1848, in German township.

JONATHAN GALLEY was one of German township's oldest and most reliable citizens. He was born in this county February 26, 1812, and was a son of Philip and Magdalene (Newcomer) Galley. He died January 10,

1900. Philip Galley was born in the eastern part of the State, and his wife was born in Lancaster county, Pa. Philip Galley was a weaver by occupation, and understood the throw of the shuttle to perfection. He removed to this county in 1778, and located in Tyrone township, where he purchased one hundred acres of land, upon which he devoted all his time and labor, having in great measure abandoned the loom. His wife, Magdalene, was a most estimable lady, who proved to be a helpmeet to him indeed. They both lived to a ripe old age, he reaching his seventy-eight year. They were both of German ancestry, his wife a daughter of one of the first settlers of the township. Philip was a worthy man, honest and upright in his intercourse with his fellow citizens. In all his dealings with business men in connection with his nursery (he was engaged quite extensively in raising fruit trees), he was conscientious, square and upright. His family numbered eleven children, all of whom are deceased. Jonathan Galley was reared in Fayette county and educated in the subscription schools. He always confined himself to agricultural pursuits. In early life he engaged in the nursery business, as his father did before him. But his active brain needed a wider field, and his strong arm a heavier implement than that wielded by the nurseryman. His first purchase was a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, to which he subsequently added one hundred and twelve more, all of which were in German township. To say that Mr. Galley was a good farmer would be putting it too mildly. His farm has been always looked upon as one of the model farms of the township; his fields clear, his crops abundant, and his stock unsurpassed. It was rich in coal, and seventy acres of it were sold to coal operators. Mr. Galley had the entire confidence

of his fellow citizens, and efficiently filled the offices of school director, supervisor and tax collector. On October 29, 1836, he married Miss Ann, a daughter of Jacob Johnson. To this union the following children were born: Nancy, Catherine, Susanna, Joseph (who died in 1888), Mary M., Sarah, Malinda, Eliza, Elizabeth and Jacob. Mrs. Anna Galley was born in Menallen township January 26, 1815. The family are members of the German Baptist church.

HUGHES DEFFENBAUGH is an active farmer of promise, residing near McClellandtown, German township, where he was born August 29, 1855. His great-grandfather was Conrad Deffenbaugh, a native of Germany, who in early life emigrated to this country and after some time spent in the East removed to this county. He married Miss Margaret Riffle, and they endured all the hardships and privations incident to the life of the pioneer. They reared a family of seven children. Jacob Deffenbaugh (grandfather) was born in this county in 1776. Jacob was a blacksmith by trade and a genius at his trade. He made axles, chains and other useful articles, which he shipped on the river to various points. He was counted a first class mechanic in his time. He purchased three farms of one hundred acres each, which he worked. In this way he accumulated a nice fortune before his death. He married Miss Eva Everly, by whom he had eleven children, two of them are living: Mrs. J. Coffman and Conrad J. Politically Jacob was a Whig; religiously a Presbyterian. He died in 1854, his wife in 1866. His son, Conrad J. Deffenbaugh (father), was born in German township, September 26, 1810, where he has since resided following the vocation of farmer, at which he has been eminently successful. He inherited



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from his father his farm of one hundred and six acres, who inherited it from his father. It is under good cultivation and abounds in coal and gas. Mr. Deffenbaugh has the full confidence and respect of the community and has served his native township in various offices. He has cast his lot with the Republican party, whose platform has sustained him politically through his uneventful but useful life. In faith he is a Presbyterian. He was twice married, first to Miss Lydia Hertzog, June 18, 1835. She was born April 23, 1814, died February 9, 1836, after nine months of wedded life. For his second wife he married Miss Jane Kendall, September 23, 1841. She was born May 19, 1820, and died October 27, 1883. To this union three children were born: William, September 28, 1843, died July 24, 1844; Ann E., born April 24, 1846, died Jan. 11, 1850, and Hughes. Conrad Deffenbaugh is in his ninety-first year and a robust man. Hughes Deffenbaugh, the subject of this sketch, is the only surviving child of his father's family; he is a worthy man of sterling qualities and conducts the farming on the old homestead. He was married to Miss Mollie, daughter of James and Catherine Vander-slice, in 1888. To this union have been born two children: Kate, born in 1889, and Alice, in 1891.

JOHN COFFMAN is a well-known and worthy farmer residing near McClellandtown, German township, where he was born February 20, 1822. He is the grandson of Andrew and Mary (Hare) Coffman, and a son of David and Mary (Hostetler) Coffman. Andrew was of German ancestry. He removed from Lancaster county, Pa., where he was born, to Fayette county, Pa., about 1799. He located in German township, where he purchased three hundred acres, to which he

subsequently added two hundred more. This property is still in the possession of his offspring, and upon some of this land the subject of this sketch now resides. Andrew Coffman was an active, prosperous and progressive farmer for his day; a man whose influence was sought and felt in his neighborhood. He did not dabble in politics, but his influence and vote were cast with and for the Whig party. Religiously he was a Mennonite. He was born in 1750, and his wife in 1751; her birth place is not known. He died about 1836, aged eighty-six years, and his wife in 1838, aged eighty-seven years. David Coffman was the son of the above-mentioned Andrew Coffman, who was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and was born June 21, 1792. His wife, Mary Hostetler, was a native of Shepherdstown, Va., and was born in 1792. David Coffman was about eight years of age when he came with his father to this county. He lived with his father up to his marriage with Mary Hostetler in 1819. David Coffman was not a scholarly man, viewed from a nineteenth century standpoint, but he had a large fund of common sense, with a good supply of mother wit, which stood by him instead of book learning. He was a man for whom nature had done much; a man who always took advantage of every opportunity to inform himself of current topics. He was a practical farmer and a live business man; he was an honest, upright, industrious man, whose word was as good as his bond. In politics he was an Old Line Whig, and upon the formation of the Republican party espoused its doctrine. He and his wife were faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian church. He died October 15, 1867, aged seventy-five years, and his wife's death occurred April 18, 1883, aged ninety-one years. Their family

numbered eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity and six are now living. John Coffman, like his worthy ancestors, has confined himself to the cultivation of the soil, at which he has proved himself an adept. He owns one hundred and thirty-six acres of valuable land, now in a high state of cultivation, and which has become so under his personal care and management. He is a Republican in politics and has held some of the township offices. In the month of October, 1846, he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Deffenbaugh, and they have six children: Ann, George, Jacob D., Jane, Ellen and Martha. Mrs. Elizabeth Coffman was born in German township, May 29, 1819, and died April 17, 1900. Mr. Coffman is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

WILLIAM H. COFFMAN is a prosperous and one of the well-known farmers of German township, where he first saw the light of day, February 17, 1820. He is a son of David and Mary (Hostetler) Coffman. (See sketch of John Coffman). William H. Coffman, like his progenitors, always followed agricultural pursuits, and like them has been pre-eminently successful. His farm of one hundred and eleven acres, his commodious and finely kept buildings, his superior and well-bred stock, all tell to the passer-by that the owner of the place is a man who is up-to-date in his chosen vocation. His farming is of a general character and his produce finds ready market. Mr. Coffman was twice married, first to Miss Elizabeth Willard, October 26, 1843. To this union were born six children: Calvin S., Harriet A., David L., Amanda F., Mary E. and William H. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Coffman was born August 7, 1823, and died November 16, 1857. For his second wife he married Miss Eliza B., daughter of Isaac Core, April 21,

1859. They had one child, Jennie T. G., now deceased. Mrs. Eliza B. Coffman was born May 19, 1832. They are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Isaac Core was a very prominent business man and served two terms as county commissioner. He married Jane French, to whom eight children were born, and five of whom are living. Isaac Core died February 4, 1861, and his wife, Jane Core, April 9, 1878, aged eighty-two years.

GEORGE POUNDSTONE, the first of that name to locate in this county, was a native of Germany. His wife was Betsey Baker, also a native of the same country. They emigrated to this country and settled in German township about 1746. The number of their children is not known, but they had a son, George (2d), who was born in what is now the above-named township, where he became an influential man. He owned about six hundred acres of land in the township, and was one of the founders of the Lutheran church in the county, and its main support. His wife was Mary Messmore, a native of Switzerland. Their family numbered eight children, all of whom grew to maturity. George Poundstone (2d) drove the first team across the then almost impassable mountain and afterwards followed teaming more or less the rest of his life, his points of destination being Cumberland, Baltimore, Philadelphia, etc. He lived to be seventy-seven years of age and died in 1843. He had a son, George Poundstone (3d), who was born in the same township (in which his father first saw the light of day) September 13, 1801. He married Susan Stumm in 1836 and the issue of this happy union was six children: Mary (deceased), Elizabeth, Mrs. Margaret Long, John M. (deceased), Catherine (deceased) and

Mrs. Hannah M. Campbell. Mrs. Susan Poundstone was born in Chambersburg, Pa., August 6, 1806. George Poundstone (3d) was a prosperous farmer all his life, and owned a large estate which he handled with profit. His farming was of the highest type and his crops always had a ready sale. Mr. Poundstone was an honorable man, one who followed the teachings of Scripture and obeyed the principles of the Golden Rule. He was honored with many of the township offices. Politically he was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. They left a good farm of one hundred and six acres well underlaid with coal and gas. There is a rich gas well on the place by which the house is well supplied with light and heat. Mrs. Hannah M. Campbell and Elizabeth Poundstone, her sister, daughters of the late George Poundstone, are living on the old homestead and are most worthy and estimable ladies. Samuel Campbell, husband of Hannah M. (Poundstone) Campbell, was born and reared in Perryopolis, Perry township, his birth occurring August 4, 1840. He is a son of William and Mary Campbell, the former born in Ohio, and the latter in this county. William Campbell was the son of another William whose history is not known. William, the father of Samuel Campbell, removed to Perry township early in life, when he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was a prosperous and successful farmer and held several township offices. Religiously he was a Quaker; politically a Republican. He died at the age of eighty, and his wife at seventy-five years. Their family numbered ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and of whom four are now living in this county, Samuel, Joseph, Clark V., and Ruth Henderson.

JOHN D. RIDER, the subject of this sketch, is one of German township's worthy and oldest citizens. He was born in German township, December 13, 1817, and is of good German ancestry, his great-grandfather being an emigrant from Germany. Christopher Rider, the son of the emigrant whose name is not known, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and in early life removed to Washington county, Pa. He was a hard worker and an economical man who saved what he made and made much. He lived to be seventy years of age, reared a large family, and his wife's name was Mary. Michael Rider (father of John D., the subject of this sketch) was born in Washington county. In early life he was married to Miss Barbara Deffenbaugh, after which he removed to this county, locating on the Lutheran church farm where he lived a few years and at which place he lost his first wife, who left six children. Subsequently he purchased a farm on the South branch of Brown's run, where he remained until he died in 1876 in his eighty-second year. For his second wife he married Sarah Murray, who died in 1883, and by whom he had twelve children. He was a Lutheran in religious faith and in politics a Democrat. John D. Rider was reared and educated in his native township, and has always shown a decided preference for agricultural pursuits. He remained at home longer than many young men of his or succeeding days, for he reached his twenty-eighth year before he married. He wedded Miss Amanda Franks, November 13, 1845. He made his first purchase of real estate in 1849 when he bought a farm of one hundred and one acres, and on this he made many improvements, not only in the cultivation of the soil and the erection of buildings, but in beautifying the grounds which showed his taste and genius. In 1852 he built

a saw mill, which he operated for thirty years, its propelling power being water. He has a gas well on his farm twelve hundred feet deep with a pressure of six hundred pounds. Mr. Rider is a Democrat in politics and has held many important offices, being justice of the peace, which office he has filled honorably for fifteen years. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rider four children: Simon P., September 21, 1846; Sarah E., March 9, 1852; Martha J., April 6, 1856; and John, born May 23, 1860. Mrs. Amanda Rider was born in German township May 8, 1824. Mrs. Rider's father was Michael, the son of Jacob and Barbara (Brandenburg) Franks, a native of Germany. Jacob Franks located at High House and was one of the pioneers of the township. He owned four valuable farms, and reared seven children. Michael Franks had a farm of one hundred and eighty acres and was a well-to-do farmer. The family of Michael Franks consisted of seven children, and his wife's name was Elizabeth Riffle.

JOHN HENRY POUNDSTONE is a progressive farmer residing in German township, and is the great-grandson of George Poundstone, whose father came from Germany and located in Lancaster county, Pa. His son, George (2d), removed to Fayette county prior to the Revolutionary war, and is counted one of the early settlers in what is now German township. He was a very enterprising man, a good farmer, as farming went in those days. He was the first settler who managed to drive a two-horse team across the mountains. He followed teaming for several years in conjunction with farming, but in his advanced life he abandoned the "road" altogether, and devoted his entire time to farming. His farm comprised about one thousand acres. For a time he was extensively en-

gaged in distilling peach and apple brandy. Mr. Poundstone was a friendly and hospitable man, and a fine conversationalist. He married Susanna Messmore, who bore him eight children, all of whom grew to maturity. Jacob was the son of George (2d), and was born in this county April 10, 1795. Jacob Poundstone was a cooper by occupation, a trade which he followed for a number of years. He inherited from his father a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, and conducted it in a masterly way. He was a good, moral, upright man, and became a member of the Lutheran church. Politically he was a Whig. His wife, Mahala Core, was born in German township, May 5, 1809. They were married September 27, 1827, and their family numbered seven children: John H., born March 19, 1829; Susan, born December 28, 1833; Eliza, born December 25, 1836, died November 5, 1872; Sarah, born May 29, 1839; Jacob, April 9, 1844; Margaret C., June 26, 1846; Zachariah T., November 7, 1848. Jacob Poundstone died December 15, 1868, aged seventy-four years, and his wife, Mahala, died October 24, 1872. John Henry Poundstone, the eldest son of the above mentioned couple, was born, reared and educated in German township. In early life he followed the carpenter trade for several years in conjunction with his farming. He purchased his first farm in German township in 1872, containing ninety acres. To this he added one hundred and twenty acres more. His sons are now attending to his farming interests and he and his wife reside at Balsinger. Mr. Poundstone is a progressive farmer and understands his business. Politically he is a Republican. He has been honored by his fellow citizens with the offices of tax collector and supervisor. On November 10, 1853, he was joined in marriage to

Miss Nancy L. Coffman. To this union the following children were born: Andrew J., born January 5, 1855; James S. (deceased), born July 27, 1856; Ewing B., June 27, 1859; and David W., May 9, 1863. Mrs. Nancy L. Poundstone was born in German township, November 7, 1832.

DAVID NEWCOMER, a resident farmer and respected citizen of German township, is a descendant of one of the old pioneers of Fayette county. Ulrich Neukomer, his ancestor, was a native of Teutonic, Switzerland. (The spelling of the family name was changed in the third generation.) Ulrich was born in 1730, and was reared and educated in his native country. He emigrated to this country about 1755; located in Lancaster county, Pa. His wife died on ship board, and her name has not been learned. For his second wife he married Magdalene Baumgartner. The issue of this union were four sons and two daughters: Christian, Jacob, Abram, John, Elizabeth and Barbara. Ulrich was a strong adherent of the Mennonite faith. He lived to a ripe old age. Jacob, second son of Ulrich, was born in York county, Pa., March 29, 1765. He was a miller by occupation. He married Mary Newcomer, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who was born April 3, 1776. Jacob Newcomer with his family removed west of the mountains in 1808, locating near Masontown, this county, where he remained until his death on October 8, 1820, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Mary, survived him twenty-two years, and died April 13, 1842. Their family of children consisted of Elizabeth, Susannah, Mary, Jacob, John, Uriah, Abram, Nancy and Martha. Jacob Newcomer, son of Jacob of the second generation, was born in York county, Pa., October 8, 1804, and when four years of age

removed with his father to this county in 1808. He was a practical man, a good farmer, and held some of the offices of the township with honor. He began life with nothing, and in 1832 made his first purchase of a farm containing three hundred acres. This grew under his skilful hands to be a model farm. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, and a member and elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was joined in marriage to Miss Nancy, daughter of Mathias Lecron, March 26, 1826. Mrs. Nancy Newcomer was born November 16, 1805, and died in 1885, aged eighty years. Jacob Newcomer died December 26, 1866, aged sixty-two years. Their family consisted of the following children: Mary, David, John H., Jacob, Lydia, Catherine, Elizabeth, Nancy, Wm. L., Susannah, Joseph and Martha. David Newcomer, the subject of this sketch, was born in German township, this county, September 13, 1829. He was reared and educated in his native township, and always has pursued farming as the most honorable and independent vocation in life. He owns and operates the farm upon which he was born and reared. It can be truthfully said of our subject that no man in his township is more worthy of the entire confidence of his fellow citizens and none share it more fully than he. His farm of one hundred and seventy acres abounds in coal and gas, but the latter is not developed much as yet. In politics he is a Democrat. He served his county as commissioner from 1871 to 1874, and declined a re-election, which from his popularity would have been a sweeping victory. Because of some local trouble, and because of his sterling qualities, the court appointed him supervisor in 1897. In religious faith he is a Cumberland Presbyterian. On Sept. 13, 1855, he was joined in marriage to Martha L., daughter of

Peter Hager. Mr. Newcomer sustained a great loss in the death of his wife March 3, 1857. They had no children.

GEORGE I. CRUSE is an industrious farmer residing in the Core district in German township, and is the grandson of William Cruse, who was one of the first of the name to locate in this county. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and did active service in defence of his country and her independence. He was a large land owner in his day, and a man of influence and worth. After peace was restored, he returned to pastoral pursuits and died at a ripe old age. His son William was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and after his marriage to Miss Christina Bricker, he removed to this county. He was a shoemaker by trade, and owned a small place in Springhill township, where he resided. He was a good moral man and worthy of the people's confidence. He died in 1848; his wife died in 1885, aged eighty-five years. Their family consisted of eleven children: John, Peter, William, Owen, George I., Catherine, Mary A., Elizabeth, Sarah, Ann M. and Charlotte. George I. Cruse is the youngest of the family and was born in Springhill township, November 14, 1844. He received his education in the common schools of this county. In early life he was poor, and worked by the day. On reaching his majority, he married Miss Annie, daughter of G. H. Core, February 6, 1865. After his marriage he worked farms for others, sometimes renting, and at other times on "shares," until finally, by thrift and economy he saved enough to purchase his present farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres, known as the Core farm. Mr. Cruse is a live man in every respect, and a model farmer. He has held several township offi-

ces, among them being that of supervisor. Mr. and Mrs. Cruse have a very interesting family of children. They are as follows: Mary J., born May 10, 1867; Emma A., born March 22, 1871; John C., born August 13, 1873; Lizzie O., born July 31, 1875; Annie A., born October 31, 1877. John and Annie are teaching school; Emma A. is an artist of some merit. They are all members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. A. Cruse is an estimable woman and was born October 9, 1847.

JAMES M. NEWCOMER, a prosperous farmer of German township, is a son of David and Abigail (Sesler) Newcomer, both of whom were born in this county. David was the son of John Newcomer, who was a descendant of Uriah Neukomer, the first of that name to come to America (see sketch of David Newcomer). John possessed the property now owned by his grandson, James M. Newcomer, where he lived a peaceful and prosperous life, surrounded by his well-trained and respectful children. John was honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men. His farm was large and well under cultivation. He was married twice. By his first wife he had eight children. By his second marriage there were no children. He died July 12, 1842. His wife's death occurred March 20, 1832. His son David was born in German township, where he lived until his death on May 16, 1869. There were born to David and Abigail Newcomer eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity. David was an industrious man, and worked his farm of two hundred and thirty acres in such a manner as to make it profitable. His farming consisted of grain growing and stock raising. In politics he was a Republican; in religious faith a German Bap-

tist. James M. Newcomer, his son, was born on the same farm upon which his father was born, on April 6, 1842. In the same township he received his early training and education, and upon the same property he continues to labor and live. He was joined in marriage to Annie J., daughter of Joseph and Mary Johnson, July 3, 1873. To this union seven children have been born, six of whom are living: Ewing J., Joseph L., Mary J., Nancy Belle, David R., Sadie C. (deceased), and James Carman. Mrs. Annie J. Newcomer was born in South Union township April 8, 1851. The family are members of the German Baptist church, in which Mr. Newcomer is a deacon. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH ROCKWELL is one of the old and reliable citizens of German township. He was born January 9, 1811, and is a son of Joshua and Mary (Mathias) Rockwell. The former was born in England; the latter in Connecticut. Joshua Rockwell came to America when he was about nine years of age in company with his parents, Asa and Mary (Rutledge) Rockwell, who were also natives of England. Asa located in Maryland, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, as overseer on a large plantation. Some years later he removed to this county, locating in Menallen township. He afterwards removed to Greene county, Pennsylvania, but lived there but a short time when he returned to Fayette county, where he remained until his death. His son Joshua remained at home until he reached his majority. He was engaged as a day laborer all his life, and never accumulated any real estate. He was born in 1778 and died in 1862, aged eighty-four years, and his wife, Mary, was born in 1773 and died in 1875, aged one hundred and two years. Their

children were as follows: Jesse, Joseph, Ruth, Asa M., Elijah, George, Joshua, William, James and Caleb. Joseph, the subject of this sketch, was born, reared and educated in German township, and also spent some time at Carmichaels' academy. He served his time in learning the blacksmith's trade, which he afterwards followed for thirty-five years. After the expiration of his apprenticeship, he purchased his present farm of ninety-two acres, upon which he erected a shop in which he labored for the above stated time. Mr. Rockwell was a first-class mechanic and commanded an extensive patronage. He began with nothing, but by hard pounding on the anvil he forged out for himself and family a beautiful and comfortable home, which he sold January 23, 1900, to Allen McCoombs and will remove to York county, Nebraska. Now, in his retired life, he enjoys the full confidence of his fellowmen. He is a Republican in politics. His party has elected him to various offices (tax collector, three terms; school director, three years, and supervisor for three terms, besides other minor offices). In religious belief Mr. Rockwell is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. On March 22, 1838, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Catherine, daughter of Jacob Johnson. The children born to this marriage were as follows: Jacob (deceased); Sarah (deceased); Susanna (deceased); Martha, Margaret, Malinda (deceased); Catherine (deceased); Joseph, Wm. Thomas, Mary (deceased) and Elizabeth. Mrs. Catherine Rockwell was a native of Fayette county, and died in 1874. Mr. Rockwell lived for sixty-eight years on his German township farm, and has twenty-five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. His grandchildren are as follows: born to Martha, six; Jacob, two; Mary, three; Margaret, two; Sarah, four;

Joseph, two, and Thomas, six. Of the great-grandchildren, in Jacob's family is one; Mary's, four; Margaret's, two; Sarah's, two; and Joseph's, three.

JOHN DUNAWAY COFFMAN is a respectable and honored farmer residing in German township. He was born April 4, 1827, and is a descendant of an old family, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of Western Pennsylvania. His parents were Andrew and Mary (Dunaway) Coffman, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who was born in 1790, and the latter a native of Virginia where she was born in 1800. Andrew Coffman was a successful farmer, owning four hundred acres of land. He was a worthy, upright and moral man, whose word was as good as his bond. He died from the effects of a fall in 1865. His wife died subsequently. They were both members of the Lutheran church. Their family numbered ten children, eight of whom are living (see sketch of John Coffman). John D. Coffman is the third in order of age of his father's children. He is a successful farmer in every respect. In 1851 he purchased from his father his present farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. While his farming is not confined to any special line, yet his produce is always marketable and in good demand. He was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah Riffle, December 24, 1850. To this union were born twelve children, six of whom are living: Hulda, Mary M., Andrew J., David H., Elizabeth and Albert J. Mrs. Sarah Coffman was born in Nicholson township in 1832. The family are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Coffman is an elder. Mr. Coff-

man is a Democrat politically but has never held nor been a candidate for office.

JESSE EVANS McWILLIAMS is a well known and prominent farmer residing upon a beautiful, picturesque and well watered farm, cultivated in the highest and most modern degree, situated upon the Monongahela river. The paternal grandfather of Jesse E. was John McWilliams, born in America, but of Scotch-Irish descent. Early in the history of the township he settled near McClellandtown, where he owned a large tract of land, comprising over four hundred and sixty acres. He was a quiet, inoffensive man, but positive in his convictions, authoritative in his commands, and looked for their execution instantly. He married Miss Ann Wilson, by whom he had nine children. He married for his second wife, Miss Mary Huston, who bore him one child, which is now living at an advanced age. John McWilliams was a Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious faith. Samuel G. McWilliams, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born near McClellandtown, this county, June 20, 1793. He always carried on his agricultural pursuits with success. He possessed most of his father's property. His success was accomplished by good judgment and foresight, tact and energy, but his early death caused an embarrassment in his affairs, and most of his property was lost. His wife, however, retained her hold of part of it, and kept her children together until they were able to care for themselves, sending them out into the world with a fair education, a sound constitution and clear principles of morality instilled into their minds. Samuel G. married Miss Sarah, daughter of John and Mary Huston in 1813. To this union there were born: John (deceased), Izerd (deceased), Israel (de-

ceased), Samuel K., Ellazanna, Jesse E. and James B. (deceased). Samuel K. died in 1833, aged forty years. His wife, Sarah, died in 1884, aged eighty-one years. Jesse E. McWilliams was born in German township, in 1829. He commenced his education at the Merrittstown academy, and later he entered Jefferson and Washington college, where he finished his education. After leaving college, he taught school for six years. He next turned his attention to the mercantile business, which he established at East Riverside, and where he remained for six years, and had the first store in the place. In this enterprise he was successful, being naturally adapted to the work. Leaving the mercantile business in 1861, he turned his attention to buying and selling stock. He shipped to Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago and other points in Illinois, and to some markets in Iowa. This business he followed successfully for thirty years. In 1868 he purchased his first farm of two hundred acres, to which he subsequently added one hundred and twelve acres more, and again a small coal field of twelve acres; in fact, all his lands are extensively underlaid with coal, some of which was subsequently sold. His farming is on a large scale, and runs much to stock raising. He raises fifty head of cattle per year, which he feeds, fattens and markets at a large profit. Mr. McWilliams is a staunch Democrat and has been elected, not only by his own party, but by both parties, because of his popularity and fitness, to the offices of school director and tax collector, the latter of which he held for two terms. Religiously, Mr. McWilliams is a Presbyterian. On July 29, 1857, he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Nancy Crow. To this union the following children were born: George,

Louis (deceased), Harry (deceased), Emma (deceased) and Edward. Mrs. Elizabeth McWilliams was born in this county in 1828.

THOMAS ASBURY HOOVER is a prominent and progressive farmer, residing in a commodious home near the banks of the historic Monongahela river in German township, and is a descendant of a respectable and worthy family. His paternal grandfather was Henry Hoover, who was born October 26, 1788. His wife, Sarah (Harrison) Hoover, was born in German township. After their marriage they settled on the property now occupied by their grandson, Thomas A. Hoover. They at first owned thirty acres of land. Henry was a very industrious man, humorous and jovial, and extremely hospitable. They were the parents of nine children. Henry died April 4, 1844, and his wife, Sarah, on April 4, 1837. The maternal grandparents were James and Catherine Beard, who were natives of Ireland, and worthy people. They came to this country about 1780. Mr. Beard was a prominent figure in the completion of the National Road. Thomas A. Hoover is a son of Jacob H. and Catherine A (Beard) Hoover, the former born in German township April 13, 1813, and the latter in the same township on October 29, 1817. Jacob Hoover was a wagoner on the National Road for twenty years. He purchased his first farm of thirty acres in German township, to which he added two hundred acres more at different times. This he worked extensively, but at the same time kept his team going occasionally on the "Pike." Jacob Hoover was a hard working man, sober, honest and upright. Physically, he was a strong man. He was a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church. He was joined in marriage to Miss Catherine

A. Beard, March 15, 1840. Mrs. Hoover is a womanly woman, stocked with an abundance of common sense. Mrs. Hoover so instilled into the minds of her children good principles and pure morals, as to stamp them on their after life. After the death of her husband, Jacob Hoover, March 4, 1854, at the age of forty-one years, she succeeded in keeping her property, maintained, educated and trained her children, and added much to the value and volume of the property. She is a woman of sweet temper, a loving disposition and a pure Christian spirit. She is in possession of those sterling qualities which endear her, not only to her own family, but to all who know her. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. The children born to her are as follows: Sarah E., was born May 14, 1841, and died October 31, 1899; James H., born September 15, 1843; Jesse V., born December 25, 1845; Thomas A., born January 31, 1849, and Margaret J., February 17, 1851, died December 2, 1858. Mrs. Catherine Hoover still survives at the age of eighty-three years. Thomas A. Hoover, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in German township. He always followed farming, and has confined himself to the farm which his father owned. He is a wide-awake farmer, and keeps abreast of the times, a man well informed and a practical farmer. His farming is of the mixed kind, i. e., he does not confine himself to any special line. He served his township as tax collector a number of years ago, is again fulfilling the duties of that office and has held other offices. Politically he is a Democrat. Religiously, he leans toward the Presbyterian church. His farm is underlaid with an abundance of gas and coal. In 1894 there was an oil well sunk on his farm, which for a time yielded twenty barrels per day. Since,

it has ceased to flow, and has been allowed to run down. Mr. Hoover is speculating in coal fields, and still retains the coal on his farm.

JASPER MARION BICE is a farmer residing near Masontown in German township, on a neatly kept farm of fifty acres. He was born on the adjoining farm, April 13, 1862. His paternal grandfather was Stephen Bice, a native of New Jersey. He removed some time in early life to Virginia, where he engaged in farming, but while a young man he came to Nicholson township where he married Miss Mary Sterling. He then returned to Virginia, where he purchased a farm and there remained some few years. In 1830 he returned to Fayette county, locating in German township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres, also buying another subsequently in Nicholson township, of fifty acres. These he operated to advantage all his life-time and was considered one of the best farmers and the wealthiest man of his day in his township. His family consisted of five children, four of whom grew to maturity. Mr. Bice was a Democrat in politics. His wife died in 1855, aged seventy years and he died four years later aged eighty-two years. Thomas A. Bice, father of Jasper M. and son of Stephen, came with the latter to this county when he was eight years of age. He was born in Virginia in 1822, as was also his wife Phidilla Bice, May 2, 1834. He inherited from his father ninety acres of land on which he lived, and which was situated in German township near Masontown. Thomas A. Bice was a sober, honest, upright, conscientious man of good moral character and superior business qualities. He had the misfortune when a child to meet with an accident which crippled him for life and which incapacitated him for general work in

a great measure. He was a Democrat politically; religiously a Cumberland Presbyterian. He was honored by his fellow citizens in the bestowal of several of the township offices which he filled with satisfaction to his constituents. His marriage occurred on January 17, 1854. This couple were the parents of five children: Stephen, Jasper Marion, Mary and Elmira, deceased, and James T. Thomas A. Bice died in 1876 aged fifty-five years; his wife died in 1892, August 13, aged fifty-eight years. Jasper Marion Bice was reared and educated in German township in the common schools. In his early life he was engaged in various pursuits but has finally settled down to farming. His present farm is part of the old homestead which was purchased by his grandfather. Mr. Bice is a good citizen and a practical farmer. On August 12, 1885, he was joined in marriage to Miss Leah M., daughter of Moral and Mary E. Bice. To this union five children were born, three dying in infancy. Those living are: Mary, born June 12, 1891, and Jasper M., born July 19, 1895. Mrs. Leah Bice was born July 17, 1866. Mr. Bice is a member of Colfax Lodge, No. 565, I. O. O. F. He has been through all the chairs and has served as representative to the Grand Lodge of the State.

DORCAS ROSS is an estimable maiden lady residing near Masontown, this county, on a farm which has come down to her from her ancestors. She is thoroughly conversant with all the secrets of agriculture and superintends her own farm. She was born January 3, 1827, where she now resides and where she has always remained. Her great-grandfather was Robert Ross and his wife was Dorcas (Andrews) Ross. He came from

Ireland many years previous to the Revolutionary war, settling near Masontown and owned most of the land in what is now German township. He reared six children: Robert, Moses, Joseph, John, Hananiah, and Warwick. He died at the age of ninety. Her grandfather was named Robert also, and was born in Ireland and came to this country with his father. His wife's name was Dorcas Slarse. He was quite a speculator and an energetic man in business affairs; he was an extensive land owner, his tract embracing nine hundred acres. He was commissioned captain and served in the war of 1812. He and his wife lived to be advanced in years after rearing a family consisting of: Nancy, Jane, Joseph, John. Her father was John Ross, born on the farm now occupied by his daughter. He was a stirring business man and was wealthy for his day. He was an extensive boat builder, running them to various towns on the Monongahela river where he disposed of them, and owned a large farm which he operated. He was largely interested in stock which he drove over the mountains to the various markets south and east. In 1817 he married Elizabeth Wall and their family numbered nine children: Caroline, Hananiah, Exaveria, Alexander, Dorcas, Joseph, John, Moses and William; five of whom still live, Exaveria, Dorcas, Joseph, John and William. Joseph, William and Dorcas are living on the old homestead and all are single. John Ross died August 1, 1865, aged ninety-three years, and his wife Elizabeth, September 10, 1883, aged ninety-six years. The family is Presbyterian in religious faith.

THOMAS M. HARTLEY, a young and prosperous farmer and a resident of German township, was born in Monongahela township,

Greene county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1862. He is a son of Noah M. and Sarah (Morgan) Hartley, both natives of Greene county; the former born October 3, 1834, and the latter March 5, 1835. Noah M. Hartley is one of Greene county's successful farmers, a man prominent in agricultural circles, and whose counsel is sought for and relied upon by many of his fellow citizens. He owns five hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in Greene county, and one farm in Fayette county. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and upholds with his voice and vote the principles of his party's platform. His family consists of seven children: Oscar F., Thomas M., Josephus L., John M., Sarah M., Rebecca E. and Edgar M. (deceased). Mr. Hartley and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and are worthy people, who enjoy the full confidence of their neighbors. Mr. Noah M. Hartley has held several township offices with honor, and filled them in a creditable manner. He and his wife are now enjoying life at the ages of sixty-five and sixty-four respectively. Thomas H. Hartley is the second child in order of age of his family. He was reared in Greene county, where he also received his education in the common schools. He has chosen for his vocation in life, that of a farmer. He has, however, followed other side issues; at one time he was extensively engaged in the quarrying of flag stones, at which he was successful not only from a mechanical, but also from a financial point of view. While Mr. Hartley is comparatively a young man, yet he is up-to-date as a farmer, and also a general business man. He has proved a great source of convenience to his neighbors in acting as nursery agent for them, from and through whom they can get stock upon which they can rely. He has held several

township offices, such as school director, supervisor, etc. On January 5, 1881, he was joined in marriage to Miss Cora E., daughter of Jesse and Patience Herbert. To this union have been born four sons: Laurence W., born October 7, 1882; Minor L., April 6, 1885; Clyde T., November 30, 1888; Silas N., May 17, 1895. Mrs. Cora E. Hartley was born in Fayette county, February 16, 1861. Mr. Hartley owns a fine farm in Greene county, besides the one upon which he now resides, in Fayette county, consisting of one hundred and two acres. He removed from Greene to this county in 1882, and is counted by his neighbors as one of the progressive farmers of his township.

WILLIAM SILAS MOSER, farmer and coal speculator, is a young business man of German township. He was born in the above named township, December 9, 1865, and is a son of John S. and Eliza J. Moser, both natives of this county. The former was born in 1834, and the latter in 1835. John S. Moser was a farmer in German township, owning sixty acres. While he was not a large farmer, yet he was a prosperous one, raising as much on his sixty acres as some raised on twice the amount of land. He was an active Republican. He served two terms as tax collector, by appointment of the county commissioners. He was a member of Valley Lodge, No. 459, F. & A. M., and also of Colfax Lodge, No. 565, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His children were: A. E., Maggie M., Allen W., Ross, Wm. S., David R. (deceased), Amy A., wife of Porter A. McShane, and Jennie B. John S. Moser died September 26, 1893, aged fifty-nine. His wife's death occurred April 19, 1896. William S. Moser, the second son of John S. and Eliza J. Moser, was reared and educated

in the township in which he was born. In his younger days he followed agricultural pursuits, and lived at home until he reached his twenty-fourth year, at which time he was married to Miss Carrie J., daughter of Isaac and Mary F. Rider, September 26, 1889. To this union there were born two children: Wm. E., born August 15, 1892, and Carrie J., March 1, 1896. Mrs. Carrie J. Moser was born January 28, 1872. She died March 6, 1896. Politically, Mr. Moser is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Moser is an active business man, a keen sighted and far thinking man. He optioned about three thousand one hundred and sixty acres of coal land, of which he effected a sale, much to his own as well as to the advantage of the owners of the real estate. The sum of five hundred and seventy thousand dollars changed hands through this deal. The circulation of this money through the county was due to the business ability of Mr. Moser.

ALEXANDER MACK, president of the First National Bank and leading merchant of Masontown, Fayette county, Pa., was born in German township, Fayette county, Pa., March 18, 1834, of German descent. His father, Rev. Jacob Mack, was a grandson of Alexander Mack, the founder of the German Baptist denomination. His mother was a daughter of Joseph Longanecker and half sister of Jacob F. Longanecker, an early commissioner of Fayette county. He lived with and worked for his father until 1857 and attended the short terms of winter school, pursuing his studies during leisure hours in the summer time. In the fall of 1857 he underwent a rigorous examination conducted by Superintendent J. V. Gibbons, resulting in his receiving an enviable certificate which

was followed the next year by a professional one. He taught school winter and summer (one summer excepted) until April, 1865, when he and S. R. Provins, under the firm name of Mack & Provins, engaged in the mercantile business. In 1868 he bought Mr. Provins' interest and has been engaged in that business up to the present time. He married Miss Elmira Josephine, daughter of Jas. M. and Elizabeth Allebaugh. Her parents also, were of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Mack had one child, a daughter, C. Lenora, who married Wm. Sterling, to which union is left one daughter, Lilian. In religious denominational matters his sympathies are with the German Baptist church. In politics he is a Democrat from principle and not from a desire for office, for in this direction, except in his borough, he never asked for office and refused to seek nominations when election was assured. He was earnest in his efforts to make a borough out of Masontown and when decreed the court appointed him judge of the first election. He was elected a member of the council and so on year after year for eight years, when he refused a further nomination. Every new enterprise and business that tends to improve the interest and morals of the people has received his encouragement by influence, labor and means. The last of importance was the First National Bank of Masontown, which commenced business July 16, 1900, and of which he is president.

CHARLES WILLIAM WELTNER, of the firm of Weltner & Dunaway, of Fairchance borough, was born in German township, this county, September 24, 1854. He is a son of Jacob D. and the late Margaret E. (Gray) Weltner. The former is a native of Fayette, the latter of Greene county, Pa. Jacob D.

Weltner is a practical farmer, and a resident of Greene county, where he is highly respected. His wife died December 21, 1881. Their family consisted of seven children, five of whom are living: Chas. W., Minnie and Daisy (twins), Pearl and Eunice. William Gray, the maternal grandfather of Chas. W. Weltner, although of little education, yet abounded in natural genius, was deliberate in thought but quick in action. His first money was made by peddling from house to house. After he accumulated money enough to accomplish his object, he removed to Baltimore, Md., where he began to deal in live stock, and sold on commission. He remained in this business continuously and successfully up to September 9, 1885, when he died. About 1859 he started a distillery at Gray's landing (called after him), which he also carried on extensively till his death. During his life he owned about four hundred acres of land in Fayette and Greene counties, Pennsylvania, and Mason county, West Virginia. He was a man for whom nature did much, he was a self-made man, through and through. Chas. W. Weltner was reared in Greene county and educated in the common schools, West Virginia university, Washington-Jefferson college and at Bethany (W. Va.) college. After the expiration of his school days he entered the store of his maternal grandfather, William Gray, where he continued for twelve years. After his grandfather's death he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he prosecuted with marked success until 1895, at which time he removed to Fairchance. Having a thorough knowledge of the distilling business, which was obtained during the time he was employed in his grandfather's distillery, he and A. B. Dunaway purchased an outfit and property from D. J. Johnson, and began

the manufacture of pure rye whiskies. They are doing a good business in their line, with a capacity of their plant to turn out eight hundred barrels per annum. On June 23, 1880, Mr. Weltner was joined in marriage to Virginia, daughter of J. W. and Anna Horn. To this union two children have been born: Edwin Gray and Garnet Genevieve Weltner. Mrs. Weltner was born in Greensburg, Pa., September 29, 1858, her father having been a prominent merchant of that town. Mr. Weltner is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 459, F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 165, R. A. M., and Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, K. T. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and Junior O. U. A. M. Mr. Weltner is a Republican.

AUGUSTUS M. FREDERICK, proprietor of the "Fairchance Roller Mills," is a native of Allegany county, Md., and was born November 14, 1852. His parents are William and Annis (Shell) Frederick, natives respectively of Rappahanock county, Va., and Hardy (now Grant) county, W. Va. They removed to Fayette county in 1860, locating near Smithfield, where Mr. Frederick carried on the milling business. In 1888 they removed to Maryland, and now reside near Markleysburg, Pa. William Frederick was one of the best millers in Maryland, as well as in this county. His popularity was such that it enhanced his custom, and his work along the various lines of milling could not be surpassed. He was a Democrat, and a Baptist, and naturally a humanitarian. His family consisted of four children: Ella V., A. M., Maria and Wm. Augustus Frederick was eight years old when he came to this county with his parents, consequently he received his early training and education in the common schools of Fayette county, and finished at

Georges Creek academy. Being associated with his father so long he became conversant with milling in all of its branches, and is an expert at the business. In 1878 he left the association of his father and took charge of a mill in West Virginia, where he remained a few years, after which he returned to this county, where he has since resided. He worked in Uniontown one year. After that he took charge of the Cool Spring mill, where he stayed nine years. In 1895 he removed to Fairchance, where he purchased the mill property of N. Savage. This he has improved both within and without. He has equipped his plant with the latest improved milling machinery, and manufactures all kinds of flour except buckwheat. His establishment is known as the "Fairchance Roller Mills." He manufactures the highest grades of flour; his choice brands are "Kitchen Queen," and "Our Best Patent." Not only is Mr. Frederick a good miller, but a popular man among his townsmen. He is now serving as councilman of his borough. He was married to Ruth E., daughter of Warwick and Mary (Moore) Miller, February 8, 1872. They had six children, four of whom are living: Albert M., Eva P., Etta M., and Aaron W. Mrs. Frederick was born at Scarights, April 5, 1849. Albert, the second son, was only sixteen years old when he took charge of the "Star Mills" as head miller. Albert Frederick is the youngest head miller in the United States according to milling authorities. Mr. Frederick and wife are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Frederick is a Republican politically.

COL. JAMES ROBINSON, deceased, was a highly respected gentleman and one of the leading men of Fairchance, and had been for thirty years connected with the iron indus-

try, and a man in whom his employers put entire confidence. He was born in George's township, November 27, 1806, and was a son of John and Mary (McClain) Robinson. John Robinson was born near Carlisle in 1775, removed to Westmoreland county, and in 1780 came to Fayette county where he settled in Georges township. He was married to Miss Mary McClain in 1805; and to this union two children were born: James and Samuel. John McClain was a native of Scotland and came to Virginia in 1760, and afterwards settled on the Miami river near Dayton, Ohio. He was a strict Presbyterian. The Robinsons are of Irish extraction, the paternal grandfather having been born in that country. Col. James Robinson was reared in Georges township, and educated at the common schools, and in early life followed agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-eight he took charge of the Springhill store for J. K. Duncan. He afterwards superintended iron interests for him, but was soon employed by Mr. Oliphant as superintendent. Here he continued for thirty years. Col. Robinson was very popular with all his men as well as with his employer. He was a genius in his line of work and worked for the best interests of Mr. Oliphant, a fact which the latter did not forget but highly appreciated. He was far-sighted in his business transactions, another fact which made him invaluable to his employer. Mr. Robinson was twice married, first to Mrs. Catherine Saoams, of Allegheny county, Pa., January 27, 1857, to whom were born three children: Margaret A., John T. and Emma C., now deceased. Mr. Robinson next married Miss Lavinia, daughter of the late James and Jane (Phillips) Caldwell, of St. Joseph, Mo., February 13, 1865. To this union two chil-

dren were born, who died in infancy. Mr. Robinson was commissioned colonel of the State militia by Governor Wolf in 1830. Mr. Robinson was one of the first school directors in Georges township. He was for many years a director of the B. & O. R. R. from Uniontown to Connellsville, and also a director for a number of years of the Peoples Bank of Uniontown. Mr. Robinson was a great friend to the Presbyterian church. He was by nature a peace-maker, whose counsel was sought by many. He died April 11, 1891, universally regretted. His widow survives him. She was born in Smithfield, March 17, 1827, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GOODWIN is one of the leading farmers and self-made men of Fayette county. He is a resident of Georges township, and one of its model farmers. He was born in West Virginia (then Virginia), June 29, 1827, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Griffith) Goodwin. Joseph Goodwin was a farmer of very limited means, but honest and industrious, an inheritance which he passed down to his descendants. He removed from Virginia to Fayette county in 1832, and located near Smithfield, where he purchased a small place of a few acres and where he resided until his death in 1879. His wife, Margaret, died in the '60's. They were both worthy members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. They had ten children, six of whom grew to maturity, and two of whom survive. Two of their sons, Ambrose and Levi, gave their lives for the Union. Ambrose Goodwin was in the front at Pittsburg Landing and was never heard of after that great battle. Levi Goodwin was mortally wounded at Winchester during the final days of fighting around Richmond and died

in a hospital at Baltimore. Benjamin F. Goodwin was reared and educated in Virginia and Pennsylvania, and always followed agricultural pursuits. He began life with both hands empty, but with a strong determination to make life a success. He has well fulfilled his most sanguine expectations. He saw a large world before him with plenty of room at the front, therefore, with manly and rapid strides, he has taken a front position. He made his first purchase of one hundred and eighty-three acres of land in Georges township, where he now resides, in 1858. This he beautified in various ways. In after years he found that his first purchase was large enough for a garden spot, and bought eight hundred and sixty-eight acres more on which to raise farm produce. In 1894 he abandoned his old brick house for a modern structure of large and commodious dimensions, which he built and furnished in the same year. On November 3, 1857, he married Mary E., daughter of Robert and Asenath Britt, who bore him eight children, all of whom are now living: Asenath, Chas. R., Walter M., Clara, Britt, Frank P., Centennial and Nora B. Mrs. Benj. F. Goodwin was born in Fayette county in 1831, and passed from this life in 1894. She and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church, a relation he still sustains. He is a man respected for his honesty, activity and loyalty to his county, his home and his God.

ORNO VICTOR, deceased, was one of Fayette county's active and prosperous business men. He was born in Georges township August 18, 1821, where he lived and labored all his lifetime. He was a son of Joseph and Mary Victor, who were of Irish and Dutch parentage. Joseph Victor purchased the Lewis property, upon which was situated a



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(charcoal) was superior to but more expensively for some years, native ore being in abundance on his own farm to supply all demands of the furnace. This class of iron (charcoal) was superior to and more expensive than the coke iron which was subsequently manufactured at other points, hence the former was abandoned; this of course closed up Mr. Victor's furnace in 1838. Joseph Victor was quite an active man in his younger days and was extremely prosperous and popular. Politically he was Democratic; religiously he was a Roman Catholic. He died April 13, 1882. His son Otho succeeded him in his possessions, which were considerable, the land tract amounting to five hundred acres of good timber. While there was land enough to cultivate, yet Otho confined himself principally to lumbering and the burning of charcoal. Mr. Victor was an enterprising man, thoroughgoing in all his undertakings, a good, loyal citizen, an affectionate husband and a loving father. He married Miss Elizabeth Swaney, a native of Virginia, by whom he had fifteen children, thirteen of whom grew to maturity and twelve are now living: John S., Mary E., Eliza M., Lizzie, Joseph, Samuel S., Frances, Dora, Jacob, Jarrett, David and Anna. Mr. Otho Victor died March 21, 1877. His wife, who was born September 6, 1831, survives him and is a consistent member of the M. E. church. Samuel S. Victor is the seventh of his father's children in order of age; was born where his father was, on the same farm he now occupies by succession as his father did before him. He was born August 6, 1859. Here he was reared and educated and has lived and toiled almost all his life. He farms more extensively than his father and at the same time follows the lumber and timber trade to a great extent, his large tract of land furnish-

ing abundance of it. February 28, 1889, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of John S. and Mary A. Bell, of Washington county. They have two children, Bertha and John R., born respectively August 17, 1891, and September 9, 1894. Mrs. Samuel S. Victor was born in Washington county, November 28, 1864. She, with her husband, are members of the Baptist church. Politically Mr. Victor is in harmony with the Democratic party, and enjoys the full confidence of his fellow-citizens. His children are the fourth generation that has lived and labored on the same farm. The name of Victor is widely known and much respected over the entire county.

JOHN BREAKIRON, farmer, is a resident of Georges township and one of its worthy citizens. He was born in Nicholson township, this county, October 11, 1827. His parents were George and Hannah (Genoe) Breakiron. The former was a native of New York, the latter of New Jersey. They removed to Fayette county previous to their marriage and located in Nicholson township, where he resided and followed the vocation of forgerman. In after years he rented a farm on which he lived for a number of years. Subsequently, as he became old, and his life drew to a close he lived with his son Jacob in Georges township. Here he remained until his death, which occurred in 1878. His wife died some years previously. Their family consisted of ten children. John, the subject of this sketch, is the only surviving member of the family. He was reared and educated in Nicholson and Georges townships. At the age of fifteen he began to work for himself; he soon earned enough to purchase a threshing machine which he ran successfully for a number of years. In 1895, on account of failing health, he abandoned it and

now tries to content himself on a farm of ninety acres of fertile soil. He is not only a good man with a threshing machine, but he is also a practical farmer and a man in whom his neighbors trust. November 4, 1855, he was married to Miss Laverna, daughter of James and Maggie Ewing, to whom ten children were born, eight of whom grew to maturity and are still living: George W., William J., Ewing, John H., Armenta, Anabel, Charles and Magdalene. Mrs. Breakiron was born in Georges township September 4, 1837. She died January 27, 1898. In early life Mr. Breakiron and his wife united with the M. E. church to which they ever proved faithful.

DR. HENRY BERNARD MATHIOT (deceased).—There is no profession more sacred, nor calling more helpful; no vocation more holy than that filled by the conscientious physician. No tie among strangers is so strong as that which holds the patient and his physical adviser together. The doctor stands at the threshold of time to receive into being young manhood and womanhood; he accompanies them through all the ills they are heir to, and when they have acted their parts in the great drama of life he soothes them in their last hours and gently ushers them out into the great unknown. When we add to the calling of physician that of minister and combine them both in one man, how great the responsibility! How wonderful the achievements! How triumphant the effects! How lasting the results! It is with pleasure, therefore, that we record the life of one who has meritoriously filled both of the above-named offices with honor and distinction in the person of Dr. Henry Bernard Mathiot. He was born August 30, 1815, at Connellsville, Fayette county, Pa. His par-

ents were George and Ruth (Davies) Mathiot, natives of Maryland.

George Mathiot was the son of Jean Mathiot and Catherine Margaret, daughter of Hon. Jean James Bernard, mayor of Dampierre, France. They were married in 1753, and came to Lancaster, Pa., in 1754. They had three sons, Christian, John and George. George Mathiot was born October 13, 1759. He grew to manhood showing all the traits of a well-bred gentleman as well as the latent qualities of a soldier inherited from his paternal grandfather, who was a French officer and charged the priests at the massacre of St. Bartholomew with his soldiers that innocent bloodshed might be averted. In the dark days of English oppression on November 18, 1776, George Mathiot enlisted in the Continental army, fought bravely and well for freedom and liberty, and at the close of the victorious struggle was honorably discharged. He subsequently located at Elk Ridge Landing, Md., where on October 31, 1787, he was married to a beautiful and estimable Quakeress, Miss Ruth, daughter of Joshua and Ruth Davies, of Anne Arundel county, Md. In 1796 he removed to Connellsville and was one of the leading citizens of the place. He served for years as justice of the peace, was a leading and influential member of the M. E. church and prominent also in secular affairs until his death, which occurred April 4, 1840, aged eighty-one years. He was commissioned justice of the peace in 1800, and served until old age compelled him to relinquish his hold upon public services. There were eleven children born to George and Ruth Mathiot: Col. Jacob D., a large iron manufacturer and member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1833; Eliza, wife of Col. Davidson, who refused to surrender under Hull at Detroit in 1812; Catherine; Mary;

Hon. Joshua D., of Ohio, a member of congress in 1842, and a prominent lawyer; Cassandra; John; Susan; Ann M.; George F., and Dr. Henry B.

Dr. Henry B. Mathiot received his education in the common schools, and while yet a mere boy began the real battle of life. He served as a clerk with his brother Jacob D. at Ross iron works, faithfully and well, and developed that stuff out of which good men and true are made. He was remarkable for courage and self-reliance, traits of character which stood by him in his upward and onward course in life. In 1837 he removed to Ohio, where he read medicine under Dr. Anderson Brown until 1840, when he returned to his native county and began the practice of medicine in Smithfield as an undergraduate, which was the custom in those days. He graduated from Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, in 1852, and from that time up to his death he ranked at the head of his profession in his community. He was deliberate in his judgment, quick in his perception and sympathetic in a large degree. He was always pleasant and cheerful in the sick room—indeed nature fitted him for his profession. He was in love with it. His physical endurance was phenomenal. For twenty-five years his professional field embraced a territory that made an average travel of thirty miles per day, and this was done in the saddle. He answered all calls, night and day. On March 19, 1844, he was married to Miss Rebekah Ruth, daughter of Col. Thomas and Rebecca (Brown) Brownfield. They had ten children, four of whom are living: Caroline; Ida M. F., wife of Dr. Longanecker; Perie A., and Dr. E. B., a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, who was graduated from Jefferson Medical college in 1882, and practiced at West Newton, Pa., until 1888,

after which he attended the celebrated schools of medicine in Germany and France, that he might fit himself for the foremost place in his profession; this he has accomplished with marked ability, and is now enjoying a most enviable practice in the city of Pittsburg, Pa. Dr. H. B. Mathiot was closely connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. He was an elder of that aggressive body, was made deacon by Bishop Morris in 1859 and was ordained elder by Bishop Simpson in 1872 and was active in filling the various pulpits of his county. Not only Methodists sought his services, but other denominations. In politics he was a decided Republican. He was an easy, fluent and impressive speaker. His wife is a member of the Baptist church, a lady of refinement and culture, whose great care was the comfort of her husband and the happiness of her children. Her father, Col. Thomas Brownfield, was an officer of the United States in the war of 1812. He was an extensive tanner in connection with his agricultural pursuits. He served for many years as a justice of the peace, and his family numbered twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity. He died in 1840, and his wife in 1878. Thomas Brownfield was the son of Charles Brownfield, who was one of the pioneers of the county.

Mrs. Rebekah R. Mathiot is still living. Her husband passed from his arduous labors in this world to his rest beyond on February 24, 1894.

STEPHEN RICHARDS (deceased) was one of the active business men of his day, a man whose genius and enterprise put him head and shoulders above his associates in business, and had it not been for the hand of death laid upon him just as his clouds were

dispelling, time would have attested the truth of this statement. Stephen Richards was born in Winchester, Virginia, February 25, 1795. He was reared and educated in Georges township, having been brought to the county when one year old. His first wife, Ann, daughter of Nathan Brownfield, was born in 1809. To this union eight children were born, one of whom is William, now living in Galesburg, Ill., a prosperous attorney. Mr. Richards' first enterprise was the pottery business, about 1820. At this he succeeded. He took his ware by boat to New Orleans, where he made advantageous sales. This business he followed for several years, but finally abandoned it for the mercantile trade, in which he continued for fifteen years. At this time he removed to Pittsburg, where he established himself and was pre-eminently successful. In 1854 he returned to Smithfield, where he built a foundry, having previously purchased the right to manufacture the "Little Giant Crusher," a portable feed mill, but just on the eve of firing up the furnace, sickness interfered and the enterprise was abandoned, for he never recovered from the paralytic shock which he then received and which confined him to his room for seven years. He was an ardent advocate of anti-slavery, and with pleasure heard Dr. Mathiot read the President's Emancipation Proclamation and smiled as it was finished, too weak and helpless to make any other demonstration. He died peacefully a few days later, March 1, 1863. Politically he was a staunch Republican; religiously a Baptist. Socially he was pleasing, good company, a fine conversationalist; a man who knew how to receive a stranger or entertain a friend. He was a great peace-maker, a good counselor, and did all the legal writing for the neighborhood. His second wife was Mrs.

Hannah Lyons, whom he married September 27, 1842, and they had five children, one of whom, Dr. Clayton W., is now living. Mrs. Hannah Richards was born at Carlisle, Pa., in 1809, and is still enjoying good health. Dr. C. W. Richards received his early education in the common schools in Smithfield, after which he taught school for nine years and then entered Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, and from which he graduated March 4, 1878. His first practice was at West Union, W. Va., where he resided ten years. He then returned to Smithfield, where he has been successful in his chosen profession. The doctor was twice married; first to Miss Orpha, daughter of Benjamin F. Brown, August, 1876, to whom were born three children: Gross H., Benjamin F. and Belle. Mrs. Orpha Richards was born in Georges township in 1850. She died in 1894. His second wife was Miss Anna F., daughter of George and Catherine Armstrong, of West Virginia. Mrs. Anna Richards was born in West Virginia in 1863.

JEFFERSON N. SMILEY, residing in Georges township, where he was born August 2, 1859, and where he has always resided, is a practical and prosperous farmer. He is a son of James and Diana (Smith) Smiley. They were both born in the township of Georges, the former in 1817, the latter in 1818. James Smiley, a well-to-do farmer of moral and upright character, was respected by all who knew him. He was chosen to fill almost all the township offices which he did with credit. He began life as a poor boy, but by energy and earnestness, coupled with honesty and sobriety, he succeeded in saving considerable money. His fine and well-cultivated farm consisted of one hundred and sixty acres. Politically he was a Republican. He died in

1883 and his wife in 1863. They had the following children, eight of whom grew to maturity and seven of those are now living: Harry, Julia (deceased), James, William, Amanda J., Emily C., Margaret, Elmer (deceased), Alice and Jefferson. Jefferson N. Smiley is the youngest of the family; he is a active and industrious young farmer. He began life for himself when but fifteen years of age and has continued to advance ever since. He made his first purchase early in life, disposed of it soon after and bought his present farm of one hundred acres of Mrs. Malinda Longanecker in 1889 and where he now resides in the midst of pleasure and contentment. September 29, 1881, he married Miss Mary E., daughter of Justus and Mary Dunn, of whom were born the following children: Darrell W., October 1, 1883; Lloyd D., July 26, 1888; Justus J., March 8, 1891; Mary D., September 28, 1895. Mrs. Smiley was born in Georges township, June 27, 1864. Her father was one of the leading farmers in Georges township. Mr. and Mrs. Smiley are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

ANDREW F. COFFMAN is a prosperous farmer, residing in Georges township, on a farm of eighty acres of fine fertile land. He was born in German township, February 19, 1829, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Dunaway) Coffman. The Coffmans formerly resided in Lancaster, Pa., from which place Andrew, Sr., removed to Fayette county early in life, and in the early settlement of the county. He located in German township, where he was well known and respected by his fellow citizens. He was active in church matters, being a member of the Lutheran church, and a trustee of the same. He was of a retiring disposition, attended to

his own business, and wanted others to do the same. Politically he was a Democrat. He died at a good old age on March 17, 1866. His family consisted of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity, and of whom eight still survive. Andrew Coffman was reared and educated in his native township, and always confined himself to agricultural pursuits, believing that he who communed with nature in his daily vocation, knew more of the workings of the Creator, and surely had a greater opportunity of thinking God's thoughts after him, than he who followed the busy throng in the great centers of trade. On December 4, 1851, Mr. Coffman married Mary M., daughter of William and Margaret Emery, and it is a fact, that may be stated here because of its rarity, that Mr. and Mrs. Coffman were both born in the same room in which they were married. To this union five children were born, four of whom are living: P. W., J. L., Albert A. and Miles E. In March, 1854, Mr. Coffman removed to Georges township, where he purchased the farm upon which he now (1900) resides, and upon which he has erected a beautiful home, where he is spending the last but most peaceful days of his life. In 1887 he had the misfortune to have all his household possessions burnt. He was elected supervisor, but not being ambitious for office, he declined a second term. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Coffman was born in 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman are of German extraction.

LUCIAN BONAPARTE LEECH is a resident of High House, Georges township, and one of its most respected and worthy citizens. He was born in Springhill township, April 5, 1839, and is a son of Jesse and Susanna (Sisler) Leech. The former was born in Phila-

delphia, Pa., October 3, 1806, and the latter at Friendsville, Md., October 25, 1806. The Leeches are of Irish extraction, while the Sislers are of German. (The latter are maternal ancestors). Jesse Leech removed from Philadelphia to Maryland, where he remained some years, and where he met his life companion, who proved a meet and helpful sharer of his prosperous and eventful life. He removed to Fayette county in 1833, where he remained for a number of years, and where he owned a vast amount of land at various times. He dealt in real estate largely; not as a broker, but as a private citizen, he bought and sold as circumstances favored him. At one time he owned four hundred acres. He was noted for his musical talent and served in the capacity of drum major in the militia for fifteen years. In politics he was loyal to the Whig party, but was not specially active in political affairs. He was a pleasing and fluent conversationalist, and he and his wife were both consistent members of the Methodist church. In 1863 he removed to Allen county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm of two hundred acres. He died September 16, 1884, and his wife passed away October 22, 1877. They had nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, and six of whom are now living. Lucian B. Leech was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, completing his studies at Smithfield. After leaving school he took a great interest in photography, which he studied and worked at for three years with profit, both from a mental and financial standpoint. He next turned his attention to fine cabinet work, painting and graining, in all of which he became proficient, as the writer can attest from observation. During the period in which he was acquiring this masterly skill, he was also storing his own

mind and that of others in the capacity of school teacher, a vocation which he followed with marked success, for some of his pupils who have made their records in various business and professional lines, can trace their beginning to the principles instilled into their minds by him as their teacher. Mr. Leech is also an accomplished musician. He is not only a musician himself, but he teaches music in all its branches until his pupils become musicians, and many of them experts. He teaches on all instruments, and also gives vocal lessons. His pupils are numerous, and he is considered an authority on all musical matters. On January 13, 1863, he married Miss Keziah, daughter of Squire Solomon and Mary Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Leech have one son, Wm. S., who was born November 3, 1863. Mrs. Leech was born in Georges township, July 25, 1839. In 1864 Mr. Leech entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Company B, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served to the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. After the close of the war he returned to Georges township, where he has since resided. His first real estate purchase was made in 1868, near Smithfield, where he lived sixteen years. This farm he sold to Jacob Shoaf and removed to his present farm of sixty-two acres, situated at High House, and which is a part of the original High House farm. Mr. Leech has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, for forty-one years. He has been for twenty-five years continuously a faithful Sunday-school superintendent, and for seven years of that time missed but one Sunday, which was on the occasion of a funeral. He has been the church chorister ever since he could sing. He is a Republican yet one who desires no office for himself. He

is a member of I. O. O. F., at Braddock, near Pittsburg, and the Jerry Jones Post, G. A. R., of Smithfield. His wife is a member of Cumberland Presbyterian church. His only son, Wm. S., is the leading merchant of High House. He is also postmaster at the same place. He held the office under Harrison's administration for four years, one year under Cleveland, and now is holding it under McKinley. He married Carrie E., daughter of William Sackett, of Smithfield. Their children are: Lily B., Jesse A., Bertha M. and Mary O.

I. MESSMORE LAWRENCE, one of the leading farmers residing near High House, this county, was born in German township, September 4, 1838. His parents were Philip and Martha (Messmore) Lawrence. They were both born in German township, the former in 1796, the latter after 1797. Philip was a straight-forward man who took a delight in letting other people attend to their own business. He was a coveted companion, a jovial fellow and hospitable in the extreme. He was a practical and extensive farmer, at one time owning one hundred and twenty-six acres in this county, and two hundred acres in Ohio. He loved to travel, and did so. He married late in life, but happily. His family consisted of six children, four of whom grew to maturity: I. M., Eliza J., John C. and Mary H. Politically he was a Democrat; was elected and served two terms as director of public schools, and religiously a Lutheran. He died in 1873, aged seventy-seven years. His wife survived him several years and died at a ripe old age. Philip was the son of Jacob Lawrence, who was a native of Maryland, and was born on the Potomac river. He was in the French and Indian war and was taken prisoner by one of

the hostile tribes and carried into the lake country, but soon escaped, only to be captured by the English, and by them kept as a prisoner of war until its close. On his return home he married Barbara A. Walser, by whom he had ten children. He lived the greater part of his life in this county, but the last ten years of his life were spent in Ohio, where he died at a good old age. He was a member of the German Reformed church, a Whig politically, and by nature an upright and industrious man. Jacob was the son of John Lawrence, a native of Germany, who came on a visit to this country, and during his stay the Revolutionary war broke out, ports were blockaded and John had to stay. He soon married Barbary Funkhouser. They located at Masontown, where he worked at his chosen profession, that of miller. He soon moved to Beaver county, where he was burnt out by the Indians. He returned to Masontown again, but remained there only a short time, when he again removed to Beaver, where he died after an eventful but useful life. Isaac Messmore Lawrence, his great-grandson, and the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in German township, and his principal vocation is farming, but he has been actively engaged as a manufacturer in Uniontown, Pa., for a few years. He is at present interested in the building up and development of the village of High House, and has already sold several lots upon which houses have been erected near the line of the B. & O. R. R. He, like some of his ancestors, has traveled extensively, as far west as Montana, where he saw an opportunity of investing in gold land and took advantage of it. He made his first purchase in his native county in 1868 of seventy-seven acres and to this he added sixty-three more, which gives him a farm of one hundred

and forty acres of good land. Besides this he has village property. He removed from German to Georges township in 1880. He married for his first wife Jane, daughter of Emanuel and Sarah Brown, May 2, 1861; to this union four children were born, and three of whom are living: Albert B., born June 18, 1862; Sarah M., April 23, 1866, and Effie M., August 23, 1871. Eliza J., deceased, was born November 26, 1869. Albert B. and Sarah M. live in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Lawrence was born on the old Brown farm in this county in June, 1840. She died June 12, 1873, aged thirty-four years. He married the second time, Abigail, daughter of Basil and Nancy Sesler, January 20, 1880, and they have no children. Mrs. Abigail Lawrence was born July 30, 1825, in German township. Politically Mr. Lawrence was formerly a Democrat; religiously he is a Lutheran, but liberal in his doctrinal views. His wife is a Dunkard.

JOSEPH N. THOMAS is one of the self-made men of Georges township, who, by hard labor, good judgment and an adherence to right principles of living, has made for himself a good name and a competent living. He was born in this county, September 13, 1839. His parents were Nathan and Catherine (Grove) Thomas. The former was born in West Virginia in 1797, the latter in Ohio in 1802. The Thomases are of Welsh, and the Groves of German extraction. The Thomases first located in New Jersey, and finally removed to West Virginia, where Nathan was born. He removed to Fayette county in or about 1818, and followed agricultural pursuits at various places in the county. He was a hard working man, and lived to be seventy-eight years of age, dying January 3, 1875. His wife died Decem-

ber 22, 1872, aged seventy years. Joseph N. is the eighth of a family of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity: Thos., Sarah, John, Rachel, Margaret, Maria, Henry, Joseph, Abigail and Susanna. Joseph was reared and educated in this county, in Georges and South Union townships. He confined himself to agricultural pursuits, working for others, and sometimes for himself on the lands of others. By economy and prudence he succeeded in saving enough to purchase a place of his own. He first bought fifteen acres, then added eight acres more, and for eighteen years devoted his time to raising small fruit with profit and success. This place he sold, and in the spring of 1888, on March 4, he removed to his present farm of sixty acres, four acres of which is entirely devoted to small fruit. To say that Mr. Thomas has been successful in an ordinary way would be putting it too mildly—he has been very successful. He married Jane, daughter of William and Elizabeth Artis, of Fairchance, September 8, 1870. They have six children: Nora, born August 17, 1871; John, born February 3, 1873, died August 9, 1873; Ethel B., born June 9, 1874; Alverda, born February 18, 1876; Charles, born November 12, 1877, and Etta, born February 20, 1881, and died February 24, 1881. Mrs. Thomas was born in Preston county, W. Va., April 9, 1843. His whole family are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He has held his membership in this church for forty years.

A. J. HICKS, in company with G. W. Swaney, is proprietor of one of the most conveniently and well constructed hotels in the southern part of the county. It was erected by the above-named gentlemen in

1897-1898, is 40x40 feet, three stories high, with gas and water and every room heated. There are twenty-two rooms, all furnished in the most modern style and well ventilated. Mr. Hicks is well qualified to be the joint proprietor of the leading hotel in Fairchance, as he is pleasing and courteous in his manner. He was born in Smithfield, this county, July 26, 1859. His parents were James W. and Mary Hicks, who were also natives of this county. The former was born in 1819 and the latter in 1823. James W. was a shoemaker, and always worked at his trade up to the breaking out of the war, when he and three of his sons, Frank L., who rose to the rank of major, W. B. and James, gave themselves to their country, and laid themselves upon her altar. James W. and his son, James, were sacrificed in the conflict; the other two returned to civil life. Their mother is still living and enjoying life. A. J. Hicks is one of a family of eight children, six of whom are living. He was reared and educated in this county, and is a tinner and furnace maker, and until recently followed this calling with a large degree of success. He has erected furnaces in many places in the county and State. He, in company with J. W. McFadden, opened a new and much-needed cemetery adjacent to Fairchance, in which three hundred and eighteen lots have been laid out and seventy-two have been sold. Besides being proprietor of a first-class hotel, Mr. Hicks is also owner of a fine farm of eighty-five acres of land, running up to the borough line, besides property in Fairchance and Smithfield. He was married to Clara N., daughter of Benjamin F. and Emily Goodwin, October 6, 1886, and to their union four children have been born: Etta, Guirty, Emily and Fanny B. Mrs. Clara N. Hicks

was born in Georges township, December 16, 1863.

JOHN DENNIS, deceased, was a worthy farmer, residing in Georges township, in this county. He was born January 9, 1830, and is a native of Pennsylvania. He always confined himself to agricultural pursuits and was a practical farmer. Mr. Dennis was not rich in this world's goods, but he was an honest and upright man. He came to Fayette county in 1863, and bought ninety-five acres of land, and for thirty-five years he labored with honest intent, to which fact his neighbors will attest. He was elected to the office of road supervisor one term. He was liberal in his views, and with his means. He married Tenah Hauger, October 6, 1855, to whom ten children were born, five of whom grew to maturity, and four of whom are still living: Preston, who lives on the old homestead; Amos, who is the owner of an adjoining farm; Lurenah and James. Mrs. Dennis was born November 24, 1833, and died November 9, 1897. Her husband died October 5, 1897, and both were of German extraction. Amos Dennis was born on his father's farm in Georges township, August 12, 1869. He was reared and educated in his native township, and followed various callings. He mined, drove teams, was "boss," etc. At the death of his parents, in 1897, the property was divided between the children, and the farm upon which he now resides coming to him. Mr. Dennis married Harriet, daughter of William and Hannah Hayden, and to their union seven children were born, six of whom are still living: Amanda, born May 31, 1890; Amos, born May 15, 1892; Leotamay, born July 9, 1893; Josephine, born May 10, 1895; John, born September 2, 1896, and Ethel, born June 14,

1898. Mrs. Harriet Dennis was born in Georges township, March 5, 1874.

WALTER WINN LAUGHEAD, farmer, and resident of Georges township, is one of her shrewd and promising business men, a man who is fully abreast of the times in all current knowledge. He was born in Masontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1859, and is a son of Ferdinand and Serena (Winn) Laughead, both of whom were born in this county, and whose history is given in the succeeding sketch. Walter W. was reared and educated by his maternal grandfather, Rev. Isaac Wynn, then a prominent Baptist pastor in Uniontown. He received his education in the common schools of Georges township, after which he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed more or less up to the present time. Mr. Laughead was made president and manager of the "Wynn Coke and Mining Company," a position he held with creditable distinction for some time. He was subsequently engaged by J. W. Moore & Co. as superintendent and agent in Fayette county until that company sold to the Frick company. From that time up to the present he has been dealing largely in real estate, handling large deals for various persons and firms, principally coal land. Mr. Laughead lives on a farm of seventy-two acres, twenty-two of which were formerly of the Winn homestead, and has also other valuable property in Uniontown. Mr. Laughead is deliberate in his judgments, quick in his perceptions and has keen powers of discrimination. He is frank with his friends and foes. He is a man of small or medium stature, but strong in nerve power. A man, indeed, well fitted by nature to pass through that ordeal which held for a lengthy period, not only the atten-

tion of this and adjacent counties, but the whole country. Few men at this writing have forgotten the band of outlaws, called "The Cooleys." From 1888 to 1892 the county had been in a perfect state of incessant dread from this band of marauders that infested the county, having their retreats in the fastnesses of the mountains near Oliphant. The county authorities, after various fruitless efforts, failed to bring the band to justice. They were such a source of annoyance to the community as to strike terror to the hearts of every household. A reward of several hundred dollars being offered for their apprehension, Mr. Laughead, in the fall of 1892, hired a band of true and courageous men, five in number, to hunt down the desperadoes, and thus took upon himself the herculean task of ridding the neighborhood of those bloodthirsty marauders. Inside of two weeks he brought them to bay, and at that time, October 5, 1892, Frank Cooley, the ringleader, was shot by two of his men. Frank Smith and Albert Johnson, and jointly, with Mr. Laughead, received the reward for the capture of the gang. Three were captured the next day and the same week all were apprehended to the number of twelve. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Laughead they were convicted and all but two were sentenced. Therefore, to Mr. Laughead's well laid plans and the faithful execution of the same, the people of this and adjacent counties are indebted for the bringing to justice of one of the most lawless and daring, and at the same time, cruel bands of desperadoes that ever infested this or any other country. Mr. Laughead was married to Miss Lucy R., the accomplished daughter of Charles L. and Cordelia Smith, February 15, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Laughead have two children, Cordelia W. and Frank. Mrs.

Laughead was born in South Union township, May 16, 1866. Mr. Laughead is a decided Democrat in his views, and a fluent talker, ever ready to greet a stranger or entertain a friend.

FERDINAND LAUGHEAD, a farmer of Georges township, resides in one of the most comfortable homes in the county, made so by his own taste, skill and means. He was born in Masontown, this county, September 12, 1835, and is a son of Elisha and Lucretia (Woolsey) Laughead, the former a native of the eastern part of Pennsylvania, was born in 1802, and the latter was born in Belair, Md., in 1806, and was nine years of age when she came to this county. Her father was a cooper by trade and located on the Monongahela river in 1814, where he carried on his trade. Elisha Laughead was postmaster of Masontown for thirty years. A man of sound business judgment with something of a prophetic vision on business plans. He was a well read man and retained what he read. He taught school for some time in his early life with marked ability and eminent success. He was a staunch Democrat, and while he did not aspire to any office himself, he was very active on election day. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a worthy elder of that body. His wife worshiped with him and was a most estimable lady. She died December 26, 1898, aged ninety-two years. Elisha Laughead died at the age of fifty-nine years. Their family consisted of five children, of whom three grew to maturity, and two are now living, Mrs. Sarah J. Greenland and Ferdinand, the subject of this sketch. Elisha was a son of Benjamin Laughead, who came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania and located in this county as one of its substantial citizens. He

owned a large farm at Walnut Hill, but moved to Ohio, where he died at a good old age. He was a decided Presbyterian and a member and elder in the Tent church. Politically he was a Democrat. His grandson, Ferdinand Laughead, received his early education in the common school in Masontown. At the conclusion of his studies he engaged with B. F. Hellen, a merchant of Morris' Cross Roads, where he remained four years. In 1856 Mr. Hellen removed to Uniontown, and Ferdinand went with him and stayed in that place for ten years. He then engaged with Mr. Swearingen, where he remained two years. He was next employed by Mr. Hagan, where he finished his country apprenticeship and embarked for himself in the gentlemen's furnishing line in 1860. This continued for two years, when he sold out. In 1862 he went to Philadelphia, where he entered the employ of John Cochran, with whom he remained one year. He then was employed by E. R. Taggart & Co. as traveling salesman. He remained with this firm for twelve consecutive years, his territory covering Washington, Westmoreland and Fayette counties. During this time Mr. Laughead lost very little in poor orders, while the patronage of the house increased during his employ. In 1874 he changed his firm and the line of goods he carried. He engaged with the well known and wealthy firm of Young, Smythe, Field & Co., dealers in fancy goods and notions. In the capacity of traveling salesman he spent twelve profitable years for the firm. Mr. Laughead, having a large farm and a beautiful home with every surrounding to make it pleasant for him, gave up his position in 1886 and has from that time been reaping the fruits of former years of labor. He has a very valuable tract of land covering over one hundred

and sixty acres, containing a vein of fine coal, besides three grades of what a geological test proves is fine paint. October 14, 1858, he was joined in marriage to Miss Serena, daughter of Hannah and Isaac Wynn, the latter a worthy pastor of the Baptist church of Uniontown, and an excellent preacher. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Laughead two children, Walter W. and Rose Eva. Mrs. Laughead was born in this county in 1840. Mr. Laughead is Democratic in politics.

PETER BROWN, a well-to-do farmer, residing in Georges township, was born on the farm on which he now resides, February 23, 1843. His great-grandfather, Wendall Brown, was one, if not the first, pioneer of the county. Tradition says that he was a prisoner in the custody of the Indians for some years, but through the help of a friendly Indian he escaped and was conducted to Georges township, where a large tract of land was pointed out to him that he might possess it. He did so, not only in Georges, but in other townships. Six generations of the Browns have lived on these lands. Wendall Brown's son, Abraham Brown, who came from Dunkard, of which place he was a native and a man of much means and influence, died in Georges township at a good old age. Abraham was the father of another Abraham Brown, who was born in this county on the land formerly owned by his ancestors, June 28, 1817. He married Miss Hannah Colley, who was also born in the county April 4, 1816. The last named Abraham was a man of great influence, large experience and deliberate judgment. He was a practical farmer, a good speculator and a shrewd financier. Not tricky in his shrewdness, but far-seeing in its results. He had accumulated before his death eight hundred

acres divided into seven farms, besides two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars in cash. He held almost all of the township offices and was conspicuous in religious affairs. He was liberal in his contributions to his own and other churches. He was a member of the Lutheran church and faithful to all its enterprises. He died May 29, 1897, but his wife had preceded him on July 2, 1888. Their family consisted of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity and eight are now (1900) living: Peter, Abraham, Searight, Levi, Sally, Mary, George and Alfred. Abraham and Hannah Brown were married November 14, 1841, and were the parents of Peter Brown, the subject of this sketch. He was reared and educated in his native township and county, and has always resided upon the farm where he was born. Like his ancestors, he is a practical farmer, a fact demonstrated by the skill displayed in the arrangements of fields, fences and implements. He was married to Miss May H., daughter of Philip and Mattie Lawrence, July 26, 1868. They have three children: William E., born May 29, 1871; John L., born January 14, 1876, and Dempsey C., born January 21, 1885. Mrs. Brown was born April 3, 1850, and is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Brown is politically a Democrat.

CHARLES ROBERT GOODWIN is a farmer residing near Smithfield, Georges township, on what was the old "Stephens Place," in a house built by Benjamin Stephens one hundred years ago, and while somewhat antiquated, is yet in good repair. Mr. Goodwin was born in Georges township, this county, April 21, 1859, and is a son of Benjamin F. Goodwin (see his sketch in this volume). He was reared and educated in his native town-

ship and chose the happy life of a farmer for his vocation. At the age of twenty-one he commenced to hew out his destiny and right well has he accomplished his task, for he has proved himself a successful farmer. In April, 1886, he removed to his present farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres of good arable land, which contains coal which belongs to the surface owner. On September 27, 1885, he was married to Miss Harriet E., daughter of John and Harriet Bowers, to whom seven children were born, six of whom are now living: Grover C., born February 18, 1887; Kate, born August 5, 1888; Coleman B., born December 5, 1889; John and Benjamin (twins), born February 28, 1892, the latter died August 20, 1892; Nellie, July 7, 1896, and Harriet E., born August 20, 1898. Mrs. Harriet E. Goodwin was born in West Virginia, October 3, 1858. John Bowers was born at Morris X Roads in 1815, and his wife, Harriet, was born in West Virginia, October 22, 1826, and is now living at the age of seventy-four years. Their family of six children grew to maturity, and five are living: John, Joseph, William, Harriet E. and Coleman. John Bowers was reared in Fayette county and when about twenty-one years of age removed to West Virginia, where he was married and where he resided up to his death. He was a carpenter by trade, an honest man and opposed to intemperance. John Bowers began life with his two hands and a few tools, and during his uneventful career accumulated over thirty thousand dollars. He was a consistent member of the M. P. church, of which he was a strong supporter, and was a man of considerable natural ability. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Goodwin is Democratic in his general political affiliation, but is guided by

the best interests of his community in exercising his rights of franchise locally.

REV. BENJAMIN F. BROWN, a retired farmer, residing near Ruble's mill, Georges township, was born in this county, August 20, 1816. His parents were Joshua and Catherine (Achards) Brown. Joshua was a native of England and was born in 1764. Catherine was born in Germany. Joshua Brown was a wealthy and influential man, owning as much as one thousand acres of land. He was also an extensive slave owner in his day and believed in the system, yet when it was abolished by the State, he acquiesced with a good grace. He was a thorough business man. Besides his extensive lands, which he worked, he owned and operated two hotels. He was a man of great resources, quick to discern and rapid in operation. He was the first man to organize a bank in Uniontown, an institution which proved a source of great convenience to the community. He died in 1819 at the age of fifty-five. Catherine, his wife, lived to be one hundred and one years of age. Joshua had a family of twelve children by two alliances, nine by the first and three by the last. Benjamin F. belongs to the latter alliance. He was reared and educated in Georges township in the common schools, but by close application to his books and a great desire to acquire knowledge, he has succeeded in storing his fertile brain with a fund of useful knowledge of a superior kind. Early in life he conceived the idea of being called to "preach the Word," and with a strong determination to succeed, that he might be of use to his fellow creatures traveling to perdition, he set himself about a further preparation in the line of study. This he accomplished to his own credit and the entire sat-

isfaction of the church from which he received a license to preach in August, 1854, and was subsequently ordained and admitted to the Monongahela Baptist Association. He has proved himself a faithful member in his Master's field, traveling late and early, far and wide, to accomplish his Master's mission. His fields of labor have been in the State of Maryland, Preston county, W. Va., and Fayette county, Pa., besides other missionary fields, and what cannot be said of many preachers, he gave his labors gratuitously. He is a sound preacher of Baptist doctrine, an eloquent speaker, and a faithful disciple of the Lord. He ceased from his active labors in 1893, since which time he has been enjoying the quiet that comes after a life of activity. He inherited one hundred and sixty-five acres of land from his father, upon which he resides, and to which he has added one hundred and twenty-five acres more, besides town property. Not only is Mr. Brown a practical preacher but is a practical farmer. April 5, 1838, he was married to Miss Maria, daughter of John and Catherine Lyons, to whom were born nine children: Thomas J. (deceased), John S., George W., Sarah A., Mary C., Rebecca J. (deceased), Orpah (deceased), Bennie O. and Ida M. S. Mrs. Brown was born in Springhill township in 1819, and died in 1892. Mr. Brown enjoys the full confidence of his fellow citizens, who elected him to the offices of tax collector and supervisor at different times.

WALTER M. GOODWIN, a farmer residing in Georges township, is a young, active, and rising agriculturist, who is making his mark in life. He was born in Georges township, April 2, 1861, and is a son of Benjamin F. and the late Emily Goodwin. (See sketch of

Benjamin F. Goodwin in this volume.) Walter M. Goodwin was reared and educated in his native township, attending the common schools. His father being a successful farmer, he aspired to be just as successful and prosperous. Therefore, at the age of eighteen he left the paternal roof and in company with his brother, Charles R., worked farms on shares with a degree of success, both from a financial as well as an experimental standpoint. This lasted for four years. At the age of twenty-two he was married to Miss Jennie F., daughter of William and Eliza Coffman, on January 29, 1883, and to their union were born three children, two of whom are living, Eliza and Harry. Mrs. Jennie F. Goodwin was born in German township, Fayette county, in 1863, and died in 1892. Mr. Goodwin's second wife was Miss Emma, daughter of William and Jane Woolsey, and they were married April 8, 1896. To this union have been born two children, Ray and Rosey. Mrs. Emma (Woolsey) Goodwin was born in Nicholson township, July 1, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Goodwin is identified with the Democratic party.

DANIEL PORTER SMITH, a leading farmer of Georges township, is one of six sons whose genealogy can be traced back for more than two centuries and some of whose paternal ancestors could boast of the old Teutonic royalty, who, by nature, were lovers of freedom and liberty and scorned that tyrannical government which holds any people in bonds of tyranny. They pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honors in the cause of their adopted country in the dark days of her history, which tried the souls of men. These honored sires left their homes of ease and comfort, forsaking friends

and firesides made sacred by the ties of relationship which even distance could not sever, and for the sake of posterity took up their lonely abode in an unknown wilderness where the war whoop of the Red man and the piercing scream of wild beasts were the only sounds which greeted their ears. Such men deserve a place, not only in local, but in national history. Almost a century and a half ago one Philip Smith, who, at that time held a commission in the German army, with the title of "Captain of Shamoka," became enamored of the charms of a fair German girl in the person of Miss Barbara Markley. After having sued in vain for her hand in marriage he resolved to resort to a clandestine union, and in order to preclude the possibility of being annoyed by the rigorous marriage laws of their native country, they resolved to abandon it at once and forever. They accordingly set sail for America in 1750. After a long voyage, they landed on the western shore of the Chesapeake bay and took up their residence in the adjacent colony of Maryland, settling on Antietam creek in Frederick county, where they remained for a period of nineteen years, and reared a large family, all of whom were worthy and some of them conspicuous citizens of their country. Henry, the father of Daniel, and the first of Philip's children, was born on Antietam creek in 1752. In 1769, when Henry was in his seventeenth year, the father being seized with a desire to penetrate deeper into the unbroken and still unknown wilderness, left his adopted colony and sought a home in Western Pennsylvania, which at that time was called the "far West." He settled in Fayette county, on land now owned by W. S. Kyle, John Davis and Eli Deffenbaugh, on the headwaters of York's run, in Georges township. In choosing this

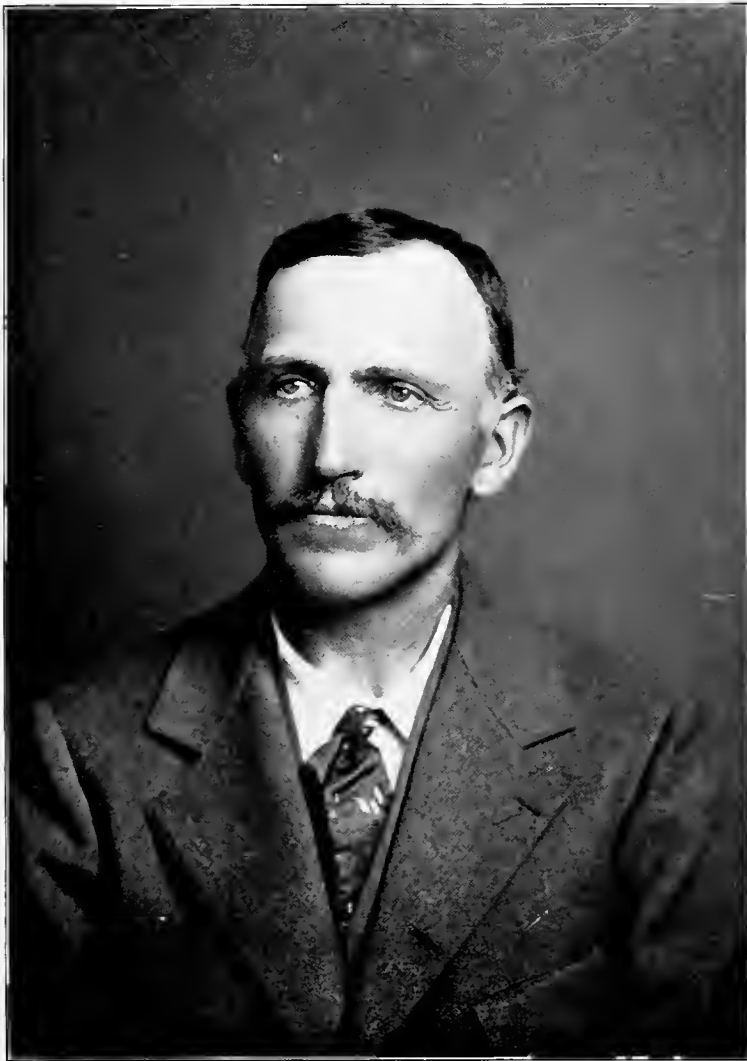
site, Philip Smith had an honorable and praiseworthy object in view. He had been born and reared in the faith and tenets of the church that Martin Luther founded and established in the face of the most bitter persecution and strongest opposition known to history. The history of the Reformation, his love for freedom of conscience, his birth in the faith—these made Philip Smith a Lutheran. In this, his new location, the Franks, the Riffles, the Everleys and some others formed a Lutheran colony and built a rude log church near the site of the present Lutheran church in Georges township. This is why he chose this location. Here the scenes of his childhood came vividly before his eyes. He saw his mother lead her boy to the old church in far-off Fatherland. He afterwards left Fayette county and removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he owned land, but died en route to Steubenville, Ohio. When his son, Henry Smith, had reached his majority, he left the paternal roof to make for himself a name and a fortune. He went down stream until he came to York's Run proper, where he took up a tract of land containing two hundred and eighty-four acres along the northern bank of the creek, which was patented to him by Charles Biddle (president Supreme Executive Council in 1787). Here he built a log cabin and for four years lived a bachelor's life. When the dark days of the Revolutionary war broke out he was one of the first to leave his home and enroll himself in the defense of his country as a sacrifice, if need be, to that end. He was one of the "Minute Men" of 1776. He was the father of thirteen children by two marriages, all of whom are now dead. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Grovendstadt. His second wife was Margaret Shecter, widow of George Stough, brother of Rev. John

Stough, one of the pastors of Jacob's Lutheran church. Henry died March 10, 1838, and his wife December 24, 1839.

Daniel Smith, son of Henry, was born April 1, 1806, in the house now occupied by his son, Daniel P., on York's run. This farm consists of one-half of the original tract taken up by Henry in 1787, and is without encumbrance of any kind, and one of the best cultivated farms in Georges township. Daniel Smith was practical in all he did and what he did was well done. He was a man who by the nature of his makeup made his friends love him. He was warm hearted and generous to a fault, a good and fluent conversationalist, hospitable in the extreme, courteous to all, ever ready to greet a stranger and entertain a friend. On August 17, 1826, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of David Rotruck, of Woodbridge-town, by Rev. John Patton. In 1831 he united himself with Mount Moriah Baptist church, of Smithfield, and was an advocate of Baptist doctrine and a supporter of the church up to his death. Daniel Smith had eight children, four of whom are living: Andrew J., Henry, Samuel M. and Daniel P. Smith, the subject of this sketch. Daniel P. Smith was born in Georges township on the same farm and in the same house in which his father was born, on September 9, 1846. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools of the township and Georges Creek academy. He always confined himself to agricultural pursuits, and like his progenitors is a practical agriculturist, well versed in all that pertains to his chosen vocation. He is also a breeder of Delaino sheep, which yield a superior quality of wool. For nine consecutive years he efficiently filled the offices of school director and auditor. He married

Miss Margaret, daughter of Henry and Mary Malaby, August 12, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, all living: Frank, Mary E. (who resides in Iowa), Louie M. and Stanley. Mrs. Smith was born in Nicholson township, May 16, 1846. They are both members of Mount Moriah Baptist church of Smithfield, of which Mr. Smith is a deacon. Politically he is Democratic in his views.

FRANK ELLSWORTH SANGSTON is a farmer, residing in Georges township, on the same farm which his grandfather owned during his later life. Frank E. Sangston was born on this farm May 22, 1862, and is a son of the late Joseph M. and Martha J. (Core) Sangston. The former was born in Georges township, February 13, 1837, the latter in Georges township, November 22, 1834. Joseph M. Sangston had always been a resident of the township and county in which he was born. His early life was as uneventful as other young farmers' were. At the breaking out of the war he was willing, if need be, to be a ready sacrifice laid upon the altar of his country. He became a member of Company E, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served during the last year of the war and was honorably discharged. In 1868 he engaged in the grocery business at High House. In 1869 he returned to his farm, the same on which his son, Frank E., now resides. Mr. Sangston was a man who made many friends and few enemies. He was very popular with his fellow citizens, who elected him as township school director and treasurer. He was a practical and progressive farmer. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and a member of the M. E. church for twenty years, during which time he held and conscientiously served in the offices of



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trustee and steward. He was married to Miss Martha J. Core October 20, 1861, to whom were born four children: Frank E., Jennie B., Mollie E. and Willie G. Mr. Joseph M. Sangston died December 28, 1891. His wife survives him. Joseph M. was the son of John A. Sangston, who had been for some years the sheriff of the county and a man of influence and political strength. He was a staunch Republican and lived up to the principles of his party. He was honored and respected during life, and at his death, missed and mourned by all. Frank E. Sangston, his grandson, and the subject of this sketch, was educated in Georges township, where he has always followed agricultural pursuits and has made the farm on which he was born and reared his permanent home. He is, like his father and grandfather, a practical farmer, who keeps up with the times. Like Kepler of old he thinks God's thoughts after him as he beholds the handiwork of the Creator in all that surrounds him. Indeed, no man has a better opportunity to walk hand in hand with the Great Architect of the universe than the man who studies God in nature, and that man may be the farmer. Mr. Frank E. Sangston enjoys the full confidence of his fellow citizens. On January 19, 1888, he was married to Miss Alice E., daughter of Justus and Mary Dunn. They have two children, Myrtle, born May 10, 1891, and an infant, born October 13, 1899. Mrs. Sangston is a native of Georges township. Mr. and Mrs. Sangston are members of the M. E. church, of which he is steward and trustee. In politics he is a Republican.

SAMUEL GREENLEE BRITT.—On a beautiful site in what is now Springhill township, this county, in 1811, Robert Britt, Sr., grand-

father of the subject of this sketch, settled. He was a native of Philadelphia, Pa. Robert Britt was born in 1772. He was a carpenter by trade, a pursuit which he followed until late in life, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owned one hundred acres of land and made it profitable in his day. He was a worthy man in every respect, a consistent member of the Baptist church, of which he and his wife (who was also a member) were liberal supporters. His wife was Mary Lloyd, by whom he had seven children, all of whom made worthy and useful members of society. He died in June, 1846, aged seventy-four years. His son, Robert, the father of Samuel G. Britt, was born in Chester county, Pa., June 4, 1805, was six years old when he came with his parents to this county, consequently he was reared and educated in this county. He learned the carpenter trade at his father's bench and was also an exceptionally good cabinetmaker, having served under Jeremiah Burchinal. Previous to his marriage he visited Kentucky, where he resided two years, working at his trade, and later in life he spent nine years in Virginia. The rest of his life was spent in Fayette county. He was a shrewd, far-seeing, but honest business man and attended strictly to his own affairs. He was square and upright in his dealings with all men, following closely the principles of the Golden Rule. He acquired five hundred acres of land and was a practical farmer as well as a first-class mechanic. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and in politics a Democrat. He continued to reside in Georges township from 1846 up to the time of his death, which occurred September 28, 1890. He was married to Asenath Greenlee, December 11, 1831. To this union nine children were born, of whom three survive:

Samuel G., Francis E. and Franklin Pierce Britt. Frank P. Britt was, after attending the common schools, graduated from Washington and Jefferson college, took a four years' course at Allegheny Theological seminary, and is now pastor of the Pisgah Presbyterian church of Corsica, Jefferson county, Pa., having sustained this relation for twenty years. Frances Elizabeth Britt married Samuel Albert Miller, now of Fairchance, Pa. Mrs. Robert Britt was born in Springhill township in 1808, and her death occurred in June, 1882. She and her husband were both staunch supporters of the Presbyterian church. Samuel G. Britt, their son, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born near Uniontown, March 25, 1837. He was educated in the common schools, after which he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has resided on his present farm since 1850 at which time he came with his parents. Mr. Britt is a practical and progressive farmer and owns four hundred acres of fertile land. He is much interested in any enterprise which has for its aim the prosperity of the county. In politics he is a decided Democrat. March 11, 1860, he was married to Miss Caroline, daughter of William and Mary Miller. To this union nine children have been born: Robert M., Pleasant C., William M., Caroline B., Charles E., John L., Franklin Pierce, Mary H. and Nellie A. John is a carpenter, and the rest of the sons are farmers. Mrs. Caroline Britt was born in Georges township, March 13, 1838, and is a consistent member of the M. E. church.

MILTON A. McCORMICK is an extensive lumber dealer, contractor and builder, and dealer in builders' supplies at Fairchance. Noble McCormick, the paternal grandfather of Milton A., was a native of Ireland, a

weaver by profession, and a gentleman of refinement and culture. He came to this country with his parents when but seven years of age. He taught school for a number of years with marked success. His wife, Esther Hadden, was a native of New Jersey. They located at Smithfield, where they owned a large farm, upon which they built a substantial and commodious house. Mrs. McCormick died in 1841, and her husband in 1850. William B. McCormick, his son, and the father of Milton A., was born in Smithfield, Georges township, August 25, 1821. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the common schools and Madison college, from which he graduated. He began teaching school in 1840, and taught for twenty years. He was for two years principal of Brownsville, and for twelve years principal of the Uniontown schools. In 1860 he was a candidate for county superintendent of schools, but was defeated by a very small majority. It was at this period in his life that he gave up teaching, and entered the butchering business, which he carried on up to 1877. During this time he dealt extensively in live stock, which proved very lucrative. When tired of the butcher trade, he turned it over to his son, George. He was engaged for seventeen years in the grain and lumber trade, for three years, at Uniontown, under the firm name of McCormick & McKnight, and at Fairchance under the firm name of W. B. McCormick & Son. He died in March, 1895. He was honest in all his dealings, which accounts for his popularity and financial success. He joined the M. E. church when but fifteen years of age, and up to his death was a consistent member and supporter of it, having served for several years on the official board and was a worthy trustee. He was a very prominent Mason,

and served the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery as treasurer, and for the last two from their organization in Uniontown up to his death. He served several terms in the town council, and was, at the time of his death, director and secretary of the Uniontown Water Company. On September 10, 1842, he married Susan, daughter of Sheriff Matthew Allen, and they had ten children, seven of whom are living: Mary, George A., William C., Milton A., Ella J., Lizzie and Sophia A. Milton A. McCormick was born in North Union township, this county, October 4, 1859. After he received a common school education he was placed under the tuition of Professor J. M. Hantz, who fitted him for college. At the age of eighteen he entered into the lumber business, where he has since remained, and during which time he has taken but three vacations. In 1881 the lumber business was established in Fairchance, where he was a partner of his father until the latter's death and then took entire control of the business, proving himself worthy of the name he bears. Mr. McCormick does a very extensive business, his contracts extend not only over this, but into Westmoreland county and West Virginia. His aggregate annual sales amount approximately to eighty thousand dollars. He enjoys the full confidence of the borough in which he lives. He has served seven years as treasurer of Fairchance, and would be honored with many offices would his extensive and ever increasing business permit. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Uniontown, and also of the I. O. O. F. He married Clara L., daughter of A. B. and Lydia Bryson, September 20, 1880. To their union two children have been born: Lydia, born August 17, 1882, and Donald, born De-

cember 7, 1888. Mrs. McCormick was born at Uniontown, November 1, 1860.

GEORGE R. LONG, is a son of Samuel Enlow Long, of Connellsville township, and was born June 7, 1860. His father was born July 14, 1821, and is a son of one of the oldest residents and early burgesses of the borough of Connellsville. His mother was Elizabeth Ransom, born February 26, 1829, in East Liberty township, and died July 4, 1879. His father still lives in the old home. The Longs are of Scotch-Irish descent, as are also the Ransoms, and have been prominent in the growth and development of the county. Coming from the old Presbyterians of Scotland, they became United Persbyterians in this country. George is the fifth of a family of six children, all but one of whom are living. He was educated in the Connellsville schools and at The Narrows. After leaving school he went West and had charge of the bullion department of the stamp mill in Leadville, Colo. He then returned to this State, where for seven years he was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Express Company. Mr. Long has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Marcia, daughter of James S. and Sue C. McHugh, of Connellsville, Pa. Her people are old residents of the county and are of Irish descent. His present wife is Freeda, daughter of Henry and Catherine Eberhardt, of Connellsville township. Her family are French, and have been in this country for about eleven years. Mr. Long's children are Samuel N., Sue C., David R. and Elizabeth R., all being children of his first wife. He is at present owner and proprietor of the Central hotel at Fairchance, which he has remodeled and enlarged, thus making it one of the best hotels in the county. He is

an energetic and successful landlord, and has also been in the hotel business in Connellsville and Everson.

WILLIAM A. LONGANECKER, M. D.—Prominent among the physicians of Fayette county is Wm. A. Longanecker, whose professional career has been eminently successful. He is a son of Fayette, whose maternal ancestors have resided in the county for more than a hundred years. Early in the century his paternal grandfather, Joseph Longanecker, came from Lancaster, Pa., and located in German township, where he became a leading agriculturist and accumulated a large property. He was born August 25, 1776, and was twice married, his first wife being Maria Leckrone, who bore him five children: John, Francis, Katharine, Maria and Joseph. His second wife Sarah Mack, who was born June 17, 1798, and died June 13, 1892, had three children, Jacob F., Nancy and Lydia. Joseph Longanecker died November 15, 1853, leaving a valuable farm to each of these eight children. Jacob F. Longanecker was born June 17, 1818. Like his father he was an enterprising farmer, as well as an extensive dealer in live stock. He resided upon the farm where he was born and reared until 1882, when he purchased another in the vicinity of Smithfield. In 1889 he removed to Fairchance, where he died April 7th of the same year. Throughout his life he was a stalwart Republican. In 1855, when the county was overwhelmingly Democratic, he was elected county commissioner and served with such ability that great pressure was brought to bear to induce him to accept the nomination for sheriff. He, however, declined to accept this nomination. He was closely identified with the interests of the German Baptist church, and was a member

of the Masonic Order in good standing. Jacob F. Longanecker was an honest and upright business man, a kind and genial neighbor and an intelligent and useful citizen. He was married February 24, 1842, to Matilda Moser, who proved a most devoted wife and mother. She was born January 5, 1821, and is a daughter of Daniel and Susannah Custer Moser. Daniel Moser was born August 31, 1791, and died May 3, 1887. Susannah Custer, was born October 18, 1787, and died March 26, 1873. She was a daughter of George Custer, who was a first cousin to George Washington, they being sisters' children. George Custer was the fourth son of Paul Custer, whose wife was Sarah Ball, a daughter of Colonel Joseph Ball, of Lancaster county, Virginia. Her sister, Mary Ball, was the wife of Augustine Washington, and the mother of the great and famous general and president, George Washington. To Jacob F. and Matilda Longanecker were born three children: Mary Ann, born May 7, 1843, married William C. Collier, October 8, 1863, and died May 19, 1887. Almira, born July 10, 1846, died May 19, 1857, and William Alexander, born April 19, 1849.

Dr. Longanecker was born in German township upon the farm which had belonged to his grandfather, and where his grandfather is buried, and where his father was born. He received his early education in the public schools and afterwards entered Waynesburg college. He commenced to teach at the age of eighteen and from that time depended entirely upon his own exertions. He soon evinced not only great energy and perseverance, but marked business ability, which was shown in the careful investment of his first earnings. He taught in the public schools for six consecutive terms; at one time held the position of principal of the Masontown

graded schools, and received from the veteran county superintendent, J. V. Gibbons, a professional certificate. In 1870 he served acceptably as assistant census marshal, taking the census of German, Georges, Nicholson and Springhill townships. The year following he began to read medicine with Dr. George W. Neff, of Masontown, and in 1874 entered Jefferson Medical college, from which he was graduated in 1876. Dr. Longanecker commenced the practice of medicine as the partner of Dr. H. B. Mathiot, at Smithfield, Pennsylvania, on April 4, 1876. His connection with Dr. Mathiot lasted for ten years. During this period Dr. Longanecker removed to Fairchance (1880), where he soon built up a large and lucrative practice.

On October 19, 1882, Dr. Longanecker was married to Miss Ida F., daughter of the late Dr. H. B. Mathiot, for fifty years one of Fayette county's most skilful and honored physicians. Mrs. Longanecker was born September 22, 1857, and was educated at Georges Creek academy and Mt. Union college; is a woman of refinement and culture, with high social qualities. She is a devoted Christian and has always taken an active part in Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor, missionary and temperance work. Besides being a member of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, she has been vice-president and a leading member of the Woman's Literary club, of Fairchance, ever since its organization. Mrs. Longanecker has made her home delightful to her husband and children, and to the many friends to whom its hospitality has been extended. Dr. and Mrs. Longanecker have been blessed with two daughters, Ellen Douglas, born March 10, 1887, and Carrie Mathiot, born August 3, 1889.

The doctor is an ardent and enthusiastic Republican and has been actively identified with his party's interests in Fayette county. Dr. Longanecker's life has been one of tireless devotion to his noble profession, of continual self-sacrifice for the relief of humanity and strenuous efforts for the best interests of his community. He has served most acceptably as physician and surgeon for Fairchance Furnace Company, the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Fairchance, Oliphant, Wynn and Kyle, the Martin Coke Company and several smaller companies. He is chief medical examiner for the New York Life, the Equitable and the Traveler's Insurance companies in his district. Dr. Longanecker is not only an able and popular physician but a most successful man of business. Besides meeting all the demands of an extensive and constantly increasing practice, and in spite of the immense amount of labor involved in his professional work, he has by his energy and systematic methods found time for other important interests. He has contributed largely to the material prosperity of his town by aiding every worthy laboring man who desired to build and own his own home, and has given much time and thought to this end. The cost of these houses was advanced by the doctor, to whom payment was made monthly in small amounts, never exceeding a moderate rental. And scores of neat, comfortable and happy homes in and near Fairchance are the result of his wise counsel and timely and liberal assistance. He also served his town most efficiently as school director, and has been for years a leading trustee in the Fairchance Presbyterian church, of which he is a member. He has taken an active part in the struggle against the liquor traffic, and by his efforts and influence has helped to save Fair-

chance from the curse of the saloon. While thus devoting himself to the good of others, Dr. Longanecker has not neglected his own affairs. Though he commenced life without a dollar and was thrown upon his own resources at the age of eighteen, he has by his indomitable energy, industry and unremitting attention to business acquired a fine estate. And he is now engaged with leading capitalists of the country in large business enterprises. Notwithstanding his arduous duties, Dr. Longanecker has kept abreast of the times and is well informed on all the leading questions and current topics of the day, and has completed the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific course. He has accumulated a fine library. In order to relieve the high pressure of his busy life he has taken frequent trips to the Atlantic coast, visited Canada and the eastern States; has twice visited the West, and has traveled with Mrs. Longanecker extensively through the southern States and California.

Dr. Longanecker enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community in which he lives, won by his honorable and upright life, by his liberality in contributing to every worthy cause, and by his uncompromising stand against every form of evil.

HUGH ROSBORO SACKETT, of Springhill township, is a member of one of the oldest families in the neighborhood in which he resides. He was born March 12, 1860, at New Geneva, Pennsylvania. His father, William Sackett, was born on the farm where Hugh now resides, and he was the son of Samuel Sackett, who was the son of Dr. Samuel Sackett, who came to this farm on November 10, 1788; thus it is that the Sackett family to the fifth generation, and for the period of one hundred and nineteen years, have held

the title to their pleasant old Georges Creek homestead. In the doctor's private memorandum, bearing the date of September 15, 1787, we find the following: "On the 15th of September, 1780, we set out from New England to come to Redstone, and arrived at Beesontown, October 16, 1781." Here they remained until the date above mentioned, when they came to the farm on Georges creek, where their descendants still remain. Dr. Sackett was one of the surgeons of the Revolutionary war, and was a son of Reuben and Mercy Sackett (nee Finney), who were married December 21, 1752. The doctor was born April 1, 1754, but from the brief history we have of him he was very energetic. Writing from the Chartiers settlement on October 27, 1780, he makes the rather just complaint that it is inconvenient there on account of the fact that there is not a doctor between Pittsburg and Wheeling; but finds comfort in the fact that a doctor is but little needed on account of the healthfulness of the place. He also concludes that it is the "best place in the thirteen States to buy land," for the reason that, "in case of an invasion from the Indians, fifteen hundred men would be sufficient to quell any disturbance." But we must leave the far past and come nearer the present. Dr. Sackett with the six other children of his father's family, have all crossed the river which never hath had a bridge. His children to the fifth generation now farm the beautiful farm which he chose in that early day. Beesontown has long since refused to answer to its old historic title, and has become the more historic Uniontown. The full history of this old family has been recorded in the "Genius of Liberty" of August 6, 1896, where, with a few changes of dates, possibly the result of the bad work of that much-abused "printer," is to be found a fuller his-

tory than can here be given. The prophecy of the old doctor has proved true, as to the value of the land, and his wildest dreams are realized. His great-great-grandson, Hugh Rosboro Sackett, is now on the old farm of his fathers, and another generation is grown to nearly manhood and womanhood. Mr. Sackett's father and mother, William and Parmelia Sackett, now live in Smithfield, and with them his brother Merchant. His sister Carrie is married to Mr. W. S. Leach, of High House, Pa. Hugh spent his boyhood and school days on the old farm, and in the country schools and in the old Georges Creek academy. After leaving the farm he spent six years with his father on the river, making trips south with crockery ware. He also spent awhile in steamboating on his own account. He then turned his attention to electricity, and ran one of the first motors on the old South Side Pittsburg Electric line. Leaving this he came back home, and then for awhile was engaged in the work on the Uniontown Electric line. He then returned to his farm, where with his family of four children, and his wife, he still remains. He married Miss Annie Vance, of Smithfield, Pa., October 30, 1879. On April 14, 1900, with W. W. Parshall and J. D. Boyd, incorporated the H. R. Sackett Coal and Coke Company at Outcrop (in Springhill township), where they purchased thirty-seven acres of coal and have thirty ovens in operation. He is a hard-working Republican, and finds comfort for his soul in membership in the Smithfield Presbyterian church. He is also the joint inventor of the Sackett and Huhn Non-Vibrating Steam Engine. Thus it is that the old English blood becomes regal in the royal sons of America, and the I. O. O. F. and the Jr. O. U. A. M. is united in the person of this intelligent and genial tiller of

the soil which has come from its virgin purity as his ancestors have taken and in turn kept and tilled it.

OWEN JOHN STEWART was born in Springhill township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1836. He is a son of the late William Stewart, who was one of a family of twenty-two children, and came to Springhill township from Monongalia county, West Virginia, where his parents lived, and with whom he came to this State about 1812. He was one of the early farmers of the place, and to this avocation he trained his family. Owen lived with his father until he grew to manhood, when he commenced life for himself, for a time pursuing the life of a farmer and later learning the stonemason's trade; added to this he is now in mercantile business at Outcrop station on the B. & O. R. R. and is one of the most enterprising residents of the township. His mother, Mrs. Melinda Stewart, was born in the same county in West Virginia as was her husband, and was a daughter of Owen and Elizabeth Johns. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart came to this county about 1830, and lived here with their children and here ended their days. Owen J. Stewart has been reasonably successful in his business and has been enabled to purchase a comfortable home. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is an earnest believer in the old Jeffersonian doctrine. From the earliest times his people have been Baptists. February 27, 1859, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Conn, of Georges township, and thus were united two of the most influential families of the neighborhood. The Conn family are of Scotch and Irish descent. An incident worthy of note occurred in his wife's family. Before the days of recorders' office there was a dispute

between the Conns and the Powells as to the possession of a certain tract of land. The battle ground was near Powell's Springs, and there it is said that "might made right" and the victorious Conn laid claim to and kept possession of the disputed ground. Owen and Elizabeth (Conn) Stewart have five children: Caroline, wife of Thomas Board; Anna L., wife of J. Dunham; Charles, who married a Miss Shanabarger; Lloyd, still at home, and Howard, who wedded Miss Julia Jones. Mr. Stewart's grandfather had a family of twenty-two children.

THOMAS ROBINSON was born March 29, 1817, in Petersburg, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He came with his father to Wharton township, when he was but two years old. His father emigrated with his family from Ireland to this country, when they had but three children. On their way here, they stopped in Baltimore with John Counselman, a salter, for whom he worked, and at whose home John C., his third son, was born, and named for the man who first showed kindness to this son of Erin. His father died in 1845, at the age of seventy-four years. He was one of the workers in the construction of the National Road. Thomas is the youngest and only living child of a family of twelve children. His mother, Martha McMullen, died in 1854, at the age of seventy years. Her people were of the educated class of her country, one of her brothers being a graduate of the Glasgow university of Scotland. Mr. Robinson received his education in the common schools of the county, and like many others had to work by day and study by night. One of his favorite teachers was the famous John G. Hendric, who was in his day a noted pedagogue. Mr. Robinson has been a farmer all his life, and by this means

has made all his money. September 25, 1845, he married Miss Harriet Hayden, whose people lived near Fairchance, Pa., and whose grandfather, John Hayden, of New Jersey, was the maker of the first iron on this side the Allegheny mountains. Her mother's people were named Peters, and lived in the neighborhood of Fairchance. Thomas and his wife have had twelve children, of whom Henry, Sarah Smiley, Martha Conn and Elizabeth Conn are the only ones who survive. He has a farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres, which is well improved, and is of the best found in all the county, and for which he has paid by his industry and economy. A great part of this land is underlaid with the Connellsville coking coal, which is now valuable, and ready for the market. It is interesting to hear him tell of the times when he saw the Indians as they made their trips across the mountains. He remembers with grateful pleasure that Andrew Stewart, of Uniontown, bought him his first pair of trousers. While they lived on the east side of the mountains, his father quarried the stone which was used in erecting the Fayette Springs house, and at this time the things which are now so common were then extremely scarce. He had two nephews, William and Benjamin, in the late war of the Rebellion. In his political faith he is a strong Republican.

SAMUEL A. CONN was born May 6, 1854, on the old Jacob Conn farm, near what is now Gans station on the B. & O. R. R. He is a son of Jacob Conn, who still lives in the home of his childhood. His father was born on the old Conn homestead in Georges township in 1822, his people having been early settlers of the county. They were of Irish descent and brought with them the energy

and determination so characteristic of their children now in the fifth generation. Samuel Conn's mother was Margaret Lyons, born July 24, 1824, and died November 21, 1896. Her mother's people were of the Hertzogs, who in their day helped to redeem the country from Nature's wilds, and whose descendants are yet prominent in the county, and are said to be of German ancestry. Her immediate family are still living on the old Jacob Lyons place in Springhill township. It is a fact worthy of note that Georges creek and township were named after old George Conn. Samuel has five brothers and sisters: Nancy, wife of Cal. Ruble; John, Mary, wife of James Coslow; Margaret, wife of Alfred Miller, and Charles. Samuel Conn was reared and educated in the township, and like his father, is still a farmer. He was married on March 25, 1884, to Martha, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Robinson, her family being of Irish descent. They have four children, as follows: George L., Chester A., Margaret and Blanche. He has bought and lives on the old Philip Morgan farm, which under his energetic management is fast assuming the appearance of a modern country home. His farm comprises over one hundred and sixteen acres, and has been paid for by his own energy and economy. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith he and his family cling to the tenets of the old Baptist church, of which his family were pioneer members.

JOHN DAVIS, a son of Owen and Julia Ann Davis, was born August 5, 1834, in an old log house on the site of the present home of Mr. Davis. He is one of the many prosperous farmers of the township of Springhill. Owen Davis, his father, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Davis, was born in 1799 on the

same farm. His grandfather, with his brother Philip, were the original owners of the land where they now live. His father's people were of Welsh and his mother's of German descent. The latter was the daughter of Adam and Catharine Raughanzannars, and was born February 6, 1809. They were Germans and among those who were the early settlers of this part of the country. It is said that at one time Owen and Philip Davis were the owners of nearly all the land bordering on the foot of the mountain between the Virginia line and Fairchance. They have been tillers of the soil throughout their generation, and built the first flouring mill west of the Alleghenies, near Ruble. Mr. Davis' father died in April, 1849, his mother in 1858. The only members of the family who remain are his brother John, his sister Sarah (wife of Jesse Jones), and Hannah Elizabeth (wife of T. J. Farr). Mrs. Lynn Corder is a child of his sister, Julia Stacey, who died some years since. Mr. Davis was educated in the common schools of the county, but from the time of his father's death, when he was but fourteen, he has had to take the care of the farm, and for this reason his opportunities for education have been limited. On January 12, 1859, he married Nancy, daughter of Rev. Nasby Poole, a Methodist minister of Monongalia county, West Virginia. He has in his quiet way filled the minor offices of school director and supervisor in the home districts. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have five children: Emma A. (wife of E. P. Conn); Julia Ann, Quincy A., John H. and Clara A. Mr. Davis is now a Prohibitionist, but was originally a Democrat in his political faith. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Mt. Moriah Baptist church, and its early records show his forefathers to have been pillars in this old organi-

zation. It was at the homes of the Davises that those pioneer servants of Christ met to bond their services in the primitive days of our county.

LEBBEUS BIGLOW GANS was born in Springhill township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1825. He is the fifth son and only surviving child of William and Magdalene (Custer) Gans, whose parents were among the early settlers of Fayette county. William Gans' parents emigrated from Germany and first settled near Antietam, Md., about the year 1725, and in 1785 came to Springhill township and purchased the tract of land near Morris' Cross Roads, now owned by L. B. Gans. Magdalene, wife of William Gans, was the daughter of George Custer, who was first cousin of General George Washington, being sisters' children. He was the fourth son of Paul Custer, and his mother was Sarah Ball, the daughter of Colonel Ball, of Lancaster, Pa. Her sister, Mary Ball, was married to Augustine Washington, father of General George Washington. George Custer was born in Philadelphia, Pa., December 3, 1744, and died in Georges township, Fayette county, Pa., in 1829. L. B. Gans received his education in the public schools of his native township, and is a farmer by profession. He was first married to Elizabeth J. Ramsey, daughter of the late Dr. James C. Ramsey, of Springhill township, January 6, 1848, to whom were born three children, one son, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Dorcas Anna, wife of T. F. Protzman, of Morris' Cross Roads, Pa., and Elizabeth J., wife of W. Morgan Smith, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. His first wife, Elizabeth J., died March 25, 1857. He married his second wife, Emily G. Goe, daughter of Henry B. and Catherine Shotwell Goe,

of Allegheny, Pa., October 15, 1868, and to this union have been born four children: one daughter, Catherine, wife of William H. Morgan, of Morgantown, W. Va., and three sons, Henry B., a civil engineer, and William L., an attorney-at-law, both of Uniontown, Pa., and whose personal biographies are given in this volume, and Robert A., who is at this time a student in Bethany college at Bethany, W. Va. L. B. Gans, in addition to farming, has for many years been extensively engaged in the manufacture of maple sugar. In politics he is a Republican, although he seldom aspired for office. He is a member of the Christian church at Morris' Cross Roads, Pa.

DANIEL HAMILTON EMME was born in Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1846, and is the youngest of four children. He is a son of Andrew Emme, who was born in Hanover, Germany, November 9, 1800, and died in Springhill township, Pa., eighty years later. At the age of fifteen he enlisted in the German army and under Wellington did his part at the famous battle of Waterloo. He came to this country in 1833, and having previously become a millwright, spent the balance of his working days in the machine shops of Pittsburg, Pa. In 1868 he decided to leave that city, so bought what was then the Lewis Hunter farm, where he removed his family and passed the remainder of his life in peace and quietude in this retired and healthful spot. This farm is now owned and managed by his son Daniel. His wife was Anna, daughter of Daniel Cooper, one of the soldiers of the Revolutionary army. She was born in Beaver county, Pa., in 1803. Her mother was also a native of that county, but her people were of German and Irish descent. Of

their children, none but Daniel and his brother William, of Haydentown, are living. October 7, 1869, Daniel Emme married Miss Thira, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Huntley, who at that time were living in Monongalia county, W. Va., but formerly lived in Georges township, Fayette county, Pa. The Huntleys had originally intended to go to Ohio, but stopping in Connellsville on their way, in consequence of the illness of Mrs. Huntley, decided to make their home in Fayette county. They were probably of English descent. Her mother's family were of German descent and came to this county from Harper's Ferry, W. Va., at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Emme have five children: Minnie Ann, Catherine Alice, Samuel David, Mary Elizabeth and Charles Andrew, all of whom are still at home with their parents. In 1870 a valuable vein of fire-clay was found on the Emme farm, which is fast taking the place of the famous pot clay which was formerly imported from Germany. Mr. Emme ships annually to the Clay Pot Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., about eight hundred tons of this clay, which is sold on special contract on account of its superior quality. He also owns and manages a saw mill. He was educated in the common schools of the city of Pittsburg, and brings to the county the intelligence and culture which were there instilled into his life. Like his father, he also entered the military service at the age of fifteen. He enlisted July 20, 1861, in Company L, Twenty-Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In October, 1862, he was transferred to Company A, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served to the end of the war, and was in many battles, but was never wounded nor was he ever in a hospital. He was discharged in 1864 near Atlanta, Ga.,

whence he returned to his old home in Freedom, Pa. After coming home he learned ship carpentering, at which he worked until he removed with his father to Springhill township in 1867, where he has ever since resided. In 1868 he joined Gallatin Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Smithfield, Pa. He is also a member of the G. A. R. Jerry Jones Post. He is a staunch Republican, and his party has elected him a justice of the peace, which office he is now filling. With his family he worships in the Springhill Presbyterian church, and lives a consistent Christian life.

WILLIAM MORGAN was in his day one of the leading characters of an old and influential family. He was born March 19, 1821, and died November 12, 1876. His death was the result of a cold contracted while at the Centennial at Philadelphia. He was a son of Colonel John Morgan, who figured largely in the political and military history of his day. The latter lived to the good old age of ninety years, and was one of Fayette's soldiers both in the war of 1812 and in the Mexican war. John Morgan's father was David Morgan, who came to this county in 1788, and took possession of the Morgan estates on Grassy run, many of which are still owned by his descendants. The colonel represented his district in the State legislature, in the days of Governor Porter, but his son, the subject of our sketch, did not inherit his political aspirations. He was content to be the son of the old warrior and legislator and gave his attention to the peaceful pursuits of home life. By his energy and industry he possessed himself of about four hundred acres of good land, improved the property and built the house on the farm where his son John now lives. In 1846 he married Miss Sarah Ann, daughter of Daniel Stentz, then

of Bunker Hill, of this township. She departed this life several years prior to her husband. Their sons, Daniel and John, still live in sight of each other—the one on the hill above and the other on the old home farm on the head waters of Grassy run, thus from the sturdy Welsh blood of their father's, and the German of their mother's people, they seem to inherit the energy and thrift characteristic of their family.

RICHARD M. MILLER, farmer of one of the company farms at old Springhill furnace, is one of the old residents of Fayette county. He was born in German township August 30, 1819, and is the son of Richard Miller, who was born in New Jersey in 1802, and came to this county in 1828, and located near New Salem. Their ancestry goes back to the sturdy old Scotch-Irish people who have been the intelligent and solid settlers of this country. Mr. Miller's father was a shoemaker, and worked at his trade near the above-mentioned place till 1840, when he removed to this township, where he remained till 1849, when he removed with his family to Mansfield, O., where he remained till 1852, when he came to Luzerne township, where he ended his days on the James Ewing farm. His wife, Mary Temple, came from New Jersey to Baltimore in 1820, and some time later her people settled in Redstone township. She was united in marriage with Mr. Miller in 1820, and to them were born nine children, of which Richard is the ninth. They were among the early church workers in the county. Mr. Miller was one of the soldiers in the Mexican war, and one of his sons, Wm. I., belonged to Gilmore Independent company in the Civil war. His company was attached to the 2d Virginia. He was wounded at the battle of Wytheville, from the effects

of which he died after his return home; gangrene being the real cause of his death.

Richard Miller, a present resident of Springhill township was united in marriage with Kittie Keener, on October 30, 1860. She is a daughter of William Keener, who was one of the old settlers of Greene county, and is of German descent. To them have been born six children: William A., married to Olive Herbert; Clarence C., married to Maggie Duval, and after her death to Della Phillips; Maggie, wife of W. J. Franks; Calvin E., married to Etta Haney, and John C., married to Clida Foreigner, and Sufrona, married to John Clymer.

Mr. Miller has demonstrated the fact that money can be made on the farm, and although he has put his savings in town property; yet he still stays on the farm. In matters of political belief he is a staunch Republican; but in religious faith he has drifted from the old Methodist moorings of his parents and anchored to the Presbyterian faith.

With some of his sons with him in the old Duncan mansion on the Fairchance Furnace Co. farm he is still pushing with energy and intelligence the work which he has followed all his life. The farms of our county need more men like Richard M. Miller, who sticks to the tilling of the soil and teaches his sons the same trade.

ADNIRE SHUFF was born on the home farm in Springhill township on April 28, 1852. He is a son of George W. Shuff, who was born just over the Virginia line on February 1, 1810. He was one of the old colliers who in their day did so much to forward the enterprise of the county and to remove the timber from it in order to make charcoal. He worked for the different furnace companies in the neighborhood and finally

bought his home farm of one hundred and nineteen acres from the old Evans estate. He paid for it all in charcoal, which at the time of his coming here (1830) was the industry of the day. He died on the home farm on February 22, 1892.

Adnire is the youngest of eleven children, of whom but his brother George W., of Cripple Creek, Col., who was one of the members of the 14th P. V. C., and Mrs. Jane Shay, of Enterprise, Ky., are the only survivors. His brother Amida was last heard from at Tombstone, Arizona, and it is not known whether he perished with the soldiers, or where he is. The Shuffs are of German descent, and were among the earliest settlers of old Virginia.

Mr. Shuff's mother was Mary Fowler, who was born in July, 1812, in Monongalia county, W. Va. (then Virginia), and soon after her marriage on February 17, 1830, came with her husband, G. W. Shuff, to Springhill township. She died Wednesday, March 7, 1866.

On October 4, 1880, Adnire Shuff was united in marriage with Mary, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lynn) Carson, who were among the old and reliable inhabitants of the neighborhood of Perryopolis. Her mother's people were the Lynns who have for many years been respected and enterprising people of the county. Mrs. Shuff is the seventh of a family of twelve children, of whom nine are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuff have spent nearly all their married life on the old home place, which they now own. They are surrounded by a family of four children: Ora May, born January 21, 1884; Malissa Blanche, May 17, 1887; Thomas Leroy, August 5, 1892, and Mary Dessie, all of whom are at home. Mr. Adnire Shuff has spent a part of his time in

the west, a part of it on the Layton sand crusher, and the greater part of it on the farm, which he has improved and beautified until he has one of the most delightful little places in the township. His school days were spent at the old Bunker school, where his children still attend. He still clings to the old Springhill Presbyterian church, where his mother was one of the original members, and where his father attended. There is something in these old country associations which the county needs to remember. It was such people as the Lynns, whose descendants now "click the wire" or care for the farm, and the Shuffs, who amid the grime of those earlier days made the iron of our country, who have helped to bring out our interests. This family connects the old days with the present, and keeps the traces of that time when civilization snatched our country from the wilds of the past and made it what it is in its present.

Mrs. Adnire Shuff's father, Thomas Carson, was born February 18, 1818, and died October 31, 1897. He married, in 1848, Mary Lynn, who was born at Flatwoods, March 25, 1826, and was killed by a train at Layton station, September 13, 1888. Mr. Carson was one of the famous wagoners on the Old Pike.

ROBERT HILL ROSS.—Living in the old Ross homestead near the site of the French mill in Springhill township is one of the characters whose family has done much to make our county and country what it is. His name is Robert Hill Ross, and he first saw the light of day one mile from what is now Masontown, on April 22, 1824. He is the son of Warwick Ross, who was born June 7, 1797, on the old Robert Ross farm, and was a brother of Robert Ross who was one

of the soldiers of the war of 1812 and who was included in Hull's surrender, but on account of the fact that it was "obtained by English gold" he broke his parole, re-entered the war, served through it, and although wounded he re-enlisted and died in cantonment at Baton Rouge in 1822. There were also three brothers and two sisters in his (Robert H.'s) father's family: Moses, who went to Iowa after having married Isabella Gilmore, and died in 1862; John, who married Elizabeth Wail, and died on the old homestead, August, 1865, in his eightieth year; Hananiah, born in 1800 and married Hannah Rider, daughter of Lorentz Rider, and died in February, 1880; Nancy, born on March 23, 1784, and married James C. Eddington, and died at Masontown, August 5, 1863, and Dorcas, born January 9, 1795, married Dr. James C. Ramsey, and died February 12, 1880. Warwick Ross owned the "upper and middle mill tract" of about three hundred and seventy acres, which he bought from Albert Gallatin, 1829, and which as before mentioned is the site of the "Old French Mill," which is claimed to be the first to have used the "French Burrs" west of the mountains. He died July 23, 1875. Robert's grandfather, also Robert, came to this county from Lancaster county and settled on the old Robert Ross farm, one mile south of Masontown. He was married in 1783 to Dorcas Andrews, of Scotch parentage and of the Ewing connection. He was born in 1753, and at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he took the oath of allegiance before Col. Miller, entered the army under Gen. Wayne, and following the leadership of their noble commander Washington, he was with Wayne at Valley Forge, Stony Point and nearly all the important engagements of the Revolutionary war. He died November 12, 1823, and Dor-

cas his wife died August 1, 1835. There is one step farther in this history. The great-great-grandfather of the present Robert was born in 1709, on the bonny Scottish Highlands, and his people were members of the "Clan Ross and Clan Douglas" which in the days of King James in 1704 were required to furnish three hundred men as their share of the king's army. He married Jane Latto, and after the birth of their first child they came to the New World. Thus the history of this old family runs back to the stirring old days of the French and the Scotch and the American Revolution and mark three long generations of soldiers. Sarah Johnston Hill, daughter of Robert Hill, also a Revolutionary soldier, was born near Morgantown, on what is now the "State Experiment Farm," in 1800. The father and mother were married in 1823, and had six children: Robert H., the subject of this sketch, Jas. T., of Clark county, Mo.; Sarah J. Coleman, Sprague, Wash.; Rebecca H. Robinson, who makes the home for Robert, and Elizabeth Margaret Eberhart, New Geneva, and Mary Louisa Robinson, of Scottdale.

True to the instincts of his fathers, we find Robert H. Ross also among the soldiers; and when the mutterings of "Fratricidal war" were heard in 1861 we find him among those who enlisted in the 85th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in old camp Lafayette. He served on regular duty till June, 1862, then on detached service till June, 1863. On June 11, 1863, he again joined his regiment at Folly's Island, and served till August when a minie ball on Morris Island, S. C., ended his soldier's active work and made him a cripple for life. He was taken from Morris Island to Port Royal hospital, and thence to Fort Schuyler hospital, N. Y., thence to Davis Island general hospital,

where he was discharged in 1864. He still remains in the old home, and takes his meals with his sister, Mrs. Robinson, who with her husband, Mr. Joseph H., and their three children, Robert Ross, Libby Jane and Louis L. make the home of this veteran great-great-grandson of veteran soldiers.

Although a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., and G. A. R. Post Alfred Shibley, No. 119, yet his greatest pleasure is in his eldership in the old Mt. Moriah Presbyterian church, whose teachings are a part of the race, and he holds as a prized heirloom the "Deed Bond" of the old church which was the preaching point of the young and eloquent Dr. McMillen on August 4, 1775. It would be indeed interesting to trace all of this old family history through the stormy times of the French Revolution and the later valuable history of the gallant old Gen. M. A. Ross who by age is the head of the ancient Scottish clan of their fathers, and all the many other interesting points of their history. For this in full the reader is referred to the file of the "Genius of Liberty" of April 22, 1880, or to the copy of it which is in the Robinson family. Mr. Ross waits till the final "muster out" when he shall join all the heroes in the peace of the everlasting haven of rest.

NICHOLAS BLAKE, whose name is preserved in Fayette county on account of his being the first owner of Friendship Hill the favorite county seat of Gallatin and Dawson, was an Englishman who settled prior to 1788 in Springhill township, where he afterwards died in almost destitute circumstances. His son, James, in 1808, went to England where he inherited by the death of a relative a large landed estate.

There is no estate in western Pennsylvania

more generally known for its early associations and historic interest than "Friendship Hill." Tradition says the name was given to the place by the Indians, and, in the original patent, which is in the possession of Mr. Speer, dated January 26th, 1788, and signed by Hon. Peter Muhlenburg, vice-president of the supreme executive council of Pennsylvania, it is described as "a tract of land called Friendship Hill, situate on the east side of the Monongahela river, about three miles from the mouth of the Cheat river, in Springhill township, Fayette county;" and further adds: "Said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant granted to Nicholas Blake, dated 23d December, 1785, who, by deed dated the 27th day of May, 1786, conveyed the same to Albert Gallatin." These papers, therefore, establish the name, with full description, for over one hundred and fifteen years. The property remained in the hands of Mr. Gallatin until May 26th, 1832, when he sold it to Albin Mellier, a gentleman, who, prior to that time, had lived at or near Baltimore. It was held by Mr. Mellier and his heirs until purchased by John L. Dawson, about 1859. When Mr. Gallatin came to Western Pennsylvania, he built a log cabin at the mouth of Georges creek. A little later, he purchased Friendship Hill from Nicholas Blake, and erected a house of brick and stucco, which continued to be his residence during the time which he spent in Fayette county until 1820, when he built the stone house which connects with, and is slightly in front of, the other building. This later addition was completed early in 1822. Both buildings still remain. In the selection of Friendship Hill as a home, we cannot doubt but that Mr. Gallatin was largely moved by the rugged hills, unbroken forests, the river and the splendid scenery, which so

strongly reminded him of his native Switzerland.

After Mr. Dawson purchased the place, he renewed the buildings, which had been neglected for many years, and made such alterations as were necessary for the comfort of his family. It continued to be his home until his death, which occurred at Friendship Hill, September 18, 1870; and, subsequently, it was occupied as a summer home by Mrs. Dawson until her death, in 1886. Since that time, it has remained in possession of the heirs of Mr. Dawson until 1899, when Charles E. Speer, of Pittsburg, whose wife is the eldest daughter of John L. Dawson, purchased the interests of the heirs other than his wife. Mr. Spcer has restored the property without altering, in any way, its natural beauty or historic character.

The scenery and surroundings are of rare beauty, and the physical conformation is quite remarkable. Immediately in front of the house the ground drops away abruptly, and then gradually rises until it reaches the foot hills of the mountains, about nine miles away. In the rear of the house, the surface rises to a considerable height, and then drops off, by sheer descent, nearly three hundred feet to the river. The bluff is over one thousand yards in length. From the eminence on which the house is placed, a widely extended landscape of surpassing loveliness is spread out, comprising forests, streams and cultivated fields, terminating in the extreme distance with the Laurel Hill ridge, which can be seen for thirty or forty miles, bounding the eastern horizon. On the western side, it is bordered by the Monongahela river for a distance of two miles.

Friendship Hill is worthy of historic mention, not only because it was the early home of Albert Gallatin during the period when

he began his career, but, also as the home, for many years, of John L. Dawson, who, in many respects, was the peer and equal of Mr. Gallatin; who occupied a place equally prominent in the history of Western Pennsylvania, and who has left behind him throughout that country a name not excelled by any other.

When Mr. Gallatin came, in 1785 to New Geneva, which he founded and named after his birthplace in Switzerland, he brought with him Sophie Allegre, the beautiful young wife whom he had just married in Richmond, Virginia, and who lived but one year. Her body lies interred in the forest, not far from the house. It was her request that a locust tree should be planted to mark her grave, which was done.

One cannot but stop to reflect on the wildness of this region at that time, and, when we further consider that it was only thirty-one years after the defeat of General Braddock that Mr. Gallatin came to Fayette county with his young wife, and made his home at Friendship Hill, we may form some opinion of the fearless, sturdy character of the men who laid the foundations of this Commonwealth, and helped so much to make it what it is to-day.

In 1825, General Lafayette, who was making a tour of the United States, which extended from Boston to New Orleans and back, visited Mr. Gallatin at Friendship Hill, escorted by a large party from Uniontown. These men had been warm friends, and both had done much to assist in laying the foundations of this Government; one in fighting her enemies, and the other in building up the political structure. They had many interests in common and we may imagine the pleasure with which they renewed their earlier associations, in this new country, on the verge



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of the wilderness, so far from their early homes. The occasion was one of great interest throughout the entire county, and a large concourse of neighbors met the distinguished guests at Friendship Hill, and partook of the hospitality of Mr. Gallatin. The original manuscript copy of the speech made on this occasion by Mr. Gallatin, showing the alterations and interlineations in his own handwriting, and, also, the reply of General Lafayette, are among the treasures of the past now in the possession of Mr. Speer.

The original tract purchased by Mr. Gallatin from Nicholas Blake comprised three hundred and seventy and three-fourth acres. At a later period, he purchased from Thomas Clare about one hundred and eighty additional acres, making five hundred and fifty, of which about one-half was cleared, and, on the remainder, the original forest trees, in all their beauty, are still standing. In addition to his other accomplishments, Mr. Gallatin included that of a surveyor, and it is said that the fields and clearings were all laid out under his personal supervision. We may believe this, as they could not be done better to-day, with all the skill of a modern landscape gardener. The forests comprise magnificent oaks, chestnuts, walnuts, beeches, sycamores and great numbers of beautiful maples, with all the other trees indigenous to the western part of Pennsylvania, and it would be difficult to find a more attractive stretch of woodland than that presented at Friendship Hill.

WILLIAM SHEIRY.—As a man of excellent business and executive ability, and as a citizen of worth, William Sheiry is widely and favorably known in Fayette county. He was born in Somerset county, Pa., in 1835, and is

a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Seylig) Sheiry, natives of Somerset county. His grandfather also bore the name of Adam Sheiry, a name that had been given to his ancestors for several generations. Adam Sheiry, father of William Sheiry, was a prominent farmer of Somerset county; a Democrat in politics; a man of integrity and true to his convictions. In 1873 he removed to Fayette county and purchased the farm in Bullsken township now owned by the subject of this sketch. His death occurred on this farm at the age of seventy-six. His wife, Elizabeth Seylig, died in 1859 aged sixty-two years; they had six children who lived to mature years: George, resident of Bedford county, Pa.; William, of this sketch; Lydia, wife of John Lowery; Rebecca, wife of Andrew R. Emerick, of Bedford county; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Fret, of Fayette county, and Mary, deceased. William Sheiry was reared on his father's farm in Somerset county, and removed with his father to this county in 1873. He was educated in the district schools and being of a mechanical turn of mind, incidentally learned the trade of blacksmith and still operates a shop on his well-improved farm of ninety-four acres, upon which he has recently erected a commodious barn. He is a man of keen sagacity and unflagging industry, and these qualities have brought him success. In 1858 he married Miss Hannah, daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Stretch) Comp, of Somerset county. They have seven children, as follows: Henry A., Elizabeth E., Charles, Marcy, Dora, Rebecca and George. To the Democratic party Mr. Sheiry gives his political support, but is not an active worker in its ranks. He belongs to the Scottdale German Lutheran church.

HENRY BLOSSER, a well situated farmer of near Cheat Haven, was born in Springhill township, June 21, 1828, and is a son of Isaac and Rebecca (Gellispee) Blosser. His paternal grandfather, John Blosser, with three of his brothers—Nicholas, Jacob and Abram were natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, and prior to the Revolutionary war settled in Springhill township where they purchased jointly a large tract of land which they afterwards divided. John Blosser was a very large and robust man, who became an extensive farmer and a man of influence in his community. He was a Democrat and before leaving his Virginia home married Mary Clemmer who bore him ten children who became farmers and farmers' wives. He and his wife died before reaching the age of sixty years. His son, Isaac Blosser, was born at the mouth of Cheat river, in 1804, and spent his life on the farm on which he was born. He was a respected citizen and owned three farms. He was a Methodist and a Democrat and served as constable for some years. He died April 28, 1842. He married Rebecca Gellispee, a native of Springhill township and who died in 1881. They had eight children of whom the following six grew to maturity: Henry, John, Isaac, Jr., George, Mary and Matilda. Henry Blosser was reared and educated in his native township where he has always pursued farming as his chosen vocation and where he owns a choice farm of ninety-two acres near Cheat Haven. This farm was formerly owned by James Brooks. Henry Blosser, on March 1, 1857, married Mary M., daughter of James and Mary Brooks, and to their union were born seven children: Lurania A., Joseph A., James B., Jesse L., George O., Mary M. and Julia R. Mrs.

Blosser was born on the farm where she resides and her people, the Brooks', were old settlers and respected people who generally lived to be quite aged.

DAVID M. JOHNSON, a successful and leading farmer of Nicholson township, is a son of David and Martha (McGill) Johnson and was born in German township, in 1856. He was reared on the farm, attended the common schools and in 1883 purchased his present farm of two hundred and thirty-eight acres in Nicholson township. This farm then unimproved is now one of the best improved farms in the township. In 1898 he erected his present modern residence, and since then has been constantly making improvements. In 1883 Mr. Johnson wedded Frances Kefover, and to their union have been born six children: David Ray, born April 8, 1884; Philip Edward, July 8, 1886; William Emerson, April 29, 1889 (now deceased); Martha Eliza, May 15, 1893 (deceased); Nellie Edith, and Elizabeth A., born August 15, 1899. Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Philip and Eliza (Smith) Kefover, born respectively May 15, 1821 and October 14, 1825. Mr. Johnson is an energetic and useful man. He is a Republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Menonite church. His grandfather David Johnson, Sr., was a leading business man of German township where with his son, David, he had a distillery on the site of the Gray distillery. David Johnson was born March 10, 1822 and died March 8, 1888. He was a man of energy and influence and married Martha J. McGill who was born April 25, 1827, and is still living. Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of D. J. Honsaker; David M. (subject); George N., Isaac R., William U.,

Jacob H., Mary Frances, Lucretta, wife of Lucian Honsaker, and John, Hannah and Nancy who are deceased.

WILLIAM DAVENPORT, a highly respected citizen and business man of New Geneva, was born in that place March 3, 1854. His father, James Davenport, was also a native of Nicholson township, and is still enjoying the comforts of a well spent life in his eighty-seventh year; during his active years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in New Geneva, a vocation in which his father, John Davenport, was also engaged from an early day, and for whom he clerked when a boy. He assumed control of the business in 1838, continuing forty years, when he retired. Commencing life in moderate circumstances, he arose step by step to a position where, by spotless integrity, true benevolence and genial nature, he won the respect of all and gained a host of warm personal friends. In 1876 James Davenport was married to Rachel Caldwell who still survives. John Davenport, father of James, came from Ireland during the latter part of the eighteenth century at the age of sixteen years, and first located in Georgetown, Md. Through an uncle who had served in the Revolutionary war, he came in possession of a tract of land in Kentucky; but not being content to locate there, he removed to New Geneva, where he engaged in business together with farming interests, which were pursued under difficulties in those days. Goods were purchased in Baltimore, Md., twice each year and hauled by wagon. Being a man of universal business ability, he was looked upon as a shrewd, efficient and capable man of affairs. William Davenport was educated in the public schools and early in life began clerking in his father's store. He was em-

ployed afterwards for a number of years as clerk in various stores in Clarion, Venango and Allegheny counties. In 1886 he began in the mercantile trade and that year formed a partnership with W. H. Deffenbaugh, conducting a general merchandising business in New Geneva, until 1892, when Mr. Davenport purchased Mr. Deffenbaugh's interest and has since continued the business. Mr. Davenport was first appointed postmaster under President Harrison's administration and again in 1897, resuming the duties of the office in January, 1898. In 1883 Mr. Davenport married Miss Maggie, daughter of Dr. George Birch, of Greensboro, Pa. Her death occurred in 1885. In October, 1894, he married Mrs. Ella Arnold Davenport, daughter of Dr. H. B. Arnold, of California, Pa. They have one son, James Howard, born November 10, 1899.

JOHN SMILEY DAVID was born at Fairchance, Georges township, in 1850. Since reaching his majority he has been identified with the interests of his township and county. He received his education in the public schools and Georges Creek academy, of Smithfield. He was reared on the farm, and his early days were spent in Georges, German and Nicholson townships. He began teaching in 1868, and continued twenty years, principally in his native township and for a short time in Harrison county, W. Va. His teaching from first to last was attended with great success and that occupation being one for which he seemed peculiarly fitted, in it he attained a high reputation. In 1885 Mr. David was elected principal of public schools in Uniontown, Pa., a position he held until 1891 when he relinquished teaching and closed his career as a teacher. The next year he bought a farm in Nicholson town-

ship of two hundred and thirty acres which he has continued to develop and has brought it to a high state of cultivation. Seventy-five acres of this farm are coal lands. June 16, 1892, Mr. David was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Waitman and Caroline (Daugherty) Davis. Mrs. David had been engaged in teaching in the public schools from 1884 until 1892. They have had three children: Mary Margaret (deceased); Waitman and James Evan. Mr. and Mrs. David are members of the Presbyterian church. He has been a life long Republican. Mrs. David's father, Waitman Davis, was killed at the Leith coke works, where he was employed as chemist, August 29, 1887. He was for some time employed as an instructor in the public schools of Connellsville. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry under Captain Huestead. Waitman Davis was a man of broad capabilities and sound judgment. He was a son of Bowers and Eliza (Maple) Davis, the latter a daughter of Robert Maple, who was of oil well fame. He was born in New Jersey, August 1, 1778. He came to Pennsylvania in 1801. His wife was Jane Hale, born December 25, 1802. He was a natural mechanic and was afterwards a cooper. He manufactured linseed oil and built a grist mill and carding machine. It was on his farm that the Dunkard Creek oil excitement of 1863-4 had its start. A town was built in six months containing five hotels. He sold one-eighth interest in one well for ten thousand dollars and was at one time offered two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for his farm. He died at the age of ninety-two.

Mr. J. S. David is a son of Joseph M. and Mary Ann (Kildow) David, of Wharton township, this county, and Martinsburg, W. Va. They had six children: John S., Wells

E., James N., Jesse, Sarah E. and W. O. Joseph David was a farmer and stock raiser, and for many years a resident of Nicholson township. He was one of the original abolitionists and a firm advocate of the principles of prohibition. He was a Seventh Day Baptist, but did not observe his day, believing it was better for all Christians to unite in the observance of one day. He died in 1875 in Nicholson township, aged fifty-seven and his widow is now in the eighty-third year of her age. Wells E. David served in the 85th Pennsylvania Volunteers and died in front of Richmond during the McClellan campaign. James N. David served three years in the Ringgold battalion in Virginia, and now resides in Clarksburg, Harrison county, Va., where he has taught many years and been elected twice as county superintendent of schools. Hon. Jesse E. taught in West Virginia a number of years and then went to Gilian county, Oregon, where he engaged in farming and stock raising and which county he has represented twice in the Oregon legislature. Sarah E. David still resides with her mother. Rev. W. O. David taught several years and is now a local evangelist of Redstone presbytery. John S. David (subject) took the first coal options in the Klondike with the purpose of organizing it into a field for operations.

Joseph M. David was the son of Daniel George Whitfield David, who came from Philadelphia to Wharton township in 1792, spending a short time prior to this time at Springhill furnace. He was a farmer and a prominent Baptist; was a Democrat and afterwards a Whig. He possessed a classical education; lived many years in Wharton township and died at the age of ninety-four at the home of his son, Joseph M., in German township. His wife was Elizabeth

Wells, daughter of one of the founders of Springhill furnace. They reared a family of thirteen children, of whom Joseph M. David was the youngest. Daniel G. W. David was a son of Rev. Enoch David, of Philadelphia, where he was for many years associated with the Seventh Day Baptist church. Enoch's wife was Elizabeth Harrison, of Philadelphia, and a cousin of ex-President W. H. Harrison. Enoch David came to the United States from Wales and in 1793 Daniel G. W. walked from Philadelphia to Fayette county. Thus it will be seen that the subject of this sketch descends from an industrious and capable ancestry, inheriting all those qualities that are essential for a life of happiness and usefulness.

JOHN POUNDSTONE bears the distinction of being the oldest living representative of his native township of Nicholson. He was born August 30, 1804, educated in the public schools, and early learned the cabinet making trade and pursued it for some four years in Masontown, having subsequently spent some time in Smithfield, German township, this county, and in Ohio. A few years prior to his marriage he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits which have since engaged his time. In 1825 he bought one hundred and nine acres of land where he now resides, and this was the beginning of his large landed estate, the success of which has been due in no small degree to his own efforts. He is a man of much energy and strong determination, keen sagacity and unflagging industry. Nicholas Poundstone, father of John, was also a native of Fayette county where he spent his life as a farmer. He married Elizabeth Everly and they had eight children. The former lived to the age of ninety years and the latter to eighty.

August 12, 1827, Mr. Poundstone was married to Susanna Rider, daughter of Lawrence Rider, of German township. She died in June, 1869. Of the children born to their union those living are: William, Lawrence, Westley and Isaac. Those deceased, Jesse, Elizabeth, Anna, George and James K. Mr. Poundstone's second marriage was with Barbara A. Hunsaker, June 4, 1871. Mrs. Poundstone is a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Johnson) Hunsaker, of Nicholson township. Solomon Hunsaker died in 1873 and his wife in 1888. While farming interests have engaged Mr. Poundstone's attention during the greater period of his active life, he at one time ran several keel boats from Pittsburg to Morgantown. He has held some important township offices and is a member of the Lutheran church; he is a Democrat. The twentieth century finds him with a firm grasp mentally upon all that pertains to the details of his business affairs.

JAMU N. ROSS.—On the closing of the third generation of the well known Ross family in Fayette county, it is but proper that some reminiscences be given. They were Gallic or Scotch living in Balnagowan mountains in the Highlands of Scotland, and were a large clan, being required in 1704 by King James, to furnish three hundred men as their quota for his army. The badge of the clan was the aitease Gallic, *juniperus communis*, or juniper, also used by the clans MacLeod and Gann. The tartan was composed of red, blue and green in the 78th Highlanders. The oppressions of the rulers in Scotland and in the feuds on account of their religious views, caused a large number of the Scotch to cross the channel into the North of Ireland, where they had more privileges under the Irish kings especially those holding

the solemn league and covenant of the Covenanters as of vital importance to them, among which were a large number of the Ross clan, where in the year 1709, Robert Ross was born, who subsequently married Jane Lotta, and remaining there until after the birth of their first child, then emigrated to America and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. There several sons were added to the family, the youngest, Robert Ross, being born September 2, 1753. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he took the oath of allegiance before Col. Miller, entered the army under Gen. Wayne and was present at the storming of Stony Point. During the year 1783, he married Dorcas Andrews, the daughter of a Scotchman, whose wife was a Ewing. On the 23d of March, 1774, Nancy, their first child was born, who afterwards became the wife of James C. Edington, and died at Masontown, Pa., August 5, 1863, aged seventy-nine years. In June, 1784, the two Roberts—father and son—emigrated to Fayette county, and settled where Masontown now stands. On January 31, 1786, John Ross was born, who married Elizabeth Wall. He died on the old homestead August 1, 1865, aged seventy-nine years. June 25, 1788, Robert Ross, the elder, died, aged about seventy-eight years; November 28, 1787, their second son, Robert Ross was born. In the year 1809 he married Elizabeth Virginia Lemaire, who had been born on the ship Virginia, on the passage of her parents from France to escape the horrors of the French Revolution; she died the latter part of 1810, leaving one child, Gen. M. A. Ross, of Somerset county, Pa., who is the chief of the clan in the fourth generation by age. After the death of his wife, Robert, at the commencement of the war of 1812, went into the army and was surrendered by Gen.

Hull to the British under Gen. Brock. He was paroled, but at once returned to the army for during the war; justifying breaking his parole on the grounds that British gold had made the capture. He was afterwards in the battles of Lundy's Lane, Fort Stephenson, Fort Erie, etc., and was wounded. After the war ended, he returned home, but enlisted again on the 9th of January, 1822, and died in cantonment, Baton Rouge, aged thirty-four years. August 11, 1790, Moses A. Ross was born; married Isabelle Gilmore; removed to the State of Iowa, where, on the 22d of November, 1862, he died, aged seventy-two years. December 24, 1792, Dorcas Ross, second daughter, was born; married Dr. James C. Ramsay, whom she survived over thirty years; died February 12, 1880, aged eighty-five years, near New Geneva, having attained the greatest age of any of the family. June 17, 1797, Warwick Ross, who was named after Rev. Warwick, a Covenanter, was born, married Sarah Hill, of Morgantown, West Virginia, died at his residence on the old French Mill property, July 23, 1875, aged seventy eight years. April 18, 1800, the second child of the family, Hananiah L. Ross, was born, who married Hannah Rider, a daughter of Lorentz Rider. He died February 24, 1880, aged seventy-nine years. The father of Robert Ross, the second, died November 12, 1823, aged seventy years; his wife Dorcas (the mother), died August 1st, 1835, aged eighty years. Thus three generations have passed away full of years, and the fourth through many years in Scotland, where the sound of the slogan could not reach them. It is to be hoped that the love of kindred and name may be continued in the clan.

Jahu N. Ross, the subject of this sketch, was born in Nicholson township, Pa., Octo-

ber 7, 1833, on the farm adjoining the one upon which he now resides, which was also the birthplace and home of his father, Hananiah L. Ross, above mentioned. He was a highly respected citizen, and a man of genuine worth to the community in which he lived. Of his family of seven children, six survive: Jahu, Isaac, Nancy, wife of Moses A. Ferran; Warwick II.; Diana, wife of James Blackford, Ezra and Hannah deceased, who was the wife of Colin Malaby. Jahu N. Ross (subject) began the active duties of life at the age of twenty-two, when he rented his father's farm of ninety-one acres and thus made his first real start towards gaining a competency. March 6, 1866, he married Mary Ann Fast, daughter of Francis Fast, of Nicholson township. This union has been blessed with three children: Ira W. Ross, of Washington county, Pa.; Francis Ross, of Nicholson township, and Ann Mary E., wife of James Hague, of German township. Mr. Ross is a valued member of the old Frame Presbyterian church. He was also a Good Templar and member of the Grange during the life of the local organization and efficiently filled the office of school director for two years. The homestead farm, has under his care, undergone many changes, new, modern buildings have been erected thereon, and its fertile fields brought to a high state of cultivation. It may be said without any fulsome praise, that Mr. Ross has a reputation as a business man as well as a citizen that is without blemish, and that he has earned it by his industry, his intelligence, his enterprise and his personal integrity.

WILLIAM P. GRIFFIN.—Among the few who are represented as having passed the nonagenarian period in Fayette county is William P. Griffin, of Nicholson township.

His career has been one in which success has followed individual effort; and enterprise, perseverance and wise management have resulted in prosperity; he overcame all obstacles by a determined purpose which has won for him the proud distinction of a well-ripened manhood as the crowning glory of his closing years. Mr. Griffin is of Welsh ancestry, a son of William and Rhoda Griffin, who came to Fayette county and settled on Georges creek in Springhill township. He was a miller. They had eight children of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh. He was born September 2, 1809, and was educated in the public schools. During his youth he worked early and late to cultivate the land and he has been engaged in farming and stock raising all his life. He has lived on the farm which his father purchased in 1830 and moved on in 1832. In August, 1836, he married Mary Ann Gans, of Springhill township, who lived until March, 1898, having reached her eighty-second year. To this union were born the following children: William L., Charles A., Richard N., Harriet E., Amity R., Martha M., Elizabeth, George and Flora M., who are still living, and Mary L., Alvin W. and Addie M., deceased. Mr. Griffin was once a lieutenant in the State militia, and two of his sons, William L. and Charles A. served in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were for many years members of the Baptist church, but about 1868 they united with the Christian church of which they were honored and useful members, Mr. Griffin being now an elder thereof. Mrs. Griffin was possessed of true Christian virtue and was devoted to her husband and family who revere her memory. Mr. Griffin's long residence in Fayette county has given him an extensive acquaintance, and he has won for

himself a name which is associated with all that is honorable, noble and elevated, and he will leave a memory in which the fragrance of good deeds, the exaltation of true manhood and the elevation of Christian character so happily combine to render his life truly blessed.

DICK N. CRAFT is a well known and enterprising young man of Redstone township and is a descendant of an old and respected family of that township, where he was born in the house in which he now resides on October 26, 1852. He is a son of the late James W. and Caroline (Craft) Craft, whose personal history is given in the biography of Hayden R. Craft. Dick N. Craft was reared in his native township and educated in the common schools. The first years of his life were spent on his father's farm where he assiduously applied himself to agricultural pursuits. Here he remained up to 1887, at which time he entered the employ of the Union Supply Company, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, as a clerk. In this position he proved himself almost indispensable to his employers up to 1892, when he returned to Uniontown where he engaged in the meat business with his brother-in-law, J. R. Carothers. He remained in this business up to 1895 when he removed to his birthplace and present farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. He and his brother, Hayden R., are operating a portable saw mill which has proved successful. In this enterprise they have been engaged for twenty years. Mr. D. N. Craft is a wide-awake business man as well as a practical farmer; he is well in advance of his age in all the pursuits pertaining to the farmer's wants. Mr. Craft is a Republican in politics and a member of the Royal Arcanum. May

31, 1875, he was joined in marriage to Miss Rebecca W., daughter of Stephen R. and Sarah Nutt. To this union were born the following children: Paul R., October 30, 1876; Luray V., September 17, 1878; Samuel C., December 5, 1880; Joseph M. (deceased), September 13, 1882; Annie M., May 23, 1884; Ruth (deceased), October 29, 1886; Lottie M. (deceased), March 1, 1891. Mrs. Rebecca W. Craft was born in Jefferson township, January 8, 1856. Her parents are still living. Her paternal grandfather, Joseph Nutt, was one of the gold prospectors who, in 1849, went to California and died there.

HAYDEN R. CRAFT is one of Redstone township's prosperous and progressive farmers and is the descendant of George Craft (great-grandfather), who was a native of Germany and came to this country at an early age. He settled in Maryland near the site of the battle ground of Antietam, where he lived until 1771, when he removed with his family to Western Pennsylvania and where he settled on a farm which has been in the hands of his descendants ever since. George and his good wife lived to be old and reared a family of useful men and women. One of those sons, David Craft (grandfather), was born in 1763 and married to Margaret Woodrow in 1788, who bore him thirteen children. David Craft foresaw the necessity of a trained mind to reap the full measure and benefit of any of the various callings in life, and therefore sought the education of his children, and secured, with others, a graduate of the University of Oxford to teach a select school in which his children were placed. Mr. Craft lived to see the happy result of his labor of love and died at a ripe old age; his wife's death occurred in 1812. James W. Craft,

the son of David and father of Hayden R. Craft, was born in Redstone township, February 13, 1807. He was educated in common and select schools. He had a natural as well as a cultivated taste for the higher grades of literature and had great admiration for the English classics, and was able to quote extensively from them. In early life he showed a proficiency in music which he cultivated to an eminent degree. While yet a boy he became leader of the celebrated military band which furnished martial music for the military companies organized at Brownsville and Uniontown. His band furnished the music at the reception of the Marquis de La Fayette in Uniontown in 1825, and at the invitation of Albert Gallatin accompanied the former to the home of the latter. This band furnished music for all the Masonic and military parades of Uniontown, Washington and Brownsville from 1824 to 1835. General Jackson expressed himself in these words: "That surpasses any martial music I have ever heard." The favorite instruments of Mr. Craft were the flute and the clarinet. He was joined in marriage to Miss Caroline, daughter of Daniel Craft, in February, 1847. To this happy union there were born nine children. Mr. Craft was an enthusiastic Old Line Whig and had held many of the township offices. He held for thirty years that of justice of the peace. He was strictly a man of peace; often, to his own financial loss, would he bring the two contending parties together and secure a compromise. His life's principle was "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you." He was a member of the Hopwell Cumberland Presbyterian church of which he was a supporting pillar. So noble and gentle was his bearing, so kind and loving his disposition, so true and affectionate his love,

that, in the wide range of his acquaintance none could possibly be missed more than he. His death occurred February 20, 1881. His widow still survives.

Hayden R. Craft, son of James W. and Caroline (Craft) Craft, was born in Redstone township upon the farm which he now occupies, September 19, 1857. He was educated in the common schools and chose for himself the vocation of a farmer. He has succeeded and to see his surroundings is to appreciate successful results. His well tilled farm consists of one hundred and fifteen acres, the value of which is enhanced daily by the skillful manipulation of his hands. Like his honored father James W., he is an ardent Republican and has held many responsible offices in the township. He also inherited his father's love for music and is a member of the Brownsville band. He also enjoys membership in the Royal Arcanum and the Jr. O. U. A. M. On October 26, 1878, he married Miss Laura B., daughter of Searight W. and Katharine Colley. To this union were born three children: Lulu B., February 20, 1881; Lizzie E., October 3, 1885, and Gertrude, April 7, 1887. Mrs. Laura B. (Colley) Craft was born in Menallen township, February 12, 1860, and was educated at the Pittsburg Female college from which she graduated with high honors. She also graduated in music and competed for the prize awarded the victor of her class. She is a woman of refinement and culture. Mrs. Craft and her daughters are members of the Presbyterian church.

URIAH HIGINBOTHAM is one of Redstone township's prosperous farmers, and is a son of the late Thomas and Malinda (Maple) Higinbotham, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania; and removed

to Fayette county in 1857, locating in Redstone township, where they owned about five hundred acres of land (see sketch of Samuel Higinbotham). Uriah was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1857, and is the sixth in order of age of his father's children. He was reared and educated in Redstone township and has chosen the vocation of a farmer to which pursuit he has assiduously applied himself. He worked on his father's farm from boyhood and in his early manhood and there acquired the habits and principles which in after years have stood him in hand and made him a success as an agriculturist. Mr. Higinbotham owns a well tilled and productive farm the products of which find a ready market wherever presented. In 1880 he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Harry and Rosanna Holland. To this union were born three children: Arthur, born March 21, 1882; Nora, born July 18, 1884, and Anna M., born in October, 1886. Mrs. Elizabeth (Holland) Higinbotham was born in Redstone township in 1855. They are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Higinbotham is a staunch Republican.

SAMUEL HIGINBOTHAM is a well known and prosperous farmer residing in Redstone township upon a well cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres. His paternal grandfather was Samuel Higinbotham of German parentage, who located in Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the mercantile business for some years. He afterwards removed to Masontown, Fayette county, where he continued in the same line of business for a number of years. He was a successful business man, but of a quiet and reserved turn of mind. He was very hospitable, and could be entertaining to his

friends. In his public life he never lost sight of the principle "as ye measure to others it shall be measured to you again." In politics he was a Republican; he was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was twice married, first to Esther Cousen, and their children were: George, Uriah, James, Samuel, Thomas, Theophilus and William. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Creamer, by whom he had one child, Balsar. The above named sons have become men of worth and usefulness in some of the various walks of life. Samuel was a physician; Theophilus was a successful merchant; William was an accountant, while Balsar was a prominent attorney, who subsequently became judge in one of the counties of Indiana. Samuel, their father, lived to be seventy-five years of age, and at his death had the respect of his fellow citizens. Thomas, one of the above named sons of Samuel, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1824. He was educated at the common schools and in early life entered into mercantile business at Point Marion. After a short experience there he removed to Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the same business in connection with hotel keeping. Here he remained eight years. In 1855 he returned to this county, where he purchased a farm on which his son Samuel now resides. In business, Mr. Higinbotham was an honest and honorable man, dealing justly with all men. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which he was also an elder. Politically, he was a Republican. He was joined in marriage to Miss Malinda Maple, a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1848. To this union there were seven children born: Robert, Samuel, Esther (deceased), Alfred (deceased), Uriah, Elizabeth (deceased) and Mary. Mr.

Thomas Higinbotham died August 21, 1893. His wife's death occurred January 28, 1899. Samuel Higinbotham, the subject of this sketch was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1851, and is a son of the above named Thomas and Malinda (Maple) Higinbotham. He was seven years of age when he came with his father to this county, where he was reared and educated. He chose for himself a farmer's life, and has proved his efficiency as a tiller of the soil. He resides on the farm which was purchased and owned by his father. Samuel Higinbotham is a practical farmer, who employs all the modern improvements to facilitate his labor and aid him in the cultivation of the soil. Politically, he is a Republican, and as such enjoys the full confidence of his fellow citizens, both in his own and opposing parties. He has efficiently performed the duties of several of the township offices. In 1882 he was appointed by the county commissioners to collect both State and county taxes. On February 11, 1875, he was joined in marriage to Miss Caroline, daughter of James and Eliza Frasher. To this union there were born eight children: Bertha, James (deceased), Thomas, Alfred, Wilkie, Nathaniel, Eliza and Hopwood. Mrs. Caroline (Frasher) Higinbotham was born in Franklin township, May 12, 1857.

LEWIS PERRY HESS, one of the leading farmers residing in Redstone township, was born in Menallen township, Fayette county, September 23, 1843. He is a son of the late John and Eliza (Dutton) Hess, the former born in Redstone township on the farm now owned by his son, Lewis P., in 1812; the latter born in Washington county, Pa., in 1818. John Hess was reared and educated in Fayette county and pursued the calling

of a farmer at which he was a success. He owned and tilled eighty-four acres of valuable land in Redstone township, where he remained all his life. He was a member of the Baptist church, in good standing and was for several years superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically, he was a Democrat. Their family consisted of ten children, eight of whom are living: Martin, Timothy, John, Lewis P., Isaac, Clark, Elizabeth and Eliza A. John died March 2, 1865. His wife, Eliza, survives him. Martin Hess, paternal grandfather, was a native of Germany and emigrated to this country early enough to be one of the pioneer settlers of his section. His wife was Rachel Orange, who bore him ten children, two of whom are now living. Martin died in 1872. His wife, Rachel, died in 1850. Lewis P. Hess, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in Redstone township and has been a farmer from his youth up. He has been a successful farmer. He tills a valuable farm of one hundred and eight acres, the produce of which finds a ready market in the adjacent markets. Mr. L. P. Hess is a practical man and a practical farmer. He has the entire confidence of his fellow citizens, who have placed him in offices of importance and trust. He has held the office of tax collector and assessor with satisfaction to all. On March 18, 1875, he was married to Miss Jane A., daughter of Isaac and Sarah Cowell. To this marriage was born four children: Riley S., September 8, 1877; Leslie E., August 14, 1879; Lucy M., January 18, 1881, and an unnamed infant (deceased). Mrs. Jane E. Hess was born in Menallen township in 1843.

ROBERT FINLEY (deceased) was one of Redstone township's worthy citizens. He was born April 4, 1809, on the farm now own-

ed and occupied by his son Thomas W. He was educated in the common schools where he became sufficiently proficient to fill a subsequent life of usefulness as a farmer. He was a live business man; quick to perceive, rapid in thought but moderate in his conclusions. He believed in and carried out the beautiful principles of the Golden Rule and was a man of sterling qualities. His integrity was beyond the shadow of a doubt, indeed he was noted for his devotion to his God, his usefulness to his neighbors and his charity to all. These made his character great, "For virtues are the forces and powers of life." While he left ample means for his children, his best legacy is his good name. In politics he was a Republican and in religious faith a Presbyterian. He was married twice; first to Catherine Carothers by whom he had six children, two of whom grew to maturity: Samuel E. and Mrs. Mary Margery Baird. For his second wife he married Ann Hurford who bore him five children, three of whom are living: Thomas W., John E. and Mrs. Margaret A. Wilson. Robert Finley died October 7, 1874, and his second wife who was born November 20, 1816, died June 10, 1895. Robert Finley was the thirteenth in order of age of a family of fourteen children. His father, Ebenezer Finley who was born December 28, 1760, was a native of Maryland and a practical farmer in his day. He was noted far and wide for his piety and fervency and eloquence in prayer. He organized the first Sunday-school in New Salem. He was one of the main if not the main pillar in the Presbyterian church of which he was an elder. He was married four times; first to Jane Kinkaid, January 29, 1782; she was born November 5, 1762, and died June 5, 1793. For his second wife he

married Violet Lowrey, April 8, 1794; she was born April 2, 1775, and died November 11, 1804. For his third wife he married Marjory Cunningham, March 14, 1805; she was born April 11, 1769, and died June 27, 1822. For his fourth wife he married Sarah Jones, in 1822; she was born September 14, 1769, and died January 24, 1847. There were born to the above marriages fourteen children. Ebenezer Finley was the son of Rev. James Finley, a native of Armagh Province of Ulster, Ireland, who was born in February, 1725. He was a minister of the Presbyterian church and came to this country about 1760, locating in Maryland. In 1765 he removed to this county, locating in Redstone township where he took up three hundred and five acres of land now the property of his great-grandson, Thomas W. Finley. He, with the Rev. James Power organized the Rehoboth Presbyterian church near the site of Fayette City. These two were the first Presbyterian clergymen to cross the mountains. Rev. James Finley served faithfully for a number of years as pastor of the Elkton Presbyterian church, in Maryland. His sons were farmers and were as follows: William, Michael, Joseph, Ebenezer and Samuel R. The first three he settled in comfortable homes at Rehoboth, Westmoreland county, and the others in this county in Redstone township on Dunlap's creek. Rev. James Finley had a brother, Rev. Samuel Finley, who was one of the first presidents of Princeton college, and grandfather of Samuel Finley Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. Rev. James Finley died January 6, 1795, and his remains were interred at Rehoboth. John Finley was the father of the Rev. James and Rev. Samuel Finley, and came to this country in 1734, locating in Maryland.

GEORGE ROBERTS is a well known and prosperous farmer residing in Redstone township where he was born September 3, 1829. His paternal great-great-grandfather was Griffith Roberts, a native of Wales, who emigrated to this country and settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania. By occupation he was a stonemason, at which he worked most of his life. In conjunction with his trade he conducted farming to quite an extent. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Quaker. His wife was Miss Rachel Jeffries, by whom he had one son and three daughters. This couple lived to an advanced age. Griffith's son was Abraham, and grandfather of George Roberts; he was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania; he, too, was brought up a Quaker, and like his father, served his time at the stonemason's trade; he also worked a farm. He came to this county with his father long before the Revolutionary war and settled in what is now Redstone township on a farm of two hundred acres of valuable land. He had all the good traits of the Quakers; he was social, hospitable and charitable. He married Elizabeth Morris, in 1804, by whom he had four sons and four daughters, only one of whom is now living. Politically he was a staunch Democrat. He died in 1819, his wife's death occurred later. Abraham had a son whose name was Griffith and was the father of George, the subject of this notice. He was born in Redstone township, March 7, 1807; he did not follow the calling of his worthy progenitors in being a stonemason, but took kindly to farming, to which he applied himself assiduously. He was a man of marked ability and influence; he served his county as associate judge for nearly two terms, his last term being cut short by the

discontinuance of the office. He was justice of the peace for ten years. Mr. Roberts was well and favorably known; he was a man far above mediocrity in business qualifications, and attended to much of the public business in his section of the county as administrator and executor of estates. He at various times held all the offices in the township except constable which office he did not covet; he had the entire confidence of his fellow citizens, and like all good men believed that every man was honest, a fact which exposed him to the tricks and impositions of corrupt and selfish men. He was commissioned captain of a militia company. In 1826 he married Miss Nancy Fought, and because she was not a Quakeress the church of his fathers was closed against him. There were four children born to them: Hannah (deceased); Philip (deceased); Elizabeth and George. Mrs. Nancy Roberts was born in Redstone township in 1801 and died in 1858; her husband died in 1894. George, son of Griffith and Nancy (Fought) Roberts, was reared and educated in his native township. He remained at home until his twenty-sixth year when he launched out in life for himself. After renting farms for a number of years he bought forty acres in Redstone township in 1884 which he afterwards sold to his son. In 1892 he bought his present farm of one hundred and forty acres upon which he now resides. Mr. Roberts is a Democrat and as such has held several township offices. He married Miss Eliza, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Frank, in September, 1855. To this union were born: Nancy E., Jasper M., Griffith A., Jesse E., George A., Mary H. and James H. Mrs. Eliza (Frank) Roberts was born in German township, December, 1828. Three of the above sons are stone-

masons, viz: Jasper M., Jesse E. and George. A. James H. is a painter; Griffith A., a farmer.

JAMES WEST is a resident of Redstone township and one of its well known farmers. He was born in the above named township, November 29, 1839, and is a son of the late James and Louisiana (Ball) West. The former was born in Redstone township, the latter in Kentucky. Samuel West, father of the last named James and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the first of that family of Wests to settle in this county. He removed from New Jersey in the early history of the country; he was a wagon maker and cooper by occupation, but at the same time paid some attention to farming, for he owned a large tract in Redstone township. He and his wife lived to a ripe old age bearing with them the respect of those who knew them. His son James, and father of our subject, was a native of Redstone township. He learned the wagon and coach making trade from his father. He was a first class mechanic who could build a coach from a "stump;" that included getting out the timber from the log, dressing, jointing, ironing and painting. Besides being a good mechanic, he was a farmer of some note, owning one hundred and forty-three acres of valuable land in Redstone township, upon which were established his shops. The political faith of Mr. West was democratic. His family numbered nine, three of whom are now living. James died July 8, 1888; his wife, Louisiana, died subsequently. James, their son, was reared and educated in Redstone township and learned the trade of which his father and grandfather were masters, and indeed he was not behind his ancestors in the skillful use of tools; he

worked at his father's bench from his youth up. He continued at home until 1869 when he removed to Merrittstown where he worked at his trade, remaining there for eight years. In 1877 he removed to his present farm where he enjoys the blessings of a life of comfort surrounded by those conveniences which only a farmer enjoys. January 5, 1865, he was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Uriah Higinbotham, of Masontown. To this union were born three sons: Uriah H., born January 9, 1866 (died October 18, 1871); James M., born November 12, 1867, and George H., born July 12, 1869. Mrs. Nancy H. West was born in Masontown, December 1, 1842; she is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. West is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM D. PRICE is one of Redstone township's well known and prosperous farmers, residing on a well tilled and productive farm of one hundred and fifteen acres. He was born in the house in which he now lives, January 27, 1829. He is the grandson of William Price who was a native of Wales and emigrating to this country, locating in Washington county, Pennsylvania. After remaining there for some time, he, in 1797, removed to this county, having received a patent for his land June 27, 1796. In religious belief he was a Quaker; in politics a Republican. He was a grand old man of truth and uprightness whose character was made up of sterling qualities. Eight children were born to him: Joel, William, Harmon, David, Isaac, Henry, Mary and Hannah. William died in the vigor of life at the age of forty-six; his wife lived to a great age. William D. is the son of Joel, the son of William and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1791, and was six

years of age when he removed to this county with his father, consequently he was reared and educated in Redstone township and in it followed agricultural pursuits. At the death of his lamented father he bought out the heirs to his father's estate. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Brown, January 1, 1818. To this union were born eight children, six of whom grew to maturity: Henry W., born October 13, 1818; Dorcas, October 4, 1820; Esther, April 17, 1822; Thomas, April 25, 1824; Hannah, January 28, 1826; William D., January 27, 1829; Herman, December 2, 1832 and Mary E., March 24, 1837. Mrs. Price was born July 31, 1790, and died March 8, 1876. Joel Price was a Quaker in faith whose spotless character was beyond suspicion. He carried out in life those principles of truth and virtue which his Quaker parents instilled into his young mind. Politically he was a Republican. He died November 4, 1864. William D., son of Joel and Elizabeth Price was born, reared and trained upon the farm which he now owns and where he has always resided. He chose for himself that vocation which brings him nearest to nature's God—a tiller of the soil. He is a practical farmer and is well known for his uprightness of character and integrity of life. He married Miss Sallie J., a daughter of Robert and Margaret Skinner, on February 5, 1867. They have no children. Mrs. Sallie J. Price is a pleasant and estimable woman. She was born in this county November 6, 1836. They are both members of the Presbyterian church in Brownsville. Politically Mr. Price is a Republican.

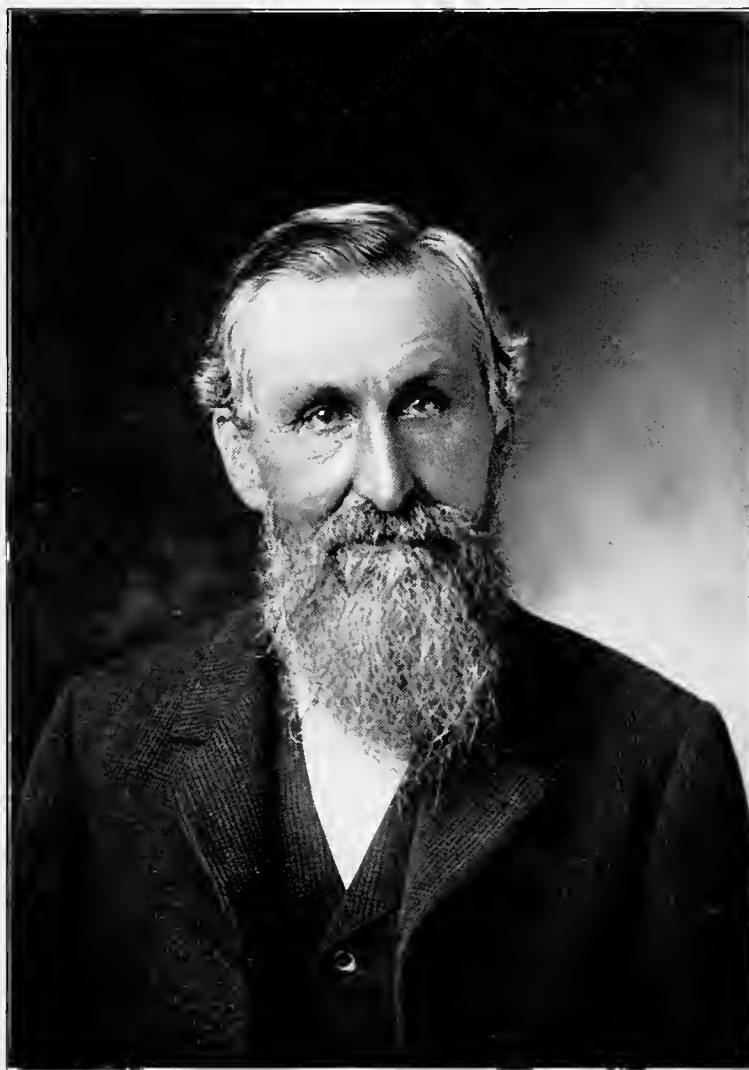
DIOCLETIAN SHIPLEY, a farmer of Redstone township, residing on Redstone creek, is of English extraction and a descendant of one of six brothers of the name of Shipley,

who came from London, England. One of those brothers had a son, William, who was the paternal grandfather of Diocletian Shipley. He located in Henry Clay township where he owned and operated four farms, on one of which he built a grist mill. He married Jane Hall who bore him seven children, three of whom were sons, and two of the seven are now (1900) living. William Shipley was a Democrat in politics, and in faith a Christian. He lived to be ninety-five years of age, his wife died at the age of eighty-five years. Samuel Shipley, a son of William, was born in Henry Clay township in 1809, where he was reared and educated. He owned two large farms and was one of the leading farmers in Henry Clay township. He began life a poor boy, but by energy, pluck and determination to win, he gained the top round. He served as justice of the peace two terms. In 1849 he sold out his interests in Henry Clay township and removed to Chalk Hill, Wharton township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Here he also kept a hotel and became well known on the National Road. In 1860 he removed to Hopwood where he bought another small farm; and also kept a hotel. In 1862 he was elected county commissioner for one term. He served as associate judge for one term. In 1874 he removed to Uniontown, where he remained until his death in 1894. He married Miss Elizabeth Marker in 1829, and their family consisted of nine children, four of whom are now living: William, Adolphus, Milford and Diocletian. In early life Mr. Shipley was a conspicuous figure on the "Old Pike." For a number of years he had the contract for its repairs, a position, along with his hotels, which brought him in contact with the traveling public. He was a

staunch Democrat, and a valued member of the Disciple church. His wife was born in 1811 and died in 1891. Diocletian Shipley was born at Chalk Hill, March 5, 1850, and was reared and educated at Hopwood, where he made his home up to 1892. His first business was as a contractor to furnish cut stone for the Pennsylvania railroad, which he continued up to 1876. He next introduced firestone for lining cupolas and converters in steel mills. He was the first man to introduce such stone which has been and is today indispensable to steel mills. He next entered into a contract to furnish and erect poles for the street car lines for electrical and trolley purposes for the Uniontown, Connellsville and New Haven lines. In 1893 he removed to his present farm of one hundred and fifty acres, where he enjoys life in ease and comfort. On December 25, 1872, he married Miss Mary A., daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Haught, and to their union six children have been born: George W., Julius, Mary E., Howard F., Morgan B. and Mabel L. Mrs. Mary A. Shipley was born in German township, July 15, 1855. Mr. Shipley is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and Royal Arcanum. He is a Methodist Protestant, and his wife is a Baptist. Politically Mr. Shipley is a staunch Republican. George W. Haught, father of Mrs. Shipley, was born in German township in 1835. His father was Joseph Haught, a native of Germany. Religiously the Haughts are German Lutherans.

CLARK B. CAMPBELL is a well known farmer in Redstone township, residing on a well tilled and productive farm of ninety-nine acres. He was born in Fayette county April 16, 1842, and is a son of the late William and Mary (Antrim) Campbell. The former

was born in Ohio in 1784, the latter in Menallen township, Fayette county, in 1797. William was reared and educated in Ohio. He was a farmer of moderate means, and operated a farm in the above mentioned State for some years. In 1822 he removed to Perryopolis, this county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres. This farm was purchased by Mr. Campbell of a Mr. Shreves, who had bought it directly from the estate of George Washington. William Campbell was united in marriage to Mary Antrim, daughter of Caleb and Sarah Campbell in 1823. To this union there were born ten children: Morgan, Robert (deceased), Ruth, Caleb, Reuben B., Benjamin (deceased), Joseph, Eliza A. (deceased), Samuel and Clark B. Religiously, Mr. Campbell was a Quaker, and as such developed those happy characteristics which go to make up their simple but godly deportment. He was a successful and experienced farmer. Politically, he was a Republican. His death took place in 1875, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife's death occurred in 1872, aged seventy-four years. Clark B. Campbell is the tenth of his father's children. He received his education at the common schools and always applied himself to agricultural pursuits. He worked on his father's farm until 1877, at which time he removed to Redstone township, where he had, the same year, bought a farm, the same upon which he now resides. His line of farming is grain and stock raising, of which he has a practical knowledge. On October 31, 1878, he was wedded to Miss Susan C., daughter of Robert and Rosetta Smith. To this union there was born one son, Samuel C., on August 5, 1884. Mrs. Susan C. (Smith) Campbell was born in Franklin township, July 8, 1841. Caleb Antrim (maternal grandfather),



John R. Yancey

was born February 9, 1756. Sarah, his first wife, died October 22, 1792. Martha, his second wife, was born in 1763, and died July 21, 1834. To Sarah there were born three sons and two daughters. To Martha, two daughters and two sons. Caleb Antrim departed this life February 2, 1842, aged eighty-six years. Robert Smith, father of Mrs. Susan C. Campbell, was born November 19, 1799, and died November 25, 1881. His wife, Rosetta, was born February 2, 1809, and died July 23, 1883. Their children were: Sarah S. (deceased), John S. (deceased), Mary, Caroline, Robert S., Elizabeth (deceased), Susan C., Henry G. (deceased), Jerome E. (deceased), Zachariah T. (deceased), Rose (deceased), and Eli C.

ISAAC C. LYNN, deceased, was one of Redstone township's worthy citizens. He was born in Jefferson township, June 24, 1831, and was a son of Andrew and Rachel (Frey) Lynn. The Lynns are one of the oldest and most reliable families in the township, and have been identified with the settlement, growth and development of the county. The grandfather of Isaac C. Lynn was Captain Isaac Lynn, who held that commission in the State militia. He was born on May 12, 1774, and died August 3, 1835. His wife, Jemima Vorhees, was born October 22, 1776, and died April 7, 1859. They were married October 22, 1795, and the children born to them were: Andrew, July 10, 1797; John, October 22, 1798; William, September 18, 1800; Mary, March 17, 1804; Jacob, May 8, 1806; James M., July 20, 1808; Thomas J., May 12, 1810; Melissa, November 17, 1813, and Ayers, November 17, 1817. Andrew Lynn, son of Captain Isaac Lynn, resided in Jefferson township for some years, but in 1851 removed to Redstone township,

where he remained until he died, February 12, 1880. His wife died September 23, 1883. Their family consisted of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, and two of this number are now (1899) living, John W. and Cortland S. John W. Lynn served in Company I, Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war. He was discharged before the expiration of his term of service because of disabilities. On his recovery from his disease he was drafted and returned to the seat of war, where he remained to its close. He received two wounds at different times. His two brothers, James F. and Andrew C., were also in the same war. Andrew C. was wounded, from the effects of which he soon died. James F. died of disease. Isaac C. Lynn was reared on the farm and educated in Jefferson township. He served three and a half years at the carpenter's trade in Brownsville. On reaching his majority he went to Redstone township, where he continued to work at his trade up to 1875, when he removed to his father's farm of ninety-eight acres. He then practically abandoned his trade for farming. It is said of him that he was one of the best mechanics in the country, a natural genius, perfectly at home with almost any kind of tools. He was an upright and just man, and a member of the primitive Baptist church, in good standing. He was a man well informed for one of limited education. He was a good and loyal citizen, an affectionate husband and an indulgent parent. On December 29, 1853, he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah H., daughter of A. C. and Mary Chambers. To this union were born eleven children: Mary I., born December 21, 1854; Rachel E., born March 19, 1856, died November 6, 1882; Clarence E., born January 5, 1858, and married Miss Ada Henderson, February 28,

1890; Gulielma M., born December 30, 1859, died May 31, 1864; Marcellus A., born September 4, 1861, died October 9, 1862; Jemima E., born June 2, 1865; Martha A., born August 15, 1869, died April 13, 1892; James E., born September 15, 1872, married Mary E. Long, March 2, 1897; Theola M., born September 11, 1877, and Alfred L. and Albert U., twins, born July 22, 1880. Mrs. Sarah H. Lynn was born December 18, 1837, in Jefferson township, and is still living (1900). Isaac C. Lynn died October 7, 1898, when in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

OLIVER D. PORTER, M. D., is one of Redstone township's worthy citizens and well known and progressive agriculturalists. He descended from an old family which has been identified with the growth and development of the county. His great-grandfather, with his brother, came to this country about 1745, locating in Fayette county. They owned an extensive tract of land of which some has never been out of the possession of some member of the family. William Porter was one of the sons of this emigrant, and was born in this county, and during his lifetime was one of the leading citizens of his township. He was an ardent advocate of Democratic principles, an inheritance which he has bequeathed to his posterity. He married a Miss Williams, who bore him several children, only three of whom grew to maturity. One of these sons was Jared, father of Oliver D., who was born in Luzerne township, in 1816. He was reared and educated in the county in which he was born and became one of its worthy citizens. He was a social, kind and considerate man, and was popular with his friends, who were numerous. He held his share of the township offices. He, like his father and grandfather, was a Democrat.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Between 1840 and 1845 he removed to the State of Missouri, where he purchased a farm. To this State he took his father, William, but the latter becoming dissatisfied with the southwest, was the cause of all returning to Fayette county, where they remained until death called them hence, at a ripe old age. Jared married Miss Anna, daughter of Eli Craft, in 1841. Their family consisted of William N., Elizabeth, James N. and Oliver D. Mr. and Mrs. Jared Porter died nearly at the same time and date in 1894, with the full confidence of their fellow citizens. Oliver D. Porter, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Luzerne township, October 20, 1852. He was reared in his native township and educated at the common schools, but spent a short time at the California Normal school. The first years of his life were spent on his father's farm, where he pursued a farmer's vocation up to 1873, in which year he began to read and study medicine under that excellent tutor, Dr. W. S. Duncan, of Brownsville. In 1876 he entered the Northwestern University of Chicago, where he spent one term. He subsequently took two winter courses at Bellevue Hospital Medical college, from which he graduated in 1879. His first independent practice was at Vanderbilt, where he located the same year in which he graduated. Here he remained with a lucrative practice and growing patronage, until 1884, when he practically abandoned it for a farmer's life. His present farm of two hundred acres is choice land with commodious and elegant buildings and handsome surroundings. His farming consists principally of stock raising. Mr. Porter is a staunch believer in the principles of Democracy and is a live man in his party. He has held some important township offices. On

June 28, 1878, he was wedded to Miss Mary E., daughter of James M. Lynn. To this union there was born one son, Oliver D., Jr., born February 29, 1886. Mrs. Mary E. Porter was born in July, 1857, and died November 29, 1889. For his second wife Mr. Porter married Miss Julia, daughter of John Dawson, of Hopwood, on April 6, 1899. Mrs. Julia Porter was born September 17, 1872. Mr. Porter is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and also a member of the Grange.

THEODORE F. KELLEY is one of Redstone township's worthy and energetic business men. He was born in Westmoreland county, August 7, 1850. He is a son of John and Maria (Fruce) Kelley, the former a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., and the latter born in the State of Ohio. They removed from Westmoreland county in 1857, locating in Redstone township on a farm of eighty-five acres. John Kelley learned the millwright trade and also the carpenter trade at both of which he worked before and after his removal to this county. He was also a farmer of some ability. He was a man of superior qualities, affectionate in his family, truthful in business and charitable to all. He was a Republican, and in religion was a United Presbyterian, as was also his wife. Their family numbered five children, four of whom grew to maturity: George W., Roxanna Stevens, Theodore F., Mary C., and an infant. John Kelley died April 27, 1876, aged sixty-five, and his wife, Maria, died February 9, 1886, aged sixty-five years. Theodore F. Kelley, the subject of this sketch, was seven years of age when he removed with his father to this county. He was reared and educated in the township of Redstone. In his early life his time was spent working upon his father's farm. His father being a mechanic

and his brother, George W., being a soldier in the Civil war, the burden of the farm work fell on him, but his strength and energy were equal to the task. When he reached his twenty-first year, on the 25th of September, 1871, he married Elizabeth A., daughter of Joseph and Mary Stevens. After their marriage they went to housekeeping to themselves, but he still worked on his father's farm. In 1876, at the death of his father, he bought the home farm, where they lived for twelve years, and then they removed to the William Ball farm, which they purchased. This farm contains sixty-five acres. In 1882 he sold the coal under his farm, and this gave Mr. Kelley an insight into what could be done in the coal market by a live man who was alert. So from that time he has been actively engaged in the buying and selling of coal fields in which he has been successful. Mr. Kelley had thirteen children, nine of whom are living: Dora M. (deceased), John E., Ellen, Theodore H., J. C., Elmer S., Edgar, Walter (deceased), Marcus (deceased), Clara B., Maurice, Charles and an infant. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kelley was born in Washington county, March 10, 1850. Mr. Kelley is a Republican. His brother, George W. Kelley, served honorably in the war of the Rebellion in Company B, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, under Generals Gregg and Sheridan, for nearly three years, and was honorably discharged.

JEHU ROWLAND LUCE, a prosperous farmer and retired teacher, is a son of the late Stephen and Sarah (Everly) Luce, and was born June 20, 1839, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Stephen Luce was of French and German origin, and first saw the light of day in the State of New Jersey, in the initial year of the nineteenth century. He was

one of ten children, born to Lockard Luce, and at five years of age was brought by his parents to Westmoreland county, whence they subsequently removed to Washington county, where he grew to maturity and spent his life in agricultural labors. Stephen Luce, in 1826, married Sarah Everly, who was five years his junior in age, and to them, in their Washington county home, came eight children, three sons and five daughters: David, a resident of Hancock, Ohio; Leonard E., now in Westmoreland county; Mary E., wife of Daniel Ryal, of Ruffsedale, Pa.; Barbara E. (deceased), married Samuel Murphy; Sarah Amanda (deceased), who married Thomas Reed; Jehu R., Anna Eliza, widow of John S. Vanhorn, of California, Pa., and Frances E., wife of David Phillips, of California, Pa. Jehu R. Luce passed his boyhood days in farm labors, and leaving the common schools entered the Southwestern Pennsylvania seminary school (now State Normal), at California, Washington county, where he fitted himself for teaching. Leaving school he was engaged for seventeen years continuously in teaching in the public schools of Pennsylvania, while cultivating his father's farm, and from 1879 his attention has been exclusively confined to farming. Mr. Luce, on October 19, 1865, wedded Elmira Stephens, a daughter of Levi and Mary B. (Griffith) Stephens. To Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have been born five children: Mary Elvina, at home with her parents; Sarah L., like her sister, still at home; Hester J., who died in childhood; Adda, who passed away in infancy, and Edward G., who also died in infancy. Mr. Luce has been a resident, since 1857, of Jefferson township, where his material possessions largely lie. The farm on which he resides contains one hundred and ninety acres of agricultural and mineral land,

of which he sold thirteen acres. He has been an acceptable member of the M. E. church for over forty years, and has always been active in every undertaking or movement in which he has been engaged or interested. He has served as school director, held other township offices, and has acted efficiently as executor and administrator of a number of Fayette county estates. Mr. Luce is a Democrat.

JOHN L. CHAMBERS, a farmer and tradesman, of Jefferson township, is a son of Asa, Sr., and Sarah (Lloyd) Chambers, and was born on the home farm in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, Edward Chambers, was a native and lifelong resident of the Keystone State, and his son, Asa, Sr., lived a farmer's life. Asa Chambers married Sarah Lloyd, and to them were born four sons and four daughters: Elizabeth, Mary, Nancy, Rachel, George, Joseph, Asa, Jr., and John L., of whom all are dead, except Joseph, Asa, Jr., and John L., the subject of this sketch. John L. Chambers was reared on a farm, and after attending the early common schools of Pennsylvania, learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed for several years. He then became interested in farming, and quit his trade to give his time to the cultivation of his farm. He owns a productive farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, and some years ago sold the coal under a farm he then owned for over five thousand dollars. Mr. Chambers is a Democrat in political opinion, and has been an Odd Fellow since 1850, being one of the oldest Odd Fellows in the county in years of membership. He is active and industrious and well respected in his neighborhood. On October 10, 1854, Mr. Chambers married Sarah Gue, a daughter of

Elijah and Eleanor (Layton) Gue, both residents of Fayette county. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have had five children: Francis J., born December 21, 1855, and died October 16, 1864; Eleanor, born March 16, 1858, married Thomas Ghrist, of Greene county, and has four children; Mary, born in February, 1860, and is the wife of William Brown, of this county; Laura, born in March, 1862, and married Frank McMullen, of Kansas, and William, who was born December 4, 1866, and is engaged in farming with his father.

DAVID BROWNELLER, a farmer by occupation, and a carpenter by trade, is one of the well known citizens of Jefferson township. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Sletterback) Browneller, and was born in Washington township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1839. The ancestor of the American branch of the family was Frederick Browneller, who came from Germany to this State prior to the Revolutionary war. He married, and his son, Samuel, was a resident of Washington township. Samuel Browneller wedded Sarah Sletterback, and their children, four sons and four daughters, were: Lucinda, married Elliott Porter, of Westmoreland county, and they have five children; Frederick, wedded Margaret Springer, of Belle Vernon, and now resides in Findlay, Ohio, having eight children; Mary, married Jacob Harris, of Flushing, Ohio, and they have seven children; David (subject); George, a resident of Wood county, Ohio; Sarah, Rebecca, wife of Porter Hogarty, a farmer, of near Findlay, Ohio, and Albert, who married and lives in the State of Iowa. David Browneller left the farm upon arriving at maturity and learned the trade of carpenter, which he has followed

more or less actively for the last forty years. He has erected quite a number of fine houses and built many barns in his section of the country. He carefully invested the means derived from his work, and now among his possessions is a fine ninety-acre farm, the coal under which he has recently sold for two hundred dollars per acre. In 1870 Mr. Browneller married Ruth Ann Bortner, and to their union have been born four children: Frank, born in 1872, married Carrie Chambers, and has one child, a son; Nora, born in 1874, and died in infancy; Carroll, born August 1, 1877, and is a bookkeeper at Smithton, Pa., and Edna O., who was born February 18, 1883, and is at home with her parents. Mrs. Browneller was born September 29, 1844, and is the third of a family of six children born to John and Mary (Shearer) Bortner, of Jefferson township, as follows: Margaret, wife of John Blythe; Daniel, a resident of Tennessee; Ruth Ann (Mrs. Browneller); Philip, of Jefferson township; Ella, Flora. Mr. Browneller is a Republican in politics, and has served as assessor and judge of elections in Jefferson township.

REV. JOHN ARMSTRONG WATERS, eldest son of Rev. A. H. and Hannah C. Waters, was born in Butler, Pa., July 16, 1857.

On his father's side he descends from one of the oldest Puritan families of Massachusetts and from ancestors who took part in the war of the American Revolution. His mother was Hannah Catherine Steck, whose father and grandfather were both pioneer pastors of the Lutheran churches of Westmoreland county, this State. Her mother was of Quaker descent, being a member of the Cope family of Philadelphia, some of whose representatives have been well known

citizens of Fayette county. His father removed from Butler county where he was pastor of Lutheran churches and opened the Soldiers' Orphan school in the old Madison college building in Uniontown on the 19th of September, 1866.

It was at this institution, under the management of his father that Mr. Waters received his primary education. In 1873 he was sent to the State Normal school at Millersville, Pa., where he spent one year, after which he occupied for one year a position in his father's school as an assistant teacher. He was graduated in 1879 from Thiel college, Greensville, Pa., with the first honors of his class, after which he held for three years the position of principal teacher in the Soldiers' Orphan school which had been removed to Jumonville.

In 1885 he was graduated from the Lutheran theological seminary in Philadelphia after a three years' course, and on the second day of June of the same year was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at Allentown, Pa., to the ministry of the Lutheran church. At a meeting of the Pittsburg Synod the same year he was appointed a "home missionary" to be located at Uniontown, where on the 18th day of December he effected the organization of St. Paul's Lutheran church. For more than a year the congregation worshiped in the principal's room of the public school building, until their church edifice on Gallatin avenue was dedicated April 29, 1888. He continued as pastor of this church until October 5, 1890, when he resigned to take the position of superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphan school, made vacant by the resignation of his father. This position he has held to the present time. During this period, while pastor at Uniontown and superintendent of the school, he

has also served a small congregation at Chalk Hill.

On the 21st day of September, 1899, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ellen Banks, of Butler county, Pa.

ROBERT BOYD, one of Jefferson township's leading farmers, is a son of the late Archibald and Margaret (Hunter) Boyd, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1834. His paternal grandfather, Robert Boyd, was a native of Adams county, Pa., and in early life removed to Westmoreland county, where he was an early settler, and where he reared a family of nine children: Catherine, William, Thomas, Archibald, John, Margaret, Mary, Robert and James. Archibald Boyd was born in Westmoreland county, July 4, 1798, and died in Fayette county, in October, 1879. He married Margaret Hunter on January 23, 1832, and their children were: Robert (subject); William, born March 13, 1836, and died April 13, 1881; and Mary, who was born January 8, 1839, and is the wife of John Bryson, of Uniontown. Robert Boyd was reared on a farm and in a farming community, where he received his education in the common schools of his neighborhood. His inclinations were decidedly towards agricultural pursuits, and he became a farmer, removing from Westmoreland to Fayette county, where he made a home for himself on some of the choice lands in Jefferson township. Mr. Boyd owns one of the finest farms in the county, which is well improved and so thoroughly cultivated as to preserve and increase its fertility. He is a supporter of the Republican party and served efficiently as township assessor. Active in religious affairs, he has been a working member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years, and stands well as a

man, a citizen and a neighbor in his community. On December 17, 1861, Robert Boyd married Margaret Gray, a daughter of George and Jane (Hope) Gray, of Allegheny county. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have six children, one son and five daughters: Jennie G., born May 21, 1864, is the wife of Joseph S. Hough; Viola S., born May 18, 1867; Mary E., born December 2, 1869, and married Robert S. Carson, of Westmoreland county; Carrie E., born November 17, 1872, and married Chester D. Sensennich, clerk of the courts of Westmoreland county; George M., born September 13, 1875, and is engaged in farming with his father; and Maud O., born November 10, 1877, and now attending the high school at Irwin, Westmoreland county, Penna.

WILLIAM R. MITCHELL, a successful merchant of Marchand, is the eldest son of James and Catherine (Ruppert) Mitchell, and was born May 21, 1851, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His brothers and sisters are: Robert, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jonathan, George, James, Harry, Jennie, Rosa and Anna. Mr. Mitchell's boyhood days were spent on a farm, and his education obtained in the common schools of his township. After attaining his majority he was variously engaged for some time, and finally embarked in the general mercantile business at Marchand, where he has resided ever since. Starting in life with no means he had but a few dollars of capital to open his store, but fair dealing and good judgment brought him patrons and legitimate profits until now he has a good establishment and a large patronage. He also owns a good home and an additional house and four lots at Marchand. He is a Republican and a Methodist, and a public spirited citizen of Marchand, with whose fu-

ture prosperity and development he bids fair to be identified. In September, 1873, Mr. Mitchell married Ellen Bowdler, a daughter of the late David and Ellen (Dancer) Bowdler, of Marchand, and who is a kind Christian woman of good business qualifications. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been blessed with eight children, three sons and five daughters: Edmund, born April 27, 1877; Carrie May, born January 27, 1880; Ella, born September 14, 1882; David T., born May 8, 1885; Lewis, born September 5, 1887; Elizabeth, born July 13, 1890; Minerva, born January 7, 1893, and Blanche, born March 21, 1896.

C. H. STUCKSLAGER, a thrifty and enterprising farmer of Jefferson township, is a son of Charles and Sarah Jane (Krepps) Stuckslager, and was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1859. The Stuckslagers are of German and Scotch extraction. Charles Stuckslager, Sr., was a native of Lancaster county, and came to Jefferson township. He was a hard working man, and married and had a family of fourteen children. The following is his family record, taken from his old Bible: Charles Stuckslager, Sr., was born March 16, 1776, and Susan Robinson, his wife, September 12, 1785. The former died April 20, 1860, and the latter July 7, 1873. Their children were: William Stuckslager, born October 18, 1805, died at Cincinnati, February 1, 1829; Mary, born September 17, 1807, married James Nickel, of Upper Middletown, Pa., died June 20, 1833; Daniel, born January 1, 1809, married to Violet Sample, and was killed on Crabapple, where B. W. Hazen now lives, on August 25, 1838; Susan, born March 14, 1810, married Jacob Shelley, of Montpelier, Ohio, died in September, 1894; Elizabeth, born

August 1, 1811, married Martin Lutz, of Elizabethtown, Pa., died October 28, 1858; Sarah, born March 4, 1813, died March 29, 1813; Anne, born March 23, 1814, died at the old homestead June 9, 1837; John R., born July 27, 1816, married Daniel's widow, and died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 10, 1893; Henry, born September 9, 1818, married Mary A. Strawn, died near Perryopolis, June 9, 1885; Nancy, born February 4, 1821, married Levi Myers, of Washington county, Pa., died in 1867; Charles, born January 24, 1822, married Sarah J. Krepps, died on the old homestead July 11, 1883; Harrison, born February 10, 1825, married Mary Coldren, of Fayette county, Pa., died at Lisbon, Iowa, June 3, 1888; Johnson R., born September 18, 1827, went to California at the time of the gold fever, and died at Coloma, Cal., August 6, 1883, and Dr. C. R. (the only one living), born February 27, 1829, married, first, Martha Strawn, of Perryopolis, who is dead, and then married Ella Houghman, of McKeesport. Charles Stuckslager was a farmer, and married Sarah Jane Krepps. They reared a family of four children: C. H. (subject); Mary L., married James S. Wells, and they have ten children; Elizabeth, wedded M. M. Waldron, of Redstone township, and has two children, a daughter and a son; and Cyrus R., a farmer, of Redstone township. C. H. Stuckslager passed his boyhood days on the farm, attended the common schools, and then engaged in his present occupation of farming in which he has met with a good measure of success. He owns a farm of one hundred and eleven acres of farming and mineral land, the coal under which he has just sold for one hundred dollars per acre, or eleven thousand one hundred dollars for the farm, which has been in the family for over seventy years. He is a Jeffersonian

Democrat, has served on the election board and as road supervisor and tax collector of Jefferson township. He is also one of the trustees of the M. E. church, and has always ranked as a good business man in his community and wherever known. On September 25, 1885, C. H. Stuckslager was united in marriage with Josephine Wells, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Wells. To Mr. and Mrs. Stuckslager have been born four children, two sons and two daughters: Annie Mary, born February 4, 1886; James C., born October 9, 1888; Grover C., born August 7, 1892, and Edna Dewey, born July 8, 1899, and partly named for Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila.

HENRY JAMES ENGLISH, M. D., one of the prominent and successful physicians of Fayette county, is a son of the late Noah D. and Annie Eliza (Cock) English, and was born in Jefferson county, Arkansas, February 5, 1849. His paternal grandfather, Henry English, was Scotch-Irish by birth and spent the major portion of his life in the State of Alabama. Henry English married Miss McCracken and reared a family of children, one of whom was Noah D. English, the father of the subject of this sketch. Noah D. English, in 1847, married Annie Eliza Cock, and to their union were born eight children: Doctor Henry James (subject), Mary L., Elbert T., Elizabeth, William, Annie, Stonewall J. and Blonde who married Silas Hayes, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Of these children only the doctor and Blonde are living. Doctor Henry James English was reared in Jefferson county, Arkansas, received his education in private and select schools and St. John's college of Little Rock, Arkansas, and then read medicine for two years and took four courses of lectures at Jefferson

Medical college of Philadelphia. Leaving Jefferson Medical college he commenced the practice of his profession at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he remained from 1873 until 1878. In the latter year he left that city, and with his wife and two children, came to Jefferson township where he located on a farm and was engaged in farming and other agricultural pursuits for a period of ten years. In 1888 he resumed the active practice of his profession which he has continued successfully up to the present time. On April 10, 1873, Doctor English married Mary L. Baily, who was born March 30, 1850, and is a daughter of the late Eli J., and Mary (Cock) Baily, of Jefferson township, whose children were as follows: Rebecca, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of William Forsythe; Mary L., (Mrs Dr. English); Eli; Anna, wife of Edward J. Elliott; and Joseph J., living on the Baily home farm. To Doctor and Mrs. English have been born the following sons and daughters: Mary B., born December 11, 1874; Baily J., February 7, 1877, and now attending lectures at the Western Medical college of Pittsburg; Josephine, December 8, 1879; Noah D., June 6, 1884, and attending school; Rufus M., June 27, 1887, and Ethel M., December 25, 1890. Doctor English has succeeded as well financially as professionally. He has recently paid eight thousand dollars for his home farm on which he has built a fine modern house of thirteen rooms and furnished throughout with all late improvements and conveniences, in all making one of the best residences in the township. The doctor is energetic but sincere, a true friend but a hard opponent, and honest and truthful. He has always been a Democrat, but recently has supported the Republican policy.

DAVID BYERS, a farmer and stock raiser of Jefferson township, is the youngest son of the late John and Margaret (Crawford) Byers, and was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1836. His paternal grandfather, David Byers, was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, being of Scotch-Irish descent; while his maternal grandfather, George Crawford, came from County Down, Ireland, and patented the farm which his grandson, David Byers, now owns. David Byers never had any sisters, and only has one brother, George C., who has never married. He was reared and received his education in his native township, and while others sought their fortunes in the great West and in other lands, he was contented to remain at home and toil diligently and honestly to make a living. He eventually found himself wealthy as the reward of his patience and industry. Mr. Byers married Sarah A. Harris, of Perry township, whose parents were James and Rebecca (Morton) Harris. Mrs. Byers was born in 1841, and passed away October 19, 1898, leaving no children. Mr. Byers owns the Crawford homestead farm of one hundred and eighty acres, and has recently sold the coal under all of it except five acres for one hundred and ten dollars per acre. He is a man who has always paid his just and honest debts, and attended strictly to his own business. In political affairs he is a Prohibitionist, and in religious opinion a Cumberland Presbyterian, having been a church member of that denomination for over thirty-five years.

HARVEY JAMES ELLIOTT, a prosperous and intelligent farmer of Jefferson township, is the youngest son of the late James C. and

Jane M. (Dixon) Elliott, and was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1863. He is a great-grandson of Captain William Elliott, of English and Scotch-Irish origin, who was a pioneer settler in Jefferson township, served as an officer in the Revolutionary war, and organized the first military company of his section of Fayette county on his farm about one-half mile from the site of the Little Redstone Presbyterian church. Captain Elliott had eleven children: Eleanor, born in 1778; Edward, July 25, 1779; Betsey, 1781; Robert, 1783; James, April 25, 1785; Johnson, April 23, 1787; Sallie, 1789; Ruth, February 10, 1791; Maria, January 27, 1793; Malinda, February 19, 1795, and Charlotte, February 21, 1797. James Elliott, the third son, married in 1813, and had ten children: William born April 5, 1814; James C., February 26, 1816; Edward J., May 20, 1818; Robert, April 28, 1820; Ruth, September 7, 1822, and married Eli J. Forsythe; Mary Ann, June 15, 1825, and wedded Oliphant Patterson; Joseph S., April 27, 1827; Alexander, August 29, 1830; Sarah Rebecca, February 18, 1832, and Martha, September 12, 1834. James C. Elliott, the second son, was a farmer, and on October 25, 1845, married Jane M. Dixon. They had eight children: Dixon, born March 21, 1847, died in June, 1850; John R., March 17, 1852, married Jennie Lillie and lives in Washington county; Josephine, July 23, 1849, and is the wife of David S. Ritchie, of Uniontown; Edward J., September 24, 1854, and married Anna Bailey, of Jefferson township; Elizabeth D., September 1, 1857, and wedded Charles Phillips, of Harrison county, Ohio; Harvey J. (subject); Armita R., June 17, 1860, and died in childhood, and Anabel, November 1, 1866. Harvey J. Elliott grew to manhood

on his father's farm, attended the common schools of his township, and then for an occupation chose farming which he has followed continuously and successfully ever since. He owns an excellent farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres of land which is under a good state of cultivation, and on which is a fine mansion. This farm is within one-quarter of a mile of the well known Redstone Presbyterian church. Mr. Elliott is a progressive farmer, like his honored father before him. He is a Republican in political matters.

JOSEPH S. ELLIOTT, president of the National Deposit Bank of Brownsville and leading farmer and coal dealer of Western Pennsylvania, is a son of James and Mary (Cunningham) Elliott, and was born on the old Elliott homestead in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1827. The Elliott family of Fayette county traces its new-world ancestry to Captain Elliott, who was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania, pushed towards the then western confines of civilization and selected his western home in what is now Perry township, in an almost unbroken wilderness, where he patented a large tract of land afterwards known as the "Old Elliott Homestead," on which the residence of Robert Elliott now stands. Captain Elliott came prior to the Revolution, and when that great struggle for human rights commenced, he entered the Continental army and commanded a company till peace was declared and independence won. He organized the first military company in Fayette county, on his place, and was a prominent man in the county. His children were: Eleanor, born in 1778; Edward, 1779; Betsey, in 1781; Robert, 1783; James, April 25, 1785; Johnson, April 23, 1787; Sallie, 1789;

Ruth, February 10, 1791; Maria, January 27, 1793; Malinda, February 19, 1795, and Charlotte M., 1797. James Elliott, the third son, and father of the subject of this sketch, in 1813, married Mary Cunningham, of Westmoreland county, and their children were: William Elliott, born April 5, 1814, married Eliza Jane Conwell, of Fayette county, and of the eight children born to them six are living: James S., Annie, Margaret, Matilda, George, Jennie, Emma and Lew; James C. Elliott, born February 26, 1816, married Jane Dixon, of Jefferson township, and died in 1892, leaving eight children: (Dixon, Josephine, John, Edward, Elizabeth, Annetta, Harry J. and Annabel); Edward J. Elliott, born May 1, 1818, and died unmarried at the age of thirty-six years; Robert Elliott, born April 28, 1820, lives on the old Elliott homestead, married Sarah Goe, and has had the following children: (Mary, Henry, James, Catherine, Martha, George, Frank, Lida (deceased), Charles and Lawrence); Ruth Elliott, born September 7, 1822, married Johnson Forsythe, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have two children: (James E. and Jennie); Mary Ann Elliott, born January 15, 1825, married A. O. Patterson, of Colorado, and died in 1891, leaving one daughter named Annie; Joseph S. Elliott (subject); Alexander Elliott, born August 30, 1829; Sarah Rebecca Elliott, born February 18, 1832, and Martha, born in 1834. Joseph S. Elliott was reared to agricultural pursuits, and received but a limited school education which however, he has supplemented by reading and improved with a splendid business education, obtained from contact with excellent business men. His honorable and successful career is but a record of the achievements of honest and persistent labor, good judgment and natural business ability. In 1852,

Mr. Elliott married Nancy J. Forsythe, a daughter of William and Jane (Steele) Forsythe, of Jefferson township, and to them have been born six children: William F., born July 9, 1853, married Susan L. Wells and has five children: Violet H., born February 6, 1855, married Joseph A. Cook, of Westmoreland county, and they have eight children: O. F., born December 23, 1857, lives on the home place, married Dora Grayson and has four children, all sons; Ida J., born August 16, 1861, wedded William H. Graser, of McKeesport, and they have two children: Eva May, born March 24, 1869, and died March 4, 1891, and Grace F., born January 14, 1877, and married William L. Wood, of Fayette City, on June 15, 1898. Mrs. Elliott comes of an old and respectable family. She was born November 3, 1834, and is a kind and Christian woman, who has been a helpmeet to her husband in the true sense of the word. Joseph S. Elliott is a self-made man. He labored for his elder brothers, after his father's death, for three years at four dollars per month, and at the division of the estate, only received one thousand seven hundred dollars as his share. He then commenced farming on the shares and raising stock, and at intervals of several years bought successively the John S. Tarr, the F. C. Herron, S. N. Steele and the J. M. Lyon farms. He subsequently added to his landed possessions the Geo. E. Hogg and Forsythe estate farms. He resides on the latter farm which is the old Elliott homestead. He went into farming to make it remunerative and has succeeded: thus showing the capabilities of Fayette county farms to be equal to those of the great West, notwithstanding Greeley's advice to young men, "Go West." With increase of means Mr. Elliott widened his field of operations and gave new

proofs of his excellent business ability. He, with J. W. Ailes, Joseph Underwood and Ellis Miller, formed the well known Alps Coal Co. and helped to develop the great Monongahela river coal field. Later he became identified with the California and the Crescent Coal companies and other coal industries; but recently has disposed of all his mine and company interests to the Monongahela Coal and Coke Co. He still, however, owns over one thousand acres of choice farming lands, and during the last few years has dealt largely in wool. He has taken considerable interest in financial affairs, was one of the founders and has been for some years president of the National Deposit Bank of Brownsville. He is true to his convictions of right, careful and exact but scrupulously honest and generous. He is a Republican and a Presbyterian, and has held at various times most of the important of his township's offices, but has never been an aspirant for political preferment. He is blessed with a retentive memory and good reasoning powers, while his organizing power, executive ability and great will power have been factors in his success in large and extensive enterprises. He modestly attributes his success to good health, hard work, pluck, good judgment and economy. The simple record of his life is an incentive to the worthy young men of the present generation. Honest as a business man, generous as a neighbor, useful and respected as a citizen and a man, Joseph S. Elliott stands as an important factor in the wonderful nineteenth century development of Fayette county as the leading coal and coke county of the world.

JAMES S. WELLS, an industrious farmer of Jefferson township, is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in Jefferson township,

Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1855. He is the second son and fourth child of the five children born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Laughlin) Wells. His paternal grandfather, James Wells, came in an early day to Jefferson township, and had nine children of whom Joseph Wells (father) was the fifth in order of age. Joseph Wells was born in 1822, and died in 1898. He married, in 1844, Elizabeth Laughlin, who was born in 1826, and who resided with her son, James, the subject of this sketch up to a recent date. To Joseph and Elizabeth Wells were born five children: Robert, born in 1845, and lives in Warren county, Illinois; Elizabeth, born in 1847, and who wedded Aaron Stephens, of Washington township, Fayette county; Margaret, born in 1849, and the wife of James McCune; James S. (subject), and Hugh, who was born May 25, 1859, and is a farmer of Guernsey county, Ohio. James S. Wells grew to manhood in his native township, obtained a common school education and has always followed farming for an occupation. He now owns a farm of one hundred and three acres of good agricultural land, and he has recently sold the coal under sixty-three acres of it for six thousand three hundred dollars. He is active and industrious, and reliable and energetic in whatever he undertakes. On August 10, 1879, James S. Wells married Mary Stuckslager, a daughter of the late Charles and Sarah (Krepps) Stuckslager, of Jefferson township. To their union have been born ten children: Ida, born July 13, 1880; Ada, March 23, 1883; J. F., March 1, 1885; Harvey H., August 22, 1887; Willie, September 17, 1889; Robert L., August 16, 1891; Mary, September 16, 1893; Elizabeth, January 27, 1896; Clara, April 5, 1898, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Wells is a Democrat in politics,

and the family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

ROBERT ELLIOTT, a leading farmer of Fayette county, was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1820. He was a son of the late James and Mary (Cunningham) Elliott, and a grandson of Captain William Elliott, who was a pioneer settler of Fayette county, and served gallantly as an officer in the Revolutionary war. Captain Elliott came from Eastern Pennsylvania, settled on the farm now owned by Robert Elliott, and organized the first military company in this county on the spot where Robert Elliott's present house stands. Captain Elliott died in 1805, and his children, eleven in number, were: Eleanor, born in 1778; Edward, 1779; Betsey, 1781; Robert, 1783; James, April 25, 1785; Johnson, April 23, 1787; Sallie, 1789; Ruth, February 10, 1791; Maria, January 27, 1793; Malinda, February 19, 1795; and Charlotte, February 21, 1797. James Elliott (father), in 1813, married Mary Cunningham, of Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, and to them were born ten children: William, born April 5, 1814; James C., February 26, 1816; Edward J., May 20, 1818; Robert (subject); Ruth, September 7, 1822, and married Eli J. Forsythe; Mary, January 15, 1825, and wedded Oliphant Patterson; Joseph S., April 27, 1827; Alexander, August 30, 1829; Sarah Rebecca, February 18, 1832, and Martha, born September 12, 1834, and married Alpheus Palmer, of Dubuque, Iowa. Robert Elliott like all farmer's sons of his day was trained to hard manual labor, and received the limited education of the early common schools of Fayette county. He started in life with but little means, but never became discouraged, and labored persistent-

ly and in time acquired property that to-day is very valuable. He died February 13, 1900, leaving an estate that includes a large part of the "Old Elliott Homestead," nearly four hundred acres of land in Jefferson township all of which is underlaid with coal, much of which is not yet sold. He also owned a large tract of fine farming land in Iowa. He was a Republican politically and a Presbyterian by religious connection. He was recognized as a leading farmer of the county for over forty years. Robert Elliott, on November 1, 1853, married Sarah C. Goe, a daughter of the late Henry and Catherine (Shotwell) Goe. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were born ten children: H. B., who married Eva M. Baker, and now resides in Iowa; Mary E., James R., married Mary L. Patterson, and is also in Iowa; Catherine C.; Martha O.; George T., in charge of the home farm; Frank, wedded Laura Piersol, and is at Webster, Pennsylvania; Lida, who died December 13, 1871; Charles, who is a civil engineer by profession and resides in Pittsburg, and Lawrence, who assists in the cultivation of the farm.

NESLEY E. MURPHY, postmaster and merchant at Woodglen, is the eldest son of Henry L. and Louesa (Johnston) Murphy, and was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1850. The original Murphy farm, on part of which he resides, was settled over a hundred years ago by his grandfather, John Murphy, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and had a family of seven sons and four daughters, of whom but one died before reaching maturity. H. L. Murphy, one of these sons, was born October 15, 1825, and in 1849, married Louesa Johnston, who was born January 7, 1827. They are still living and in good health.

Their family consisted of two children: N. E. and Hugh, the latter of whom was born September 27, 1858, and married Belle Wolfe. Nesley E. Murphy received a common school education, and at seventeen years of age left the farm to learn the trade of plasterer, which he followed for eighteen years. He then embarked in his present general mercantile business at Woodglen, where he has a good store and enjoys a large patronage. Mr. Murphy, on October 31, 1872, married Dianna Cope, who was born September 17, 1853, and passed away March 8, 1887. To them were born six children: Ola Blanche, born November 27, 1875, and now deceased; Harry Cope, born July 19, 1877; Okel Patton, born April 23, 1880; Walter Allen, born April 8, 1882; Freda Springer, born June 1, 1884, and Dana W., born March 8, 1887. Mr. Murphy is an active and influential citizen. He has served as postmaster since 1886, was school director for several years and also held other offices. He has been trusted by his fellow citizens independent of politics. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Tippecanoe. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been a ruling elder since 1897. While many sons of Fayette county have left their native land to make their fortunes, yet Mr. Murphy has found it congenial and profitable to remain and aid in the development and building up of home interests.

HARVEY JAMES STEELE, a leading farmer and land holder of Jefferson township, is a descendant of the old and respected Steele family, which has been resident of Western Pennsylvania for nearly one hundred and fifty years, and traces its trans-Atlantic ancestry back through several generations to

the "Emerald Isle." Harvey J. Steele is a son of the late John and Mary C. (Jackman) Steele, and was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1851. His paternal great-grandparents came from Ireland and settled in Jefferson township on the farm which still bears their name, where their son William Steele was born July 22, 1779, and spent his life as a farmer. William Steele married a Miss Elliott in 1806, and their children were: Mariah, born November 11, 1807; Johnson, April 15, 1809; Crawford, January 20, 1811; Elizabeth, September 25, 1813; Ruth, February 17, 1818; Nancy, July 29, 1819; Tillie, August 20, 1820; John, August 30, 1822; Charlotte, April 20, 1825; James, December 5, 1827, and Michael, February 1, 1831. John Steele was a farmer like his father, and married March 6, 1850, Mary Jackman, who was born in Washington county, August 26, 1830, and was a daughter of Simeon and Mary (Dunlavy) Jackman. To Mr. and Mrs. Steele were born two children: Harvey J. and Robert Findley, who was born November 15, 1852, and died in childhood. Harvey J. Steele spent his boyhood years on a farm and in a farming community, and when he grew to manhood embarked in farming which he has followed ever since with profitable results. He owns a farm of three hundred and sixty-five acres of farming land of which one hundred and fifteen are underlaid with coal. He also owns a sixty-five acre farm at Alliance, Ohio, and two hundred acres of West Virginia coal land and has investments in bank and railroad stock in Fayette county. He is a Republican and a Presbyterian and stands high as a neighbor and citizen in his township, where he has held the local offices generally. On January 1, 1873, Mr. Steele married Ruth L. Nutt, who was born

March 31, 1854, and is a daughter of Stephen R. Nutt, whose personal history is contained in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Steele have been born five children: Charles H., born February 5, 1874, and engaged in farming; Mary, born August 31, 1875, married June 1, 1898, Ewing B. Patton, whom she survives with one child, named Virginia S.; Gertrude, the youngest, who married John B. Cunningham, merchant, of Charleroi, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 1898, and has one child, Ruth Margaret; John Randolph, born June 27, 1880, and Nellie G., born December 10, 1888.

WILLIAM J. FORSYTHE, deceased, was a man of honorable standing and good business qualifications, whose sphere of action and usefulness was not limited within the boundary of his own community. He was a son of the late William and Jane P. (Steele) Forsythe, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1838. He received the ordinary education of his day, and turned his attention to farming and stock raising which he followed until his death which occurred in 1891, in the fifty-third year of his age. His brothers and sisters were: John, Eli S., Nancy, Elizabeth D., Mary A., James S. and Ruth A. He married Lizzie R. Bailey in September, 1876, and to their union were born five children: Eli B., born June 27, 1877; William J., born October 27, 1878; Bertram J., born August 26, 1880; Mamie B., born January 9, 1882, and Jennie P., born September 8, 1885, and who died January 13, 1894. Mrs. Forsythe was born January 30, 1847, and her parents were Eli J. and Mary (Cock) Bailey, the former born November 26, 1814, and died May 27, 1897; the latter born in 1813, and died August 11, 1881. Eli J. Bailey was prominent and in-

fluent in his day and by his own exertions became quite a wealthy man. He was a farmer, coal dealer and banker, and had four children: Lizzie R. (Mrs. William J. Forsythe); Mary (Mrs. Dr. H. J. English); Joseph and Anna B., (Mrs. Edward J. Elliott). Mr. William J. Forsythe at the time of his death owned a one hundred and ninety-six acre farm of well improved land, and his widow has in her own right one hundred and sixty acres of land, of which one-half is underlaid with coal, besides possessing bank and railroad stock. Mr. Forsythe was a good farmer and a useful citizen. He was a Republican and a Presbyterian, and held various township offices during his life time. He was a good man of good character and steady habits and straightforward in everything in which he was engaged.

EDWARD J. ELLIOTT, a successful farmer and business man of Jefferson township, is a son of the late James C. and Jane (Dixon) Elliott, and was born in Jefferson township, September 24, 1854. His paternal great-grandfather, Captain William Elliott, a brave Revolutionary officer of Scotch-Irish lineage, was an early settler of Jefferson township, and had a family of eleven children: Eleanor, born in 1778; Edward, 1779; Betsey, 1781; Robert, 1783; James, April 25, 1785; Johnson, 1787; Sallie, 1789; Ruth, 1791; Maria, 1793; Malinda, 1795, and Charlotte, 1797. James, the third son, married and his children were: William, born in 1814; James C., February 26, 1816; Edward J., May 20, 1818; Robert, 1820; Ruth, 1822; Mary Ann, 1825; Joseph S., 1827; Alexander, 1830; Sarah R., 1832, and Martha, 1834. James C. Elliott, the second son, followed farming, and on October 25, 1845, married Jane M. Dixon. Their children were: Dixon, born in 1847,

and deceased; Josephine, born in 1849, and married David S. Ritchie; John, born in 1852, and married Jennie Lillie; Edward J.; Elizabeth D., born in 1857, and wife of Charles Phillips; Annette R., born in 1860 and now deceased; Harvey J., born in 1863, and Annabell, born in 1866. Edward J. Elliott was reared on the farm, attended the common schools and has been engaged in farming ever since attaining his majority. March 26, 1885, Mr. Elliott married Anna B. Bailey, and they have one daughter, Mary B., born September 10, 1886. Mrs. Elliott is a daughter of Eli J. and Mary (Cock) Bailey, the former born November 26, 1814, died May 15, 1897; the latter born July 30, 1813, and died in 1881. Eli J. Bailey was a man of judgment and business ability, a successful farmer, coal dealer and banker, and left a valuable estate. Mr. Bailey was a Democrat and a Quaker, and had four children: Lizzie B., widow of William Forsythe; Mary, wife of Dr. H. J. English; Joseph, a prominent business man of Jefferson township, who owns nearly six hundred acres of land and an amount of bank and railroad stock, and Anna B. (Mrs. Elliott). Edward J. Elliott has been successful as a farmer and business man. He and his wife own a considerable amount of bank and railroad stock, and Mrs. Elliott owns a farm of one hundred and eighty acres of coal and farming lands. Mr. Elliott gives his time chiefly to his farm and business interests, yet takes the necessary interest in his community and township affairs demanded of every good citizen.

EMANUEL D. STEWART, a nonagenarian and a respected citizen of Jefferson township, is a son of the late Charles and Elizabeth (Craft) Stewart, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1809.

His grandfather was an early settler in Western Pennsylvania, while his father came to Fayette county during the pioneer period of its history. Emanuel D. Stewart commenced life three quarters of a century ago with but strong hands, a clear mind and a determination to win, and has succeeded as his quiet but successful career will attest. He now owns a farm of two hundred acres of good farming land, has sold considerable coal land and has investments in the stock of the Brownsville National Bank and other safe stocks, and in bonds. Mr. Stewart although in his ninety-first year enjoys good health, and with his wife aged eighty-one years, is living a retired life. He is a Democrat politically, and a member of the Christian church, and was for over half a century an active and energetic citizen of his township, in which he held local offices at various times. In 1840 he married Rebecca Work, who was born April 30, 1818. Their children, eleven in number, were born as follows: Charles, born in 1841, and died in 1843; Eliza, born in 1843, and resides in Kansas; Andrew, born in 1844; Joseph, born in 1846; George, born in 1848; Emily, born in 1850; Loretta, born in 1852; Rebecca Jane, born in 1855; Emanuel D., Jr., born in 1857; Lucy Belle, born in 1860, and John L., born in 1865. Of these children all are deceased but Emily, Emanuel, D. Jr., Lucy Belle and John L. Mr. Stewart is one of that remarkable class of self made men alike prominent and useful in the history of Fayette county.

STEPHEN RANDOLPH NUTT, a well known farmer and old resident of Jefferson township, is the eldest son of the late Joseph and Nancy (Randolph) Nutt, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 24,

1828. His paternal grandfather, William Nutt, was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania, and married a Miss Clegg by whom he had two children: Joseph and Sarah. Joseph Nutt married Mary Price in 1812, and their children were: Sarah, wife of William Conway; John, married Eliza Brashears; George, now deceased; Searight; William, married Mary B. McCune, and is now deceased, and Thornton, who died in infancy. Mrs. Nutt died in 1827, and Joseph Nutt in 1828 married Nancy Randolph, a daughter of Stephen and Parmelia (Nutt) Randolph. By this second marriage he had seven children: Stephen R., Elizabeth, born in 1831; Mary F., born in 1834, and died in 1897; James, born in 1836, and now deceased; Captain A. C., a lawyer, born in 1839, and deceased; Joseph E., born in 1841, and Moses P., born in 1844, and died in childhood. Stephen R. Nutt was reared in a farming community, which then was blessed with but limited educational facilities. He had to make his own way in life, and has succeeded in gaining by his own efforts a good home and in making some paying investments. He is a Republican politically, and has held most of the offices of his township. Mr. Nutt has throughout his life taken especial interest in the educational interests of his community, taught school for several terms and served efficiently as school director. He has always been a leader in the formation of the local literary societies which largely through his efforts have been a pronounced stimulus to intellectual attainments in his community. On September 7, 1850, Mr. Nutt married Sarah J. Wells, a daughter of Joseph and Ann (Shaw) Wells, of Jefferson township, and to their union have been born ten children: Anna B., born September 12, 1851, and died in infancy; Ruth L., born in

1854, and married Harvey J. Steele; Rebecca W., born in 1856, and married D. M. Craft, of Redstone township; Josephine, born in 1859, and died in 1880; Margaret M., born in 1861, married C. H. Massey, of Homestead, Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1894; Joseph E., born in 1862, and died in December, 1894; James L., born December 21, 1864, and died in February, 1895; Paul Randolph, born March 31, 1867, and married Catherine Hannagan; Charles, born July 3, 1870, married Mary Ewing, August 18, 1893, and Marion, born in 1873, and who died in infancy. Charles and Mary (Ewing) Nutt have three children: Marion, born April 28, 1895; Gertrude, November 11, 1896, and Ewing Allen, July 24, 1899. Mr. Stephen R. Nutt has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church since 1860 and a ruling elder of Little Redstone Presbyterian church since 1865.

DANIEL M. SHEARER, an extensive farmer and retired carpenter of Jefferson township, is of German descent. He is the eldest son of Solomon and Susan (Bortner) Shearer, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1820. Solomon Shearer was born in Franklin county, in 1793, and removed to Fayette county where he wedded Susan Bortner in 1814, and died twenty-seven years later, in 1841. By this marriage he had eleven children: Daniel, the subject of this sketch; Israel, Christina, Rebecca and Margaret, who are all deceased; Frederick, Philip, Martha, John, and William and Julia Ann, both deceased. Daniel M. Shearer remained on the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he left home to learn the trade of carpenter. He worked as a journeyman for eight years, and then with two dollars as cash capital, commenced work for himself.

He has erected many fine houses during his fifty-five years of carpenter work. He carefully invested his savings, and now owns three hundred and seventy-four acres of good farming land. Although formerly a Republican, he is now a Democrat. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church; has served twelve years as a school director, and in every way works for the educational and moral growth of his community. Mr. Shearer on February 3, 1848, married Angelina Aubury, a daughter of the late Presley and Susan Aubury, of Fayette county. Their union has been blessed with seven children: Margaret J., born February 29, 1848; James S., born August 2, 1851, married Amelia Wright, of Greene county; William, born July 23, 1854; John, born March 20, 1857; Lee D., born December 13, 1859, and Mary and Eli (twins), born July 23, 1862. Mr. Shearer has so lived as to reflect credit on his family, whose members have always been industrious and moral citizens.

PHILIP FREDERICK BORTNER, a comfortably situated farmer of Jefferson township, is a son of the late John and Mary (Shearer) Bortner, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1848. He is a grandson of Philip Bortner of German descent, who was born in 1766 and married Margaret Humbert, who bore him ten children: Jacob, born September 30, 1795; Susan, April 7, 1797; Margaret, August 12, 1799; George, January 3, 1802; Catherine, September 21, 1805; John, March 7, 1807; Elizabeth, September 10, 1809; Maria and Sophia (twins), February 1, 1812, and Julia Ann, who was born September 25, 1816, and is the only one of these children now living. John Bortner was a farmer, and on November 21, 1837, married Mary Shearer, a daughter

of the late Frederick and Rebecca (Markle) Shearer. To this union were born six children: Margaret Rebecca, born January 24, 1839, and wedded John Blythe, of Washington township, Fayette county; Daniel Brubaker, born September 4, 1841, and is a farmer in Tennessee; Ruth Ann, born September 29, 1844, and wife of David Browneller; Philip Frederick; Ella, born October 20, 1851, and now deceased, and Flora, who was born August 22, 1857, and remains on the home farm with her brother, Philip, the subject of this sketch. Philip Bortner was reared on the farm and after attending the common schools engaged in farming, which he has followed in connection with stock raising up to the present time. He owns a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which there is a good dwelling and two tenant houses. Mr. Bortner is a Democrat and a Presbyterian, and has held several township offices. He is industrious and active, and always interested in all agricultural movements.

DAVID H. WAKEFIELD, a relative of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was a highly respected citizen of Jefferson township for more than fifty years. He was a son of Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Hough) Wakefield, and was born in Westmoreland county August 16, 1822. He died at his late residence in Jefferson township, on April 4, 1900.

The Wakefields trace their ancestry back to Ireland, where John Wakefield was one of sixteen hundred and forty-nine officers of Cromwell's army, who were given grants of land. These grants were called "the '49 Lots," and were also known as "Venture Land." The first record of a Wakefield in Ireland is found in "Remembrances of the

Exchequer," Dublin, where John Wakefield is mentioned under date of 1637. It is likely that he was one of the Protestant colonists who fled from the persecutions which drove the Puritans to seek asylum in foreign lands, several colonies of that character being established in Ireland about 1625, many of these non-conformists seeing in Ireland an opening for colonists, apparently equal to that of America. Such were easily induced to join the English army for Ireland's conquest. Dr. Albert Wakefield, the son of John Wakefield, above mentioned, was a surgeon on the staff of William of Orange, and at the battle of the Boyne, July 1, 1690, dressed the wound of William with such skill, and so won the King's confidence and good will, that at the completion of the conquest, at the battle of Aughran, July 12, 1691, by William's request, an estate, comprising the site of the battle ground, was granted to the doctor, and is now the property of the male line of his descendants. Referring to history, we find the following:

"Some of the English dragoons approached the river and were fired upon by the Irish. They returned the fire and while the attention of both sides was engaged by the skirmish, a party of Irish cavalry moved slowly down towards the river and halted behind a low hedge, and then, wheeling about, retired. The movements of the King and the group of officers accompanying him, had been observed in the Irish army, and two field pieces were sent down concealed in the center of the cavalry. The guns had been placed behind the hedge when the horsemen withdrew, and when William arose from the ground and mounted his horse, fire was opened. The first cannon shot killed two horses and a man by his side. The next grazed the King's right shoulder, tearing away his coat and in-

flicting a slight flesh wound. Had the aim been slightly more accurate, or had the gunners used grape instead of round shot, it is probably the whole course of history would have been changed. The rumor spread through both armies that the King was killed, but the wound having been hastily bound up, the King rode quietly through the camps in order to show his men that the wound was not serious. (Battle of Boyne. Henty's Orange and Green: A Tale of Boyne and Limerick, page 148). A perusal of Froude's history, 'The English in Ireland in the Eighteenth Century,' will disclose how the lands were granted to Cromwell's soldiers, how these lands were surrendered during the Irish rebellion, the native race driving out the English settlers, and how these lands were later re-granted to the English upon the final subjugation of the island by William of Orange."

Dr. Albert Wakefield had one son, Robert Wakefield, who had three sons, viz: Robert, Matthew and Andrew. These children were born on the family estate near Aughran. This second Robert Wakefield lived and died on the family estate, on the road between Aughran and Ballinasloe, Galway County, Province of Connaught, Ireland. He had four sons, as follows: David, the progenitor of the subject of this sketch; Robert, who was beheaded for complicity in a plot against Catholic rule in Ireland; Gilbert, arrested with his brother, Robert, and imprisoned for life; and Samuel, who escaped to Scotland, being in the same plot. David married Mary Wade, a daughter of Jeremiah Wade, a wealthy landed proprietor and neighbor of the family. He was implicated in the same plot, and when detected, was hidden by his wife in a hogshead of clothes, with which she embarked on an American-

bound vessel. He was three days out at sea before the captain of the ship knew he was on board. By this means he escaped to America sometime between 1768 and 1773. His son, Thomas, who was born in Ireland in 1757, came to America at the same time. They settled in Path valley, Cumberland county (now Perry county), Pa. After residing there some fifteen years, during which time Thomas married Elizabeth Morton, a niece of John Morton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They moved to what is now Huntingdon county. Thomas Wakefield enlisted from Chester county and served in the Revolutionary army, and was at Valley Forge. In 1800 the family again moved to the West, to what is now Indiana county, Pa. Thomas and Elizabeth Wakefield had ten children, one of whom was Rev. Samuel Wakefield, D. D., LL.D., who was born March 6, 1799, and died at West Newton in 1896, being nearly ninety-seven years of age. He was one of the most remarkable men of his time. Entering the ministry of the M. E. church at an early age he was a leading divine of that denomination, and a member of the Pittsburg Conference for eighty years, a record of continuous service unparalleled in this country. He was the author of seven volumes of sacred music, of an English Grammar, a work on Theology, that has become a text book in many of the seminaries for the training of the ministry, and in his ninety-second year published a volume of sermons, entitled "Gospel Tidings," that contains thirty-two master pieces of the sermonizer's art. In 1821 Dr. Samuel Wakefield married Elizabeth Hough, a daughter of Paul and Catharine (Wight) Hough, and to them were born nine children who grew to maturity. These were all born in Westmoreland county, Pa.,

where Dr. Wakefield lived on a farm most of his life. He was peculiarly blessed in having a wife who managed the farm and reared the family, thus leaving him free to devote his time and talents to his great life work. David was his oldest son and first born. David Hough Wakefield spent his childhood and youth on the farm, receiving his education in subscription schools. When quite a young man he went into the office of Dr. McConaughy, of Mount Pleasant, Pa., where he completed a course in medicine. He pursued the practice of medicine for some time, but conceiving a dislike for the life of a country doctor, gave it up. On July 31, 1844, he married Mary Covert, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Abigail (Randolph) Covert, of Luzerne township, Fayette county, her home being just at Lock No. 6, on the Monongahela river. In a year or so after his marriage they located on the farm in Jefferson township, where he recently died. To this union were born ten children: Theresa C., born September 28, 1845, and married to Joseph E. Nutt; Lydia Ann Electa, born July 16, 1847, the wife of E. O. Murphy; Henrietta, born in 1849, and died in childhood; Elizabeth and Jennie, who also died in childhood; Rev. Charles Benjamin, Ph. D., born in October, 1852, a distinguished linguist, now Professor of Languages in Thiel college, Greenville, Pa.; Thomas and Samuel (twins), born May 13, 1855, of whom Thomas is an attorney-at-law and a member of the Fayette County bar, and Samuel is a farmer and speculator; Dr. Catharine, born in 1862, and now engaged in the practice of medicine at Connellsville, Pa.; and James Alfred, born May 3, 1865, an attorney-at-law and member of the Pittsburg bar. He has been very successful as a lawyer and has achieved some prominence in politics, having

been a candidate of the Democratic party of his district for congress.

David H. Wakefield was a well read man and combined farming with the fruit tree nursery business for many years. He devoted much of his time to literary pursuits, was in the local ministry of the M. E. church, a Master Mason, and a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a charming conversationalist, a fine stump speaker, and a good debater. His genial, fun-loving disposition made him so popular that although an uncompromising Democrat, fearless and outspoken, he was elected and served for twenty years as justice of the peace in Jefferson township, which was overwhelmingly Republican. He served as county commissioner for one term, and was one of his party's leaders for many years. In his youth he taught singing school and had a magnificent bass voice. He wrote and published several beautiful songs, showing that he was a musical composer of fine taste. He spent his declining years in the cultivation of flowers for his own amusement. He died on April 4, 1900, firm in the Christian faith of his forefathers, and is buried in Redstone cemetery on the hill above Brownsville.

JOHN STURGIS RITENOUR, journalist, and managing editor of the Genius Publishing Company, is a son of Major William M. and Elizabeth A. (Shaw) Ritenour, and was born in Preston county, Virginia (now West Virginia), February 9, 1851. His grandfather, Joseph Ritenour, was of German lineage, and removed about 1850 from his birthplace, near Gaines' Cross Roads, Va., to Brandonville, Va., where he was a hotel keeper until his death. His son, William M. Ritenour, served in the Union army and in the regular army after the close of the Civil war, and

after a varied business career died of paralysis in Washington city in 1894. His widow is of Irish descent, is a native of Fayette county, and resides at Uniontown. John S. Ritenour was reared and received his common school education in Fayette county, and after a short time spent in teaching, book-keeping and clerking, he went, in 1871, to Pittsburg to engage in journalism. Here he spent about twenty-five years of his life, serving as reporter, city editor, editor and managing editor, on nearly all the leading papers of that city—the "Leader," "Commercial Gazette," "Dispatch," "Post" and "News." He was the originator and one of the founders, in 1884, of the Pittsburg "Press." He was for a brief period, in 1881, one of the staff of the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin." In 1878 he started, in Uniontown, the "Fayette County Republican," which was merged in 1881 with the "American Standard," being editor of the consolidated "Republican Standard" until he sold out in 1881. During these three years he was also chairman of the Republican county committee. In the spring of 1900 he acquired a controlling interest in the "Genius of Liberty," transformed the partnership into a stock company, and on May 14, 1900, issued the first number of the "Evening Genius." He made many changes, and has already placed the "Genius" in the front rank as a progressive and up-to-date paper. He is a smooth and easy but exact and careful writer, and never fails to secure and give to his readers the latest news. John S. Ritenour, on December 30, 1875, married Anna Violet McCracken, daughter of the late B. McCracken, a well known commission merchant of Pittsburg. They have four children. Mr. Ritenour is independent in politics. He is conservative, but progressive, undemonstrative but active and energetic.

ISAAC WOOD, a representative farmer, was born in North Union township, Fayette county, November 13, 1830. The father, William Wood, of English descent, was born in April, 1801, in North Union township. He was a farmer and a good citizen, and died in October, 1884. The mother was Sarah Phelps, of English descent, and a native of Fayette county, who has been dead for many years. There were born to William and Sarah (Phelps) Wood four sons and three daughters: Elizabeth (two of that name), Mary, Henry, Isaac, the subject of this sketch, Samuel and John. Mr. Isaac Wood was reared and educated in North Union township. After leaving school he engaged in farming. For thirty years he farmed on what is known as the Evans farm in North Union township, and spent seven years in Menallen township. Mr. Wood owns a splendid farm in North Union township, near Vance's mill, of one hundred and three acres, on which he resides. He was married August 3, 1857, to Miss Ellen Springer, who was of German descent. One child, a daughter, blessed that union, Jane Wood, who was married to James McClelland, a farmer, of North Union township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McClelland, and Mr. McClelland died August 1, 1898. Ellen Wood, the wife of Isaac Wood, was born March 26, 1834. Mr. Wood is a member of one of the Uniontown Lodges of I. O. O. F. While he affiliated at times with each of the old parties for many years in the past, he is now independent in politics, and exercises the privilege of voting for those whom he thinks will give the best administration.

FRANCIS JOSEPH ROCKS, coal operator, of Connellsville, Pa., was born July 5, 1864. He is a son of James and Annie (Lochrein)

Rocks, both of whom were born in Ireland. His father was a retired business man, and a man of fortune. He came here early in the forties, not bringing his wife, however, until the early fifties, when they settled at Bear's Gap, Pa. Both are now dead, the former dying in County Durham, England, in December, 1880, and the latter in Connellsville in 1897. They have four children living: Peter, who now resides in England; James, who lives at Smocks, Fayette county, Pa.; John Edward, and the subject of this sketch, the latter two residing in Connellsville. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Fayette county, Pa., but left school when quite young, and went into business at Everson, Fayette county, Pa., where he had charge of a co-operative store. After that he was in the livery business at this place, also in the brick manufacturing business at Everson. He then went into the contracting business, later became a merchant in Connellsville, Pa., and then commenced his present business of mining coal. He owns and runs the mines of the Rocks' Coal Company at Connellsville, Pa., and also a large coal mine at Smocks Station, P. V. & C. R. R., being manager of the same, and employing over one hundred men. He is unmarried. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a Catholic, and resides at Connellsville.

SAMUEL B. HAMILTON, a leading merchant of Layton, is the second son and fifth child of William P. and Emily (Moorehead) Hamilton, and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1866. Five generations back, Daniel Hamilton, his great-grandfather, came from Ireland, about 1764, to Pennsylvania, and later served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married, and one of his sons settled in Fayette county,

and was the father of William P. Hamilton, who reared a family of six children, as follows: John, a resident of Perry township; Mary, wife of Mansfield Cupp, of California, Pa.; Sarah, married F. R. Baker, of Washington county; Samuel B. (subject); Rena, wife of M. L. Jeffries, a railroad conductor, and a resident of Uniontown, Pa.; and Etta, wife of Noah Forsythe, of Layton. Reared on a farm and of common school education, S. B. Hamilton followed farm work for a time, and then was engaged for twelve years in brick making and three years in brick laying. At the end of that time, in 1899, he embarked in the general mercantile business at the thriving railroad village of Layton, on the Youghiogheny river. On March 1, 1893, Mr. Hamilton wedded Dessie Carson, a member of the old Carson family, of Fayette county, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lynn) Carson, of Perry township. Their union has been blessed with four children: Clara B., born December 5, 1893; Edwin C., born July 5, 1895; William R., born January 27, 1898, and Florence, the youngest, born August 27, 1899. Mrs. Hamilton was born November 17, 1869, and is of English descent. Mr. Hamilton has a heavy stock of goods, and does a remunerative mercantile business which promises to attain to large dimensions. He is a Republican and Protestant, and has been a member for some years, at Scottdale, Pa., of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

WALTER H. SWAN, residing on a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres of productive soil, is one of Luzerne township's practical business men, and a farmer who is well advanced in all agricultural pursuits. He was born in Greene county, Pa., February 20, 1824, and is a son of Richard and Susanna

(Greggs) Swan, both of whom were natives of Greene county. Richard Swan was a prosperous farmer in his native county and resided in it up to 1839, when he removed to Fayette county, locating in North Union township, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres. He was a practical agriculturist, and labored and improved his property in a marked degree. He never aspired to office, although offices were offered to him often. He lived to a good old age, his wife dying several years before him. He was sober, honest and upright and a moral man. He was a Republican. His family consisted of seven children, four of whom are living. Walter H. Swan received his education partly in Greene and partly in Fayette county. He was fifteen years old when he came with his parents to this county, and remained under the parental roof until he reached his thirty-first year. He then married Ruth, daughter of Ellis Phillips, on March 16, 1854, and they have had four children: William (deceased), Frances, Laura and Martha. Mrs. Ruth Swan was born near Uniontown, Fayette county, in 1826. Mr. Walter H. Swan remained in North Union township until he removed to his present farm and home in Luzerne township. Mr. Swan is a model farmer, and has a commodious and well arranged house with all the comforts of a well-to-do man of the country. He was a school director for three terms, or nine years. Politically he is a staunch Republican. He is not a professed Christian or church member, but practices Christian principles.

THOMAS ACKLIN is a retired farmer, residing in Luzerne township. He was born in Redstone township, March 1, 1838, and is a son of John and Martha (Goslin) Acklin.

John Acklin was born in Washington county, and his wife was born in Fayette county. John Acklin was one of the noted teamsters who drove on the National Road for a number of years. He was a cooper by trade and was counted one of the most skillful veterinarians of his day, whose services were in demand far and near. After leaving the "Old Pike" he settled on a farm, which he purchased near Hopewell church, and where he remained up to his death, which occurred August 21, 1882. His wife preceded him to the tomb by forty years. They removed to Luzerne township in 1830, and their family consisted of six children, two of whom are living, Robert and Thomas. Thomas Acklin was about four years old when he came to Luzerne township, and consequently he was reared and educated in it. In early life he learned the cooper's trade and worked at it for a number of years. In addition to this he was a skillful carpenter. Later in life he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and by hard labor and strict economy laid by enough means to make his life easy in his declining years. In 1880 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres from Jacob Ball, which has become greatly improved under his skillful management. He is a member of Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian church. He is a Democrat, and unmarried.

MORGAN WEST, a resident of Brownsville township, and by profession a carriage manufacturer, is a native of Redstone township. He was born January 8, 1842, and is a son of James and Louisiana (Ball) West, the former a native of Redstone township, and the latter born in Louisiana, from which State she derived her name. James West was an extensive carriage builder, and an expert me-

chanic. He lived to a ripe old age, and accumulated considerable property, in which the subject of this sketch has an interest. He died July 1, 1889, aged eighty-three years. His family consisted of nine children, three of whom are living. Morgan is the fifth in order of age. Morgan West was educated in the common schools of Redstone township, and at an early period in life began the trade of carriage builder with his father, which trade he has successfully followed up to the present time. He resided in Redstone township for forty-two years upon the old homestead, which contains one hundred and forty acres, and to which he is the heir. He was married in 1877 to Martha A., daughter of Dr. William and Elizabeth Hubbs. They have two children, William J. and Allen G. In 1881 they came to Brownsville township, where they resided five years. In 1886 they went to Columbia county, Ohio, remaining there six years. In 1887 they returned to Brownsville township, where they now reside. Mr. West is well established in business and enjoys a large patronage. His property is valuable, situated on the "Pike," about one mile from Brownsville, and is known as the "Brubaker Place." Mr. West has been honored with various offices of the township, such as tax collector, school director, etc., all of which he filled with faithfulness, and consequently enjoys the full confidence of his fellow citizens.

Dr. William G. Hubbs, the father of Mrs. Martha A. West, was a native of Baltimore, Md., and a leading physician. He removed from his native city early in life, locating in this county, where he enjoyed an extensive practice. In 1861 he removed to Brownsville, where he lived until his death in 1881, his wife having died six weeks before. Their family numbered nine, five of whom are liv-

ing. Dr. Hubbs was a son of Dr. Charles Hubbs, who was a graduate of Princeton and a leading physician of Philadelphia, but who afterwards removed to Baltimore, where, in addition to his large practice, he engaged in the mercantile business. He was a member of the Christian church, and a very conscientious man. He married Susan V. Gorgus, a native of Philadelphia, to whom were born six sons and three daughters. He died at the age of eighty-seven years. Dr. Charles Hubbs was the son of John Hubbs, who was the son of Obadiah Hubbs, one of the early settlers of this country, who located in New Jersey during the Puritan days. From New Jersey he moved to Montgomery county, Pa. The Hubbs' were Quakers, but finally became attached to the Christian church, a combination of Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM STEELE CRAFT, a prominent farmer of Luzerne township, is a member of the well-known Craft family of Fayette county. His great-grandfather, George Craft, was a native of Germany, and emigrated to this country early in the eighteenth century. He located in Maryland, near the site of the battleground of Antietam, where he resided until 1772, when he removed with his family to Western Pennsylvania, and settled upon the farm on which his descendants have ever since lived and which has always remained in the Craft family. This old pioneer was a worthy man and a loyal citizen. He lived to a good old age. One of his sons, David Craft, was a prominent farmer, and was born in 1763. He married Miss Margaret Woodrow in 1788, and they reared a family of thirteen children. He was a man of intelligence and secured many advantages for the cultivation of his children

and for their mental development. He held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years, and was a man of usefulness in the county. Elijah Craft, a son of David Craft, married Ruth Steele. Both were natives of this county, the former of Redstone, and the latter of Jefferson township. Elijah Craft was a successful farmer, and a man of strictly moral habits and sound principles. He and his family were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and he, at the time of his death, in 1883, was the senior elder in that church. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Craft had seven children, five of whom are living: Captain William S., Matilda, James N., Charlotte L. and Elizabeth. Those children deceased are Johnson S. and George M. Captain William S. Craft was reared in Fayette county, receiving his early education at the common schools, then entering Dunlap's Creek academy, where he prepared himself for Waynesburg college, at which he studied for one year. He has been eminently successful as a farmer. He was born February 10, 1837, and made his early home with his parents in Redstone township. When the Union was threatened with severance, Mr. Craft enrolled himself as a member of Company H, First Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry, commanded by Colonel George D. Bayard, on August 1, 1861, as a private. His regiment participated in many of the principal battles fought during this war and in others of minor importance. During the battle of Salem Church, Captain Craft lost his right leg, May 28, 1864. In less than three years from the time of his enlistment, by his courage and daring, he was promoted step by step until he finally was commissioned to command the company. He was honorably discharged September 16, 1864, since which time he has been profitably engaged in agri-

cultural pursuits. On November 15, 1866, he married Margaret, daughter of Nathaniel and Eliza Graham. To this union eight children have been born: George J. (deceased), Nathaniel G., Ruth S., Eliza J., Elijah, James S., Sarah T. and Margaret E. Mr. Craft is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. This has been manifested in various ways. He has held the office of school director for eighteen years. In 1866 he was nominated for county treasurer, in 1875 he was the nominee for member of the State legislature, and later for State senator. He is a member of the G. A. R. and Royal Arcanum, and has passed through all the chairs of those orders. He is a staunch Republican. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. Captain Craft was, from 1875 to 1882, one of the directors of the historic Monongahela National Bank, of Brownsville. During this period he was also secretary and treasurer of the Brownsville Railway Company.

REECE VERNON, deceased, was a prominent farmer of Luzerne township for a number of years. He was a native of Greene county, Pa., and was born June 2, 1817. He was an agriculturist, and was honored by his fellow citizens with many of the township offices. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He had decided ideas, was strong in his opinions and had the courage to live up to his convictions. He was a staunch Democrat. Mr. Vernon was an industrious man, and by adhering to strict economy, accumulated an independence. His farms, amounting to two hundred and forty acres, are now the property of his children. He married Clara, daughter of Armstrong and Nancy Porter, of this county, in 1841. Mrs. Vernon was a native of this county.

She died August 8, 1891, and Mr. Vernon died September 25, 1896, aged seventy-eight years. They had nine children, five of whom are living: Pierce F., Margaret L. Covert, Mifflin C., Hulda R. Davidson and W. D. Pierce Vernon, the father of Reece Vernon, came from Chester county, Pa., and was one of Fayette county's early and useful citizens. Mrs. Margaret L. Covert, daughter of Reece Vernon, is a native of Menallen township, and was born in 1851. She came to this county with her parents when but six years of age. In 1874 she was married to Thomas B. Covert. Mr. and Mrs. Covert had two children, Clara E. and William A., the latter of whom is now teaching school and bids fair to make his mark in life. In 1886 Mr. and Mrs. Covert removed to the western part of the country, where they remained for a time, and where Mr. Covert died on August 21, 1889. After her husband's death, Mrs. Covert and her children returned to her father's home, where they are now residing.

JAMES B. RICHARDS, deceased, was one of Luzerne township's worthy citizens. He was a native of Allegheny county, Pa., and was born September 19, 1842. He was a son of John F. and Cassandra (Speers) Richards, natives of Allegheny county, who came to Fayette county in 1868, where they purchased a farm in Luzerne township, and resided there until their death. The husband died July 16, 1876, his wife having died several years previous. John F. Richards was a stonemason, which business he followed successfully in connection with farming. They had eight children, four of whom grew to maturity. James B. Richards was educated in the schools of his native county. He began very early in life to show a decided proclivity for his father's profession, and like

him, soon mastered it. Before he reached his majority the clash of arms was heard in the South, and he was one of the number to declare that he was willing to lay down his life for his country. In 1862 he became a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He fought bravely and participated in all the battles in which his regiment took part up to 1865, when he received a wound which caused his death, eventually. In 1865 he was honorably discharged and returned to private life, but for a long time was unable to perform his special mechanical work, but being a man of too much ambition to remain idle long, he again turned his hand to his old vocation of stonemason, which he followed in conjunction with farming. On January 19, 1871, he married Alice, daughter of Abraham and Mary A. (Miller) Garwood. To this union were born eight children: Mary G. (deceased), Lulu E., Charles S., Rebecca J., Ralph C., Jason A., Theodosia V. and Jamie B. Mrs. Alice Richards is a native of this county, and was born April 20, 1852. She is a lady of marked ability and intelligence, and of refined tastes and accomplishments. She is held in the highest esteem by her many friends. Mr. James B. Richards died December 4, 1894, lamented not only by his own family, but by the community at large. The memory of this good man is held sacred by his widow and children, who survive him.

DANIEL B. CRAFT, farmer and trucker, and a resident of Luzerne township, was born in Redstone township, Fayette county, April 9, 1828. He is a son of the late Rev. George B. and Sarah E. Craft, both of whom were natives of this county. The Crafts owned considerable real estate, the Rev. George B.

owning two hundred and two acres. He was a popular and fearless preacher of the Word, and died in 1877, his wife having died some years before. Their family consisted of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity, and three are now living: Margaret Wagoner, Sarah A. Harford and Daniel B. Rev. George B. Craft was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Craft. The father of Benjamin was George Craft, who was a native of Germany and emigrated to this country in its early history. It is presumed they located in the New England States, and from there Benjamin and his family moved to Redstone township, this county. There were three other brothers besides Benjamin, and from this humble start have sprung a long line of worthy men, who have been engaged in the various honorable pursuits of the age, namely, agricultural, educational, ministerial and legislative, and who have been successful in a marked degree. Daniel B. Craft was reared and educated in this county and has confined himself to farming. His first farm was one of one hundred acres in Redstone township. He served in several township offices, and was supervisor, school director, etc. In 1894 he disposed of his farm in Redstone and removed to Luzerne township, where he now resides on a small farm surrounded by the comforts of life. Mr. Craft has been married three times; first to Miss Mary M., daughter of Daniel and Sarah Craft, March 31, 1852, to whom were born four children: Sarah E., Robert J., Delworth and Frances. Robert J. is deceased. Mary M. Craft died May 17, 1857, and Mr. Craft's second wife was Miss Mary L., daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth Crouch, whom he married March 11, 1858. To this union four children were born: D. Birmingham, Harriet, George L. and Florence. Mrs.

Mary L. Craft died January 26, 1883, and Mr. Craft, on September 30, 1886, married Miss Harriet V. Miller. To this third marriage five children have been born: Ida, Paul, Blanche, Clyde and Lucy. Mrs. H. V. Craft is a native of this county, and was born September 30, 1858. Mr. Craft is a member of the Christian church, and politically is a staunch Republican.

NATHANIEL EWING PORTER, a resident of Luzerne township, and one of its leading farmers and successful and worthy citizens, is a descendant of some of the earliest settlers of the county. He was born in Luzerne township, July 21, 1852, and is a son of the late Nelson and Elizabeth N. (Stewart) Porter, both of whom were born in Luzerne township, the former on November 1, 1807, and the latter July 18, 1820. Nelson Porter began life as a poor boy, working for the late Judge Nathaniel Ewing, of Uniontown, for twelve years, his remuneration at first being but eight dollars per month, but by close application to business and economy, he succeeded in getting a start in life. In 1842 he purchased a farm of eighty-eight acres from his father. Later he bought sixty-six acres more. To this he added seventeen acres at one time, twenty-seven at another and finally fifty-two acres, making in all two hundred and fifty acres. He was a practical business man, and whatever he touched prospered. He was chosen by his fellow citizens to fill, with honor and credit, several of the township offices. He was a Republican, and affiliated with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Porter and Elizabeth N. Stewart were united in marriage on December 19, 1848. The result of this union was five children, two of whom are now living: Mrs. Cornelia Dunaway and the immediate subject of this

sketch. Mr. Porter died January 18, 1897, and his wife February 20, 1880. Nelson Porter was the son of Andrew and Cornelia (Conwell) Porter. Andrew Porter was a man of considerable means, and a proficient and thorough-going agriculturist in every respect. He was a native of this county and served it for several years in the capacity of justice of the peace. He lived a useful life, dying at the age of eighty-seven years. He had five children, one of whom is now living. Andrew was the son of Armstrong Porter, said to be a native of Ireland, and who emigrated to this country previous to the Declaration of Independence. In 1774 he removed to this county, where he purchased seven hundred acres of land, including the farms owned by J. W. Stewart, C. Conwell, Nathaniel E. Porter and others. Part of this land has never been out of the hands of his descendants. Armstrong Porter had six sons and two daughters. His sons were as follows: Andrew, Jared, William, David, John and Armstrong. Nathaniel E. Porter, the subject of this sketch, was born and reared in this county, and with the exception of one year spent at Waynesburg college, his education was acquired at the common schools. Mr. Porter has always followed agricultural pursuits, and lived on his father's farm for the first twenty years of his life. He was married to Adelaide M. Gibbons, daughter of the late Elisha O. Gibbons, May 23, 1877. After his marriage Mr. Porter began business for himself. Mr. Porter is a man of intelligence and refinement, whose principles are founded on the Golden Rule, and whose practices do not deviate from those principles, and his wife is a companion suitable for him. Mr. Porter is a practical farmer, and has two farms, one of one hundred and thirty-three acres, known as the "Nelson Wood"

farm, and another of one hundred acres, the "Greenfield" farm, both fertile and well under cultivation. He is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have the following children: Hattie C., Lawrence, Kenneth, Sarah L., Mary E., Nath. E., Frances A. (deceased), and Nelson. Mrs. Porter was born in Luzerne township, June 13, 1854. The family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Porter has been an elder for some years.

REUBEN GROVE, a farmer and noted horticulturist, of Luzerne township, was born in German township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1836, and is a son of the late Harvey and Elizabeth (Leckey) Grove, also natives of German township. Harvey was a farmer of some means, owning a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in German township. He was much respected for his sterling qualities. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. In politics he was an Old Line Whig and later a Republican. He died in his eighty-second year; his wife died at the age of seventy-eight years. They had seven children, Reuben being the only son, and third in order of age. Harvey Grove was the son of Jacob Grove, whose ancestors were of Hollandese extraction. Reuben Grove was reared and educated in this county. He is a farmer, and has been successful in a large degree. His first farm was in German township, and contained one hundred acres. He lived there until 1876, when he sold out to better his condition and removed to Luzerne township, where he now resides on what was formerly known as the Isaac Messmore place, containing one hundred acres of good farming land. Mr. Grove is a practical man, and not only raises farming produce in general, but

gives much of his time to horticulture. Mr. Grove has been honored with several township offices, serving faithfully as assessor and school director. He is well informed on all current topics and keeps abreast of the times. In 1861 he was joined in marriage to Miss Hattie C., daughter of Uriah and Tabitha Higinbotham. To this union were born twelve children: William E., Lizzie, Ettie C., Minnie A., Annie, Corona B. (deceased), Uriah H., Reuben O., Harvey E., Frank L. (deceased), J. H. and Bertha (deceased). Mrs. Grove was born in Mason-town in 1830.

JAMES W. DUNAWAY, a well-known and prosperous farmer of Luzerne township, is a grandson of Matthew and Annie Dunaway, who, in early life, lived near Pittsburg, but in 1812 removed to this county, where they remained one year, removing to Greene county, where they made their home for a number of years. Matthew Dunaway, in 1835, again removed to Fayette county, locating near Millsboro. He purchased a farm of two hundred acres near Merrittstown upon which he erected a fine brick house. This farm is now owned by Jefferson Bibbs. Matthew Dunaway was a man of quiet and unobtrusive habits, lived to a good old age and passed away respected by all his fellow citizens. His family consisted of eight children: John, Thomas, William, Jacob, J. Evans and James, besides two daughters. William Dunaway (father), was born in this county March 23, 1812, and was educated in the common schools, finishing his studies at Greene academy. He taught school in his early life for several years and was well qualified intellectually for all the ordinary pursuits of life. Subsequent to his teaching he opened a drug store in Greene county.

In 1850 he removed to this county in which he had an interest in a farm containing two hundred and twelve acres situated near Merrittstown, where he spent the balance of his life. His chief line of farming was sheep raising in which he was successful. He filled several township offices, being justice of the peace for several years. He was a man of thought and a remarkable mathematician; and his life was a useful, if an uneventful one. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in politics a Republican. He died April 16, 1895, aged eighty-three years. He was twice married, first to Phebe, daughter of Charles and Rachel Porter, who bore him one son, Charles P. He afterwards married Elizabeth, sister of his first wife, and to them two sons were born: William E. and James W. William E. is a practicing attorney in Clay Centre, Kansas, where he has an extensive law business. After completing his education in Washington and Jefferson college, he studied law with his older brother who had previously been admitted to the bar. James W. Dunaway, the youngest son by the second marriage, was born in Fayette county. He was educated in the common schools and at Dunlap's Creek academy, spending one year at Washington and Jefferson college. His attention has always been given to agricultural pursuits in which he is successful, being a scientific farmer. Mr. Dunaway has been elected to some of the township offices, which he has filled with honor and faithfulness. He is a Republican and is single. His mother is still living but in feeble health. Her father, Charles Porter, was a man of prominence in the county, a member of the legislature and speaker of the house for one term. At another time in his life he was appointed associate judge. While his sons were prominent members of

society, they never adorned it as he did. The father of Hon. Charles Porter, was another Charles Porter, who took up by patent three hundred and fifty-six acres of land, part of which now belongs to the subject of this sketch.

JOHN WILSON McMULLEN is a prosperous farmer of Luzerne and lives where he was born, on what is known as the old Sheppard Conwell place. He was born October 6, 1844, and was the eighth of the nine children of John and Phebe (Balsinger) McMullen; the former a native of Ireland, born in 1817, and the latter born in this country in 1824. John McMullen came to this country when a young man, locating on Dunlap's creek in German township; there he purchased a farm of one hundred acres upon which he remained for a number of years; he then sold that farm and bought the one upon which his son John W., now resides. Mr. McMullen was a loyal citizen contending for the principles of the Whig party. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He died September 11, 1872. His son John W. McMullen (subject), is an honorable and worthy citizen; who has held several township offices, and has been very prominent in making some changes profitable to the tax payers of his district while filling the office of school director. Politically he is a Democrat. While Mr. McMullen is not a church member, he leads a moral and upright life and his tendencies are towards the Presbyterian doctrine. He is a successful farmer and keeps two hundred acres of land in a fine condition. He married Miss Mary E., daughter of Aaron and Lydia Hackney, October 7, 1874, and they have three children: J. Riley, Annie E. and Adda B. Mrs. Mary E. McMullen was born in Luzerne township, January 9, 1849.

WILLIAM SWAN, deceased, was one of Luzerne township's well known farmers and respected citizens. He was a native of Greene county, Pa., and was born August 6, 1833. He was a son of Richard and Susannah (Grigg) Swan, both natives of Maryland, the former born September 14, 1796, the latter May 22, 1795; they were of Scotch descent, and whose ancestors came to this country in 1600, locating in Virginia, some of the family going to Pennsylvania eighty-two years later. Richard Swan and his family removed from Greene to Fayette county in 1839, locating near Uniontown on a farm which they purchased and where they remained the rest of their lives. They were worthy people, loyal citizens, and enjoyed the highest esteem of the community. Richard died October 9, 1873, his wife in 1865. They had seven children, four of whom are living: Sarah A., Charles, Alfred and Emily. William Swan, deceased, was reared and educated near Uniontown, having come there with his parents at the age of six years. He became a farmer, remaining on his father's place until 1880, when he bought the farm of two hundred and thirty acres of valuable land upon which his widow resided until her recent removal to Brownsville. Here he succeeded in amassing considerable means. He was never interested in politics further than to vote with the Republican party. Mr. Swan was an elder in the Presbyterian church, to which he contributed liberally. He died in March, 1898. He married Miss Jane E., daughter of William and Hannah (Wiggins) McMullen, on May 21, 1857, and they had six children: Ellen H., Matilda, Margaret H., Charles H., Emily S., Richard W. All are living except the first named. Mrs. Jane E. Swan was born at Uniontown, February 11, 1834.

HAMILTON NEWCOMER is a prominent farmer of Luzerne township, near Heisterburg. His paternal grandfather was John Newcomer, who, with two brothers, came from Maryland to this county in its early history and located in German township, where he purchased one hundred and thirty-three acres of valuable land, upon which he remained all his life, accumulating considerable property before his death, which occurred in 1840. He was married to Miss Sarah A. Overhalt, by whom he had eight children, only one of whom is now living. Mrs. Sarah A. Newcomer died early in life. Joseph Newcomer, the sixth of John's children, was born in German township, Feb. 2, 1822. There he was reared and educated and lived on his father's farm until 1854, when he removed to Georges township and bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres, subsequently buying fifty-eight more. He was a very successful and practical farmer, and was held in regard and esteem by his fellow citizens. He was married to Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Basil Sisler, in 1844, and they had eight children, five of whom are living. Joseph Newcomer died in 1881, in the sixtieth year of his age. His wife died in 1899, in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

Hamilton Newcomer is the second in order of age in his father's family. He was reared in Georges township and educated at the district schools. He has succeeded in his avocation to a remarkable degree and is one of the leading agriculturists of his vicinity. His stock is of fine grade and his produce always marketable. He has served his township as supervisor, judge of elections and school director and other minor offices. In politics he is a staunch Republican. August 19, 1869, he married Miss Margaret,

daughter of William and Eleanor Richey. To this union were born seven children, viz.: Ernest Newton, born 1870; Donna M., born 1873; Mary E., born 1874; Charles R., born 1881; Lottie M., born 1877; Harry L., born 1879; Hettie A., born 1885. Mrs. Margaret (Richey) Newcomer was born in German township June 14, 1845. The Newcomers are members of the Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian church.

JOSHUA STRICKLER, a retired farmer, late of Luzerne township, but now of Uniontown, Fayette county, is a grandson of Jacob Strickler, of Bucks county, Pa., and of German descent. The latter removed to Fayette county about 1789, locating near Scottdale, where he later owned and cultivated about seven hundred acres of land. He built a saw-mill, where the timber was manufactured into building material. He also erected a grist-mill, which, when compared with modern mills, was an inferior process for the manufacture of cereals, but was the best of its kind of that day. These mills were situated on Jacob's creek, where Mr. Strickler carried on an extensive business. He was very fond of hunting and spent much of his spare time in that sport. In politics he was a Whig. He married Miss Elizabeth Stewart, to whom were born five children. Of these, Jacob Strickler was the father of the immediate subject of this sketch. Jacob B. Strickler was born October 30, 1791, at Jacob's creek, in this county. He worked at milling under his father and was also engaged in farming. When he became of age he inherited from his father a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres. He was a member of the M. E. church, and was for many years a class leader. He was a Whig. He married Miss Mary Fiscus, November 19, 1816.

They had eight children, six of whom attained maturity, and four are living. Mrs. Mary (Fiscus) Strickler was the daughter of Charles and Seruah Fiscus, and was born October 14, 1790, dying September 12, 1868. Jacob B. Strickler died August 31, 1874, aged eighty-three years. Joshua Strickler, the son of Jacob B. and Mary Strickler, was born January 28, 1821, and was reared and educated in Tyrone township. His earliest employment following his assisting on his father's farm, was that of driving a six-horse team on the National Road until 1850, thus gaining a fund of practical knowledge and insight into the ways of the world, which proved of great benefit to him. When twenty-nine years old he married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Covert, January 31, 1850. He then removed to Luzerne township, where fifty years of his life were spent happily and profitably in farming and raising fine Merino sheep. Mr. Strickler was a conscientious agriculturist, and his reputation in sheep raising was second to none in the county. His family cleared out the farm on the banks of the Monongahela, at Rice's Landing, which embraces one hundred and thirty-nine acres, besides another farm at Millsboro, on which his son, Benjamin, now resides. He purchased his present residence, at 28 Ben Lomond street, in March, 1900. Mr. Strickler is a member of the West Bend M. E. church, where he has served as steward and class leader nearly all his life. He succeeded Benjamin Covert, who was one of its main supports. Mr. and Mrs. Strickler had six children, five of whom are living: Abby, B. C., Arthur J., F. E. and Randolph J. Mrs. Strickler was born in Ohio, but came to this county with her parents when she was an infant. In politics Mr. Strickler is an ardent Republican.



Joshua Strickler

JOHN L. NELAN, a prosperous farmer, residing in Luzerne township, was born in the above named township October 16, 1827. He is a son of the late Thomas and Mary Nelan, both of whom were born in the same township. Thomas Nelan was a farmer who owned a farm of four hundred acres. In religious faith he was a Cumberland Presbyterian; in politics, a Democrat. He had filled several township offices. Mr. and Mrs. Nelan had six children, two of whom are now living, Gilbert and John L. Thomas was the son of Alexander Nelan, who was a native of Ireland, emigrating to this country in the early history of Luzerne township. John L. Nelan was born, reared and educated in the township and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits in which he has been successful beyond his own expectations. In 1856 he fell heir to part of his father's estate and has purchased a portion of the remainder from the other heirs. He has handled his one hundred and sixteen acres of land with so much skill and judgment that in his declining years he is surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He has filled many township offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. In 1855 he married Miss Lydia, daughter of Mr. J. Hackney. She died in 1872, leaving the following children: Clark M., Velma S., John H., Anna A., George B. and Mary E. November, 1873, Mr. Nelan married Miss Margaret Ridge. Their children are as follows: Harry O., Charles, Robert, Frank, Margaret E., Jay and Earl. The sons are farmers in good circumstances. Mrs. Margaret Nelan is a native of Luzerne township, and was born in 1841.

BENJAMIN A. WELLINGTON, an industrious and worthy farmer, who resides in the Craw-

ford district, Luzerne township, was born June 23, 1855, in the house he now occupies. He is the only son of Sarah Wellington, now a resident of Luzerne township, who is also a native of this township, and was born November 3, 1823. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Mary Wellington, who were natives of Alexandria, Va., the former born in 1780, and the latter in 1775. Their family consisted of twelve children, but Sarah is the only survivor of the family in this county. Benjamin A. Wellington has always confined himself to a farmer's life and conducted his mother's farm until 1893, when he purchased his present farm of ninety-six acres. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion, a Presbyterian. On April 6, 1878, he married Miss Lois R., daughter of Jesse and Amanda Vandergrift, and they have seven children: John T., James F., Jesse C., William J., Helen, George and Allen M. Mrs. Wellington is a native of Washington county, born April 15, 1861. She is a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

LEE M. CROWTHERS is a young coal operator of good prospects, whose mine is situated on the banks of the Monongahela river, on the East Bend, in Luzerne township. This mine was opened by Jonas Crowthers and George C. Maxwell in 1893, who operated it for a year when Mr. Crowthers bought out his partner's interest and ran it in his own name up to 1898, when his son, Lee M. Crowthers, and C. Jutter became the owners, being one of the strongest coal firms on the river. Their output capacity is twenty-five thousand bushels per day. Their coal is of the best quality, the Pittsburg vein. They employ one hundred and twenty-five men, and having their own supply store they are

equipped to meet all demands of their employees.

Jonas Crowthers, father of our subject, is a native of England. Early in the fifties, he, with his wife, Ann (Coatsworth), emigrated to this country, locating in Monongahela City, where he engaged in mining as a common work hand. He soon worked to the front and became a coal operator, and finally owned and operated his own mines, besides vast coal lands which he bought and sold on speculation. He operated at Monongahela City up to 1877, when he removed to California, Pa., where he remained about four years, and where he opened and operated the Globe mines. During the great break-up in the river in the spring of 1877, Mr. Crowthers suffered severe reverses, his loss being some twenty-five thousand dollars, but applying himself with renewed energy he soon regained his losses. From 1883 to 1893 he speculated largely in coal fields. Mr. Crowthers was far-sighted in business matters, a man of marked moral principles, a strong advocate of temperance and righteousness. Politically he was a Democrat. He was born in 1826; his wife was born in 1833, and died in 1885. Their family numbered seven, six of whom are living, viz: Joseph B., J. J., T. A., R. C., J. F. and Lee M. The last named, the subject of this sketch, was born in Monongahela City May 7, 1876. He was reared in California, where he attended the Normal school, and subsequently graduated from the Iron City Business college, Pittsburg, Pa. After leaving school he entered the employ of his father, since which time he has been engaged in the coal business. December 16, 1896, he was married to Miss Mary, daughter of George L. and Sophie Hill, of Washington county. They have one child, Sophie, born in 1897. Mrs. Mary Hill Crowthers was

born in Fredericktown, Pa., September 6, 1876. Mr. L. M. Crowthers is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. In politics he is a Republican.

HARRISON R. DUVAL, a worthy and well-known farmer of Luzerne township, was born June 6, 1829, in Luzerne township, and is the seventh son of Eli and Elizabeth (Richey) Duvall. Eli Duvall is a native of this county, but in his earlier years removed to Washington county, where he remained for a short time, when he returned to Fayette county, in which he spent the rest of his life. He was an industrious and honorable man and acquired considerable property. He owned two farms which increased in value under his skillful management. He married Elizabeth Richey, by whom he had eight children, three of whom are living. In politics he was a Whig, in religious faith a Quaker, and died at the age of eighty-one years. Eli Duvall was the son of Alexander Duvall, a native of France, who emigrated to this country about 1719. He came at once to Fayette county and located near Brownsville, purchasing a farm of one hundred acres, which he improved and beautified and upon which he lived all his life, rearing eight children, seven of whom were sons. He lived to an advanced age. Harrison R. Duvall was reared and educated in Luzerne township and has always lived on the farm, which he now owns. He has followed in the footsteps of his ancestors and made farming his business, of which by close application he has made a success. His first purchase of real estate was made in 1858, being a farm of one hundred and ninety-seven acres of first class land. Mr. Duvall, while not a member of church, carries out the principle of the Golden Rule in his daily life. In poli-

tics he is a Republican. He was twice married. First to Miss Ruth, daughter of W. G. Crawford, in 1850, by whom he had five children, only one of whom is now living, Harrison Duvall. Mrs. Ruth Duvall died in 1880 at the age of fifty years, and Mr. Duvall's second wife was Miss Lizzie, daughter of Bartholomew and Minerva Lancaster, whom he married September 17, 1884, and they have one child, Anna E., born in 1886. Mrs. Lizzie Duvall was born in German township in 1850.

ROBERT H. ACKLIN, a resident of Luzerne township, and by trade a blacksmith, was born at Ormond, Luzerne township, Fayette county, May 17, 1854, of German and British ancestry. His great-grandfather, Joseph (of English descent), was a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the first white men to make a permanent settlement in Southwestern Pennsylvania. He was born at Winchester, Va., in 1732, and died near Brownsville, Pa., in 1835, aged one hundred and three years. His grandfather, John Acklin, was born in 1796 and died in Pennsylvania. On his maternal side, a great-grandfather, Peter Snyder, of German ancestry, was among the first settlers of Steubenville, Ohio, and was killed at that place by accident about 1805, leaving a large family of children. Robert H. Acklin's parents, William and Mary A. Acklin, were natives of this county, the former born July 23, 1826, died at the age of fifty-six years, and the latter, born September 11, 1822, died at the age of sixty-two years. They were married June 28, 1848, and had ten children, four of whom are living. William Acklin, in his youth, learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked all his life. He operated a shop at Ormond until 1856, when he removed to the site now occupied

by his son, Robert H. He was a good mechanic, attending strictly to his own business; sociable and hospitable to a fault, and strictly temperate; quiet and reserved, but firm in his convictions. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which he was an officer.

Robert H. Acklin, his third child, and subject of this sketch, was reared in the township in which he was born, and educated in the common schools. He learned the blacksmith trade with his father, at which he has proved an adept, and at which he has worked all his life. His patronage is very extensive and he is doing a prosperous business. Besides his shop work he is engaged in hauling timber from adjacent forests to various points along the Monongahela river, for local building and other purposes. Mr. Acklin is a modest man of a reserved disposition. His friends, who are numerous, have honored him with some township offices. He has been on the school board for some time and served as its secretary for five years. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are Cumberland Presbyterians. Mr. Acklin owns fifty acres of land where he resides, besides forty-three acres more at another point, all of which he has under a state of advanced cultivation. On January 6, 1876, he married Miss Rachel J., daughter of Aaron and Lydia Hackney. To this union three children were born: Eliza V., now Mrs. Arensbery; Blanche and Georgie. Mrs. Acklin was born January 5, 1846, and died November 12, 1899, at West Penn. Hospital, in Pittsburg, from the effects of an operation performed upon her. Mrs. Acklin was a native of Fayette county.

JEHU D. HACKNEY, one of Luzerne township's prosperous farmers, was born on Au-

gust 31, 1840, at Heistersburg, Luzerne township. His great-grandfather, Aaron Hackney, was the first of that name to locate in the county. He came from Virginia as early as 1770, and owned three hundred and twenty-one acres of land in Luzerne township. He was a thorough-going business man, and in politics a member of the political organization which has since become the Republican party. He was a Quaker, and died in early life. His family consisted of seven children. Jehu Hackney, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Luzerne township, and inherited part of his father's estate, amounting to one hundred and twenty-four acres. He was industrious, and consequently a prosperous farmer. He married Rachel Eaglen, who bore him ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity. They lived to an advanced age. His son, Aaron Hackney, the father of our subject, was born in Luzerne township March 18, 1817. He married Lydia M. Springer, daughter of Jacob Springer, in 1837, and to their union were born six children, three of whom are living. Mrs. Lydia M. Hackney was born in this county in 1807. Aaron Hackney began life at Heistersburg, where he resided four years, and after moving about in an unsettled way for some time, he returned and again settled at that place. He bought out the other heirs to his father's estate, and the farm upon which his son, Jehu D., now resides, contains two hundred acres of good land. Aaron Hackney was a fine business man, a practical farmer in every sense, and a worthy citizen. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, which he joined in early life, and in which he held an important office. He was an ardent Republican, and was honored with many township offices. He died February 8, 1888, and his wife died Novem-

ber 8, 1886. Jehu D. Hackney has followed the example of a long line of sturdy agriculturist ancestors. From his youth up he took to farming pursuits, which he has made profitable. He is now residing upon land occupied by his ancestors. This he succeeded in buying from the other heirs after hard labor. Mr. Hackney is surrounded with the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. His farm is well cultivated and desirably stocked, and he raises a general crop of produce. He is a Republican, and has held the office of assessor. On February 1, 1879, he was married to Matilda, daughter of Philip and Eliza A. Roberts. To this union seven children have been born: James G., born October 3, 1880; John C., born May 6, 1883; Blanche, born October 6, 1885; Emma M., born March 11, 1888; Charles, born May 16, 1890; Harry, born October 14, 1892; and Mildred, born September 9, 1896. Mrs. Matilda Hackney was born in Redstone township, April 26, 1860. The family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

JAMES WILLIAM CONWELL is a well-known farmer of Luzerne township, and is a member of a family connected with the earliest history of that township. He was born July 1, 1839, and is a son of the late John S. and Margaret (McDougal) Conwell. Jehu Conwell, the great-grandfather of our subject, one of the early pioneers of Fayette county, and who was born in Sussex county, Del., in 1749, came with his brother, William, to Luzerne township in 1767, and purchased seven hundred acres of land from James Bredin. During this period of the county's history, these old sturdy pioneers endured many hardships. In 1772 Jehu returned to his native State, where he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Yates Stokeley. Af-

ter their marriage they went, on horseback, back to the new home in Fayette county, previously provided by the groom. At that time the country was infested by warlike savages and wild beasts. Soon after the Conwells settled in Fayette county the Indians began to harass them, and in 1774 hostilities opened up in earnest. Then Jehu and his brother, Captain William Conwell, started the project of building a fort, and a block house was constructed under the directions and with the help of the Conwell brothers. Several children are said to have been born in the fort, one of whom was Ruth, daughter of Captain Conwell, and another a daughter of Jehu Conwell, who married Abraham Armstrong. When the flag of our national independence was raised, these two brothers, Jehu and William, quickly responded to the call for volunteers. They both survived the struggle, and returned to civil life, ending their days in clearing the wilderness and preparing the way for their numerous descendants. Jehu was generous and liberal in his views, conscientious in all his doings, and was honored and respected by all. He built a log grist mill, erected a distillery and made many other necessary improvements in his new home. He died in January, 1834, aged eight-six years, upon the farm that had been his home for sixty years. At the time of his death he had been married sixty years, and had seven children. His sons were Shepard, Yates S., John and George. Yates S. was the founder of Heistersburg, and was of much influence in his township. He was commissioned an ensign on August 1, 1819, in the Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania militia. He was a farmer of abundant means. His wife was Anna, daughter of David Craft, who bore him five sons and two daughters. He died on Christmas, 1865. His widow died

some years later. John S. Conwell was born in Luzerne township June 30, 1815. He was for several years engaged in the mercantile business at Heistersburg, and was the first postmaster at that place, receiving his appointment in 1850. He was elected to several township offices, one of which was that of township clerk. He left Heistersburg in 1861, and removed to his farm of two hundred and fifty acres, upon which he lived and worked the remainder of his life. He paid particular attention to sheep raising. His family consisted of six children, four of whom are now living: James W., Albert D., Walter B. and Mary E., wife of John W. Foster. John S. died at the age of eighty-one; his wife died December 15, 1888, aged seventy-two years. James W. Conwell, the subject of this sketch, began his early life at Heistersburg, and has always confined himself to agricultural pursuits. His first farm was purchased in 1871 near Heistersburg, where he remained for some years and then returned to Heistersburg, where he purchased a farm and resided up to the spring of 1899, when he sold his farm to his cousin, N. E. Conwell. He now resides on the property once owned by William Ewing, and has one of the finest stone buildings in the township. Mr. Conwell is a genial man, enjoying the full confidence of his fellow citizens. He has occupied several offices in the township. He is a Republican. On November 14, 1867, he married Mary M., daughter of John and Emily Wood. To Mr. and Mrs. Conwell were born the following children: George J., born October 25, 1868; Annie H., born November 13, 1874; Emma M., born December 28, 1876 (married R. W. Swan, November 10, 1897, and died May 12, 1898); William S., born December 10, 1879; Mary A., born December 16, 1882; Susan

R., born December 2, 1887, and John W., born July 11, 1891. Mrs. Mary M. Conwell was born in Luzerne township, July 4, 1847. Her people are among the old settlers of the county.

HENRY B. GANS, ex-county surveyor, was born in Springhill township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Lebbeus B. and Emily Goe Gans. His early life was spent on the farm of his father, and his rudimentary education obtained in the public schools of his native township. While in school he was a leader of his classes. Although exceptionally bright, his success was chiefly due to his abnormal capacity for work and unbounded energy. At the age of sixteen years he entered the freshman class of Bethany college, Bethany, W. Va. While in college he made a specialty of mathematics and engineering, and graduated in the scientific and engineering course in that institution in the year 1892, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. Shortly after completing his college course he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, that of civil engineer, which he still continues. He has surveyed many thousand acres of land in Fayette, Greene and Washington counties. No one in Fayette county has stood higher as a surveyor than he does. In the spring of 1895 he was nominated by the Republican party for the office of county surveyor of Fayette county, and in the following November was elected to that office, which office he filled very creditably for one term, which ended January 1, 1899. Since 1895 his office has been in Uniontown, Pa., with his brother, Attorney W. L. Gans. He is a member of the Christian church, and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He comes from an old family of staunch Republicans, and

has always taken an active part in party work. He is a man of more than ordinary pluck and usually succeeds in whatever he undertakes. In a financial way he has also met with success. He owns coal land both in Fayette and Greene counties.

SAMUEL WORK WOODWARD.—Among the representative and successful farmers and stock growers of Fayette county, is the gentleman whose name heads this biography. He was born in Menallen township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1833. He attended school in Dunbar township, where his parents lived for several years. After leaving school he chose his present business, and has since followed it, and by industry and economy, coupled with good business qualifications, has succeeded in accumulating a goodly share of this world's goods. He owns one hundred and eighty acres of well improved land, which is more valued for the coal that underlays it, than for the surface. His farms are examples of neatness, and it is obvious to any one knowing anything about farming that a master of the art controlled them and brought them to this high state of cultivation. He is a son of Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward, and the grandson of Caleb Woodward, who was born in Chester county, Pa., in which he married Miss Phoebe McCarty, November 2, 1828, and removed to Fayette county, where he died October 18, 1856. Davis Woodward, our subject's father, was born in Menallen township, this county, June 11, 1805. His mother was born in 1810. She was the daughter of Robert Boyd, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Woodward's paternal ancestors were Quakers, and of English origin. Of a family of twelve children, Samuel Work Woodward is the third. He was reared

and educated in Fayette county, Pa., and has been largely the architect of his fortunes, having made his own way in the world, with the assistance of his wife, who is also a native of Fayette county. She was born April 19, 1842, and is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Parkhill) Curry, the former of whom was born July 11, 1805. Mr. and Mrs. James Curry were married in 1840. Mr. Curry's father, Solomon Curry, married Mary A. Hatfield, and lived to be one hundred and one years old. Mrs. Woodward is of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have five children and fifteen grandchildren. Their children are: Elizabeth J., wife of Edward Gilchrist, of Harvey county, Kan.; Ida Belle, wife of Rufus Phillips, also of Harvey county, Kan.; Anna Laura, wife of John Frasher, of Smock village, Fayette county, Pa.; James Curry, at home; and Ewing Finley, married Miss Belle Woods, of Menallen township, and also living on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Work Woodward are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Woodward is a Democrat.

THOMAS H. MANSELL was born March 26, 1853, in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the Rev. Josiah Mansell, who emigrated from England in 1844 to this country and settled at Pittsburg. He later joined the Pittsburg conference, and chose the ministry for his profession. He married Miss Melvina Beeson, May 10, 1849. They had three children, all of whom are still living: R. B. Mansell, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mary (Mansell), wife of L. A. Reed, of Elizabeth, Pa., and Thomas H. Mansell, a merchant, of Upper Middletown, who was married to Miss Lizzie Stephens, of Redstone postoffice, on January 5, 1881.

She is the daughter of Jehu and Sarah Stephens, who were among the early settlers of Fayette county. Mrs. Mansell is of Scotch origin. Mr. and Mrs. Mansell had six children, two of whom are deceased: Harry Beeson Mansell was born February 12, 1882; Clayton Stephens Mansell, born March 17, 1884; Sarah Melvina, born September 6, 1886; Claudius Reed Mansell, born December 30, 1889; William Fulton Mansell, born March 23, 1892, and Thomas Dwight Mansell, born February 26, 1895. Mr. Mansell entered the mercantile business, and in 1879 formed a partnership with a Mr. Thompson, which continued until 1886, when Mr. Mansell bought his partner's interest, and since that time has continued the business alone. He has met with marked success, and has a fine dwelling and store, in which he carries a large stock of general merchandise. Mr. Mansell belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. He is a staunch Republican. He served as postmaster for four and one-half years. He is considered one of the leading men in the community, and is noted for his honesty.

W. W. OSBORN, M. D.—Among the distinguished men of Fayette county who have passed away, and who stood eminent in the ministry and social life, was Rev. Andrew G. Osborn, father of Dr. Wilkins W. Osborn, the subject of this sketch. Rev. A. G. Osborn was born in Georges township, near Fairchance, August 8, 1807, and was one of three sons of Joseph and Jane (Lucky) Osborn, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish descent and spent all their married life in Georges township, the husband and father emigrating from near Newark, New Jersey, early in the eighteenth century. The appearance of A. G. Osborn was very commanding, he being in

stature six feet high, finely proportioned and weighing one hundred and sixty-five pounds. His departure left an aching void which could not be filled; no other man could take his place, do the work and command the confidence that was reposed in him by the entire community. He was indeed the poor man's friend and was universally esteemed, honored and beloved as a man of lofty principle, generous and magnanimous impulses and of spotless character. He had no use whatever for a mean, dishonorable or dishonest transaction; the love of truth, virtue and justice was in him born, while stern and severe, in heart and sympathy, he was meek and forgiving as a child. As a meagre illustration of the zeal with which he entered into his life work, one instance may be cited: His parents being Presbyterians, it was thought by them that if he became a minister that he must surely preach that belief or doctrine, but his convictions were so strong that there was free salvation for all who sought it, that after walking a distance of sixty miles to a Presbyterian synod and hearing some of the ablest divines of that denomination and day preach, he was more firmly grounded in the Cumberland Presbyterian faith than before. When our country was called to war in 1861, he secured the chaplaincy of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry and served from the fall of 1863 till May, 1865; he was ever faithful to this charge, administering to the wants of both souls and bodies of the soldiers who came under his care. One instance of his humanity and bravery is related. During the heat of battle a Southern soldier was dying from wounds received; the instant Rev. Mr. Osborn saw him, while the shot and shell were flying thick and fast, he went to him, slacked his thirst and put him in the easiest possi-

ble position; shaded him with a shock of grain and gave him his blessing. Among some of the places Rev. A. G. Osborn preached was Masontown from 1842-53 and again until 1862, Fairchance, 1840 one year and occasionally here until his death; East Liberty, now Vanderbilt, 1846-48 and was associated with A. J. Swayne at this place from 1849-1856, and his last appointment before leaving for the army was at Pleasant View, 1860-1862, being the first pastor at this church and was instrumental in the organization of this congregation; New Salem, Hopewell, Brownsville and Harmony were among the many appointments he had. Rev. Andrew Gillespie Osborn died at his home in October, 1868, surrounded by loving friends and kindred. He was buried in Tent cemetery. His wife Jane (Lynn) Osborn, was born in Somerset county, Pa. Her parents, Alexander and Jane (Herring) Lynn, were of Scotch and English descent and were Episcopalians. Mrs. Osborn was a loving mother and devoted companion, consecrating her life to her family. For many years before her death she lived with her son, Dr. Osborn, and died March 18, 1877. She was buried in the Tent Church cemetery by the side of her husband. Miss Mary Virginia Osborn was the youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. Jane Osborn. She was educated at Georges Creek academy, New Salem Normal school and Waynesburg college, Greene county, Pa. After teaching for a time her health failed, but until her death she was the constant companion and co-worker with her brother, Dr. W. W. Osborn, with whom she lived. She was a good musician and delighted to entertain her family and friends. She was an active member of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society, from the minutes of which we make this extract:



W. W. Osborn No. 2

"Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his wise providence called to her eternal home his faithful follower and our beloved sister, Miss M. V. Osborn; that in her we have lost a true friend whose heart was in our work, but in which we recognize the Lord's hand and humbly bow in submission to him who doeth all things well, knowing that our loss is her eternal gain."

Since the death of M. Virginia Osborn, Miss H. Louisa Osborn has filled her place and has assiduously devoted her time to the duties of the home. Miss Louisa Osborn is also a musician of considerable ability and assistant postmaster and has many admiring friends.

Dr. Wilkins W. Osborn, the subject of this sketch was born on the Osborn homestead. He attended the district school and was a diligent and earnest student, as has been proved by his after life. He was thorough in everything he undertook, bending all his energies to making his business, whatever it was, a success. His father desired him to be an architect and builder and accordingly apprenticed him to an English gentleman by the name of Bostock for that purpose. After a few months he found it was not congenial to his tastes and so learned photography and was engaged in this for some time previous to going into the army where he served from September 19, 1862 until May 30, 1865; he proved a faithful and gallant soldier, valuing his duty as highly as he did his life. One instance of his soldierly qualities and as showing the kind of material he was composed of, is given. A soldier at Huttonville, Va., when the command "Forward" was given, faltered. In cavalry at times, every fourth man holds his own and three other horses, while the others dismount and go in the engagement on foot. At this battle it

came to Dr. Osborn to remain and hold the horses, but seeing the man weakening, he immediately took the fellow's place and went forward and did his duty in battle as every true soldier should, thus exposing himself to the perils of battle, all to maintain the honor and family pride he took in patriotic deeds and doing his duty. A part of his time was taken up while in the service on detached duty, a part of this being recruiting men to fill vacancies in his regiment. He can relate many thrilling incidents of what a hazardous undertaking it was to enter one of the homes of Fayette county where the heads of the family were opposed to the war and enlist a son. One instance in particular he relates, is of going to a spelling bee in one of the mountain townships, and after it became known that his business was that of a recruiting officer, he was told his better plan would be to leave the neighborhood before daybreak. Being well prepared for his business, he not only refused to leave but remained and went to the election grounds next day, made his business known and enlisted all the men needed, taking them to Pittsburg where they were mustered into the service. When he landed at Uniontown on his way with the men, transportation was not ready as promised, and seeing some of the men becoming dissatisfied, he received assistance from Eli Cope and had the men under way and safe in the service of Uncle Sam. After coming home from the service where he had spent nearly three years, he entered the office of Dr. F. C. Robinson, of Uniontown, for the study of medicine. He finished his preparatory course in September, 1866, with his brother, Dr. W. F. Osborn, at Mount Pleasant, Pa., who is now a member of the Kansas legislature, having been elected from the 14th legislative dis-

tract in 1899, as a zealous and aggressive Republican. He then entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was a diligent student until the following May, receiving a certificate for full courses at this institution in all the branches taught in his profession. His second term in medicine was finished at the Western Reserve Medical college at Cleveland, Ohio, from August 10, 1867, until in March, 1868, he began the practice of medicine in the thriving village of Upper Middletown, Pa., where he has been continuously ever since, being now in his thirty-second year of practice. Never was there a man who applied himself more closely to business, or who so assiduously tried to so conduct himself that he would not only be of service to his many patrons, but an honor to his profession. He is a member of the Medical societies of the county and State, and of the American Medical association. He is a Republican, and in politics sparing neither time, means nor argument to sustain the cause and principles of this great party. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Dr. Osborn is postmaster of the village, and by his efforts the money order system has been introduced and many reforms inaugurated. He is a public benefactor in every sense. He is a scholar and a gentleman, charitable to those in distress; kind and affable to all, and holds the first place in the hearts of his many friends.

JACOB B. GRAHAM, a farmer and stock grower, of Menallen township, was born on the old Graham homestead in Menallen township, January 3, 1824. He is a son of Hugh and Margaret Black Graham. Hugh Graham, a sturdy, honest and genial Scotch-Irishman, was born May 2, 1796, near Londonderry Ireland. He came in 1818 to Philadelphia where he was employed by

Stephen Girard and built some of the finest houses in that city. Afterwards he walked from Philadelphia to Pittsburg in six days, and from there to Uniontown. In 1822 he married Margaret Black, who was a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Black, and died in 1873. Her father was of German descent and a highly educated man. They had eight children: Catherine (dead), William (dead), Jacob B., Albert G., a college graduate, editor and lawyer, died in Tennessee; Margaret, wife of G. B. Bowie, and now dead; Thos. B., whose sketch follows; Hugh, Jr., died at eighteen years of age, and Jennie G., who married William Thorndell, and is deceased. Hugh Graham had no superior as a workman in this country. He built the Friendship Hill mansion and erected the fine residences of the late Judge Nathaniel Ewing and A. W. Wilson, of Uniontown, Pa. He died May 19, 1879, when in his eighty-fourth year. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, a modest but exemplary man, whose loss was deeply felt in Fayette county.

Jacob B. Graham received his education in the common schools and chose farming for his occupation. He married Caroline, a daughter of Jacob and Sallie Gaddis, April 3, 1856, and their children are: Margaret J., Enoch Russell, Addie Emerson, married Dr. James P. McGill, of Chicago, December 29, 1886; Hugh, deceased; Harry G.; Thos E., and William B. Caroline Graham was a daughter of Jacob Gaddis, who was born on Redstone creek in 1776, and married Sarah Coombs, who was born in 1803. They had ten children. Jacob B. Graham owns six hundred acres of good farming land in Menallen and North Union townships and devotes his time largely to the management of his farms. He is a staunch Democrat and

cast his first ballot for Franklin Pierce for president. He has been road supervisor and school director a number of times, and has been a Mason for the last fifty years. He is one of the leading citizens of Menallen township. He lives in the old Graham mansion, which his grandfather built in 1791, one of the oldest landmarks in Fayette county.

THOS. BAIRD GRAHAM.—Of Fayette county's citizens who have seen something of the West by travel and experience and endangered their lives on Western fields of battle one is Thomas Baird Graham. He was born July 5, 1833, on the old Graham homestead in Menallen township, Fayette county, Pa., and is a son of Hugh and Margaret (Black) Graham. His father was an honored citizen whose personal history is given in the preceding sketch. Thos. Baird Graham was educated in the common schools, Fall Branch academy of Tennessee, and Emory and Henry college of Virginia. On recommendation of Governor Johnson, of Tennessee, he was appointed to a first class clerkship under Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, commissioner of the land office, and was a firm friend of that able statesman. After two years' service he went to Jonesboro, Pa., where he read law with Chancellor Luckey and graduated June 22, 1859, from the law school of Cumberland university at Lebanon. He was practicing law at Chillicothe, in Livingston county, Missouri, when the late Civil war began, was a third lieutenant and drill master in the State troops. He believed in State's rights, but not in secession. He served in the State guards, fought at Carthage, was in the thickest of the battle at Wilson's Creek, and the battles at Lexington. He was then appointed judge advocate of the Fourth Division of the Missouri State

Guards, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, for his bravery in the field. The rebels threatened to hang him for making a speech against uniting the State Guard with the Confederacy. He would not enter the Confederate army, and had only resisted what he considered the abuse of the Federal power in his adopted State. In 1862 he returned home, was admitted to the bar at Uniontown, afterwards practiced at Pittsburg until 1868, when his health became impaired and he removed to Menallen township. On October 6, 1887, he married Mary, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Wood) Keys. This union has been blessed with three children: Keys Graham, born August 8, 1888; Isabella, born in 1892, and Thos. Graham, Jr., born July 4, 1897. Mrs. Graham is a California graduate and was vice-principal of the public schools in Monongahela City. Mr. and Mrs. Graham are of literary taste and are members of Grace Episcopal church. Mr. Graham, over the *nom de plume* of Tempe, has many fugitive pieces of prose and poetry in various magazines and newspapers, which if collected would make a respectable volume. On account of his health he resides at his country seat in Menallen, known as "Selma." The mansion is on the old Braddock road, near the Old Pike. Jacob Black built it about 1800, and as an old tavern stand it was a stopping place of many eminent men. Thomas B. Graham is a true gentleman, a cultured scholar, a good writer and a pleasing conversationalist.

MRS. MARY RITTENHOUSE was born December 20, 1845. She is a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Gilliland) Linderman, and her grandparents came to this country from Ireland in the early part of 1760. Mrs. Rittenhouse's mother is still living at the age of

eighty-three and is in good health, but her father died in 1861 at the age of forty-four years. Mrs. Rittenhouse was reared as one of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters; only three of whom are now living. Her brother, James Linderman, lives in what is known as the "Flat Woods District" of Fayette county, Pa. Her only living sister is in Ellendale, Dickey county, North Dakota. Mrs. Rittenhouse was married to James Rittenhouse October 25, 1893, and he died May 19, 1897, leaving one son by his first wife who lives near Smocks station, Fayette county, Pa. Mrs. Rittenhouse united with the Baptist church some thirty years ago and she still holds to that faith and is devoted to the interest of the church, having been a teacher in the Sunday-school for a number of years. She owns a house and lot in Upper Middletown and an interest in some other properties. She is highly respected and well thought of in the community in which she resides and is kind and generous to all who call upon her.

WILLIAM G. ROTRUCK, of Menallen township, was born July 23, 1825, in Fayette county, Pa. He is a son of John and Rhoda (Griffin) Rotruck. His grandparents came from Virginia to this county in the year 1810, and were of German and French origin. Mr. Rotruck was one of a family of four sons and three daughters, five of whom are still living each at a ripe old age: Phineas L., Rebecca (Rotruck) Cooper, John lives in Nebraska; Rhoda in West Va.; Henry in Redstone township, Pa., and Elizabeth in Uniontown, Pa. Mr. Rotruck was married in 1877 to Miss Hannah Hill, daughter of Richard Hill, of Menallen township. She died February 23, 1899. Mr. Rotruck is a Democrat; and in religious belief a Baptist. While still a

young man he chose farming as an occupation and still-pursues it, in addition to stock raising. He started in life as a poor boy, but by hard work and economy has succeeded in obtaining a fine farm of one hundred acres and recently sold his coal land for one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. Mr. Rotruck is known throughout the community in which he resides as an honest and conscientious man, and one of his chief pleasures is in looking back upon his happy childhood days.

J. L. HOGERTY, merchant and farmer, was born May 8, 1858. He is a son of James and Jane (Arison) Hogerty, who were of Irish origin. His paternal grandfather came from Ireland in the early part of the century and settled in Fayette county, Pa. Mr. Hogerty was reared in a family of five sons and four daughters, seven of whom are still living: Baily C., J. L., William F., Mary, Celina, Thomas B. and Elizabeth Hogerty. John and Annie are the two deceased. Mr. Hogerty married Miss Jeanne Walters, daughter of Henry and Louisa Walters, of Fayette county, Pa. She is of German origin. Their marriage has been blessed with two children, Lizzie and John; the former was born in Pittsburg, Pa., January 17, 1886; the latter in the same city, June 20, 1888. Mr. Hogerty started in the world without any means and worked as a day laborer for several years for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. By hard work and energy he saved a few dollars, and in 1887 went into the mercantile business where he has met with reasonable success. At present he owns a nice farm and a good stock of general merchandise at Waltersburg station, Fayette county. He is a staunch Republican and a Baptist and he and his wife

take an active interest in the church to which they belong. Mr. Hogerty is serving his second term as postmaster at Waltersburg. He is very popular and enjoys the confidence of the entire community in which he resides.

J. W. FRASHER, of Smock station, farmer and merchant, was born March 11, 1852, in Franklin township. He is a son of James and Eliza (Wheatley) Frasher, and his grandparents emigrated to this country about one hundred years ago and settled in Franklin township. They were of German parentage. Mr. Frasher is one of seven children: Sarah E., Mary Ann, deceased; J. W., L. H., John B., Caroline and William R. Mr. Frasher married Miss E. Campbell, of Menallen township, February 5, 1879. She is the daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Ball) Campbell, and they have had one child, Edna Pearl, who was born January 6, 1886, and died January 7, 1892. Mr. Frasher was a poor boy with very little education, made farming his occupation for eighteen years, and afterwards was employed as manager of the store of J. D. Boyd & Co., at Smock station, for two years. He then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law and went into general merchandising business, under the firm name of Porter & Frasher. Mr. Frasher owns an interest in two farms of two hundred and twenty acres of coal which is valued at fifteen thousand dollars. He is an active man in the community, has served as school director, road commissioner and is at present postmaster at Smock station. He and his wife are Presbyterians and take an active part in Sunday-school and church work. Mr. Frasher is one of the leading citizens and solid men of his vicinity and has accumulated quite a handsome little fortune. His store has one of the largest stocks of goods in the county. He has a

lovely home and is a kind and devoted husband.

SAMUEL SMOCK was born in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pa., June 19, 1820. Barnett Smock, of Revolutionary fame, was his grandfather, who with his wife, in 1793, came on foot from New Jersey to Westmoreland county, Pa. He was a common laborer. Their children were: Elizabeth, Abraham, Henry and Mary. Henry Smock (father) was a son of Barnett and Elizabeth Smock, and was born in New Jersey in 1790, being three years old when his parents came to Westmoreland county. In 1808 he was married to Miss Shepler, a daughter of Philip and Mary (Baxter) Shepler. They had eleven children: Ruhama, Mary, Philip, Jane, Lucinda, Samuel, Barney, Isabella, Sarah, Margaret and Caroline. Samuel Smock was a very poor boy. In 1839 he went to learn the blacksmith trade with James Beazel of Belle Vernon, and possessed of but scant clothing, worked barefooted in the shop until he could earn enough money to buy a pair of brogans. In three years he had learned his trade, owned a good suit of clothes and had managed to save seventy-nine dollars and forty-two cents. He now went to work in earnest to help his parents to secure a home for them and one for himself. In 1844 he went to Perry township and worked two years, saving five hundred dollars. He next worked in Westmoreland county, when he went to Ohio, and after a short stay, moved to Belle Vernon, where he worked for twenty-five dollars per month. He soon bought a lot and built a house and shop and for twenty-one years pursued his trade at this place. At the end of that time he had accumulated fourteen thousand dollars. Selling his property he

bought in 1868 the farm he now owns and lives upon at Smock station which place was named for him. His farm consists of one hundred and ninety acres of excellent land and cost him twelve thousand dollars, for which farm he has been offered twenty-eight thousand dollars. A town is growing upon his farm around the railroad station which is situated between Uniontown and Brownsville on the Monongahela division of the S. W. P. R. W. Mr. Smock was married to Miss Mary Ann Fields, of Perry township, in 1847. She was a daughter of Margaret Fields. This couple have seven children: Celia, Odessa, Noah and Alva living, while William, Elzanna and Roly, are deceased. Mrs. Smock died in 1867, and March 15, 1869, Mr. Smock married his second wife, Miss Susan, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Hess, of Redstone township, and who was born April 1, 1832. Mr. Samuel Smock is a self-made man, and by hard work and economy he is enabled to spend his old age in ease and comfort, while he can look back upon a well-spent life. He is a Democrat.

REV. JOSIAH MANSELL was born in Shropshire, England, October 10, 1822. He is a son of Thomas and Susanna (Waits) Mansell. His father was a minister and undertaker. Rev. Josiah Mansell came to this country in September, 1844, and settled at Pittsburg, Pa. He was a minister in the old country, and preached in what was known as the Wellington circuit. He joined the M. E. conference at Pittsburg soon after his arrival in this country. He was one of a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, and he is the only one living. He was married May 8, 1849, to Miss Melvina Beeson, of Upper Middletown, and they have three children, the eldest of whom is

Rev. R. B. Mansell, born February 15, 1850. He is a minister of ability of the M. E. church at Pittsburg, Pa. The second son, Thomas H. Mansell, was born March 26, 1853, in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pa. He is a merchant at Upper Middletown, of high standing. Susanna Mansell, the daughter, was born July 24, 1856, and is the wife of L. A. Reed, of Elizabeth, Pa. Rev. Mansell's first wife died in 1875, and he afterwards married Miss Hannah, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Carter) Gaddis, of Fayette county. She was one of a family of five children, and is of English origin, though her parents came from Virginia. Mr. Mansell is a Republican, a true and upright citizen, who is loved and respected by all. He has been in the ministry for the past fifty-five years, and served in four States, but is now on the retired list, at his own request.

ASAHEL C. BROWN, farmer, merchant and stone shipper, was born in Franklin township, March 9, 1855, and is a son of Alexander and Ruth (Coleman) Brown, of Fayette county. He is of English origin. His great-grandfather was among the first settlers of the county, and was an astronomer. Mr. Brown was reared as one of a family of nine children: William Kennedy, Oliver Coleman, Louisiana, George E., Elizabeth E., Theodore V., Jennie, Sarah and Asahel C. Mr. Brown was married to Miss Louise Walters, of Fayette county, June 25, 1873, and she died sixteen months later. In 1878 Mr. Brown married again, wedding Miss Belle, daughter of Joshua and Amanda (Bently) Stephens, of Washington township. To Mr. Brown's second marriage were born eight children, of whom seven are living: Erwin Kennedy, who is married to Miss

Annie B. Lowe, and to whom has been born two children, Harry F. and Olive Marie; Clara Almeda Brown, Stella Missouri, Lillie Amanda, Walter Stephens (deceased), Asahel Coleman, Oliver Carl and Belle Frances. Asahel C. Brown was reared on a farm and at the age of twenty-one he went to Pittsburgh and was a glass blower for five years, but afterwards returned to Waltersburg and took up farm life again. In 1893 he went to merchandising at that place, where he has continued up to the present time, in addition to which he is engaged in farming and stone shipping. He is a staunch Democrat, and was postmaster under Mr. Cleveland for four years. Mr. Brown, by hard work, thrift and economy, has accumulated considerable property, consisting of farm and coal land, stone quarries, houses and lots in Waltersburg, a store-house and a nice stock of general merchandise. Mr. Brown is an influential man in the community, a devoted husband and father. He and his family are Methodists.

RICHARD H. BROWN, the subject of this sketch, is of Scotch-Irish descent. He was born November 26, 1852, in Franklin township, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Samuel and Louisa (Hill) Brown, of Fayette county. His great-great-grandfather, George, lived in West Nantmeal township, Chester county, Pa. He died April 10, 1756. His wife's name was Mary. They had four children: Jane, Mary, Alexander and William. His great-grandfather, William, was born September 11, 1745, and died March 1, 1835. He married in 1769 and had seven children: Sarah, George, Mary, Jane, Alexander, Alice and John. He served in the Revolutionary army as a lieutenant on the frontier of Westmoreland county, Pa., between 1779

and 1782. He was a very early settler, and probably the first in Menallen township, Fayette county, Pa. The tract on which he settled is now a farm owned (but not occupied in person) by his great-grandson, the subject of this sketch. He took a prominent part in the Whisky Insurrection of 1794, being loyal to the government. He was a personal friend of General Washington and had a local reputation as an astronomer, publishing an almanac. His grandfather, Alexander Brown, was born July 15, 1780, and died in 1858. He married Elizabeth Gibson, and they reared nine children: George, Sarah, William, Margaret, Alexander, Mary, John, Samuel and Elizabeth. Samuel married Miss Louisa Hill, February 18, 1847, and that union was blessed with but one child, Richard H. Brown. Mr. Brown's father was born August 14, 1813, and died May 31, 1883. His occupation was that of a farmer and blacksmith. Mr. Brown's mother was one of a family of nine children: Benjamin, Sally, Louisa, Hannah, Sarah, Mary, Richard, Elijah and David. Mr. Brown was married December 30, 1875, to Miss Louisiana, daughter of Robert and Esther (Fisher) Hagerty, of Fayette county, and they have five children, all living: Samuel Robert, Georgia May, Jessie Maria, Wilda Alleene and Esther Louisa. Samuel graduated at Princeton college in 1900 "cum laude," his intention is to enter the Presbyterian ministry. Georgia is the wife of John Fleming, and they have one son, Samuel Robert. Like his ancestors, Richard H. Brown chose farming as his occupation. He is a large land owner, having about five hundred acres in Franklin and Menallen townships, and also has an interest in coal lands in Washington and Greene counties. Mr. Brown has a fine dwelling, built of stone,

also a handsome barn, and has an abundant supply of natural gas, with which he lights his dwelling and stables. He is an influential man in his community, a gentleman, and a Prohibitionist.

WILLIAM WALTERS is a farmer and justice of the peace of Franklin township. He was born March 29, 1853, in Fayette county, and is a son of Henry and Louisa (Overmire) Walters, who were of German origin, the former born in Germany in 1815, died in 1890, and the latter born in 1818, and still living with her son, William, at Waltersburg, being in her eighty-first year. Mr. Walters married Miss Mary Whitsel in 1876, and she died in 1878, aged twenty-four years, leaving one son, who was quartermaster sergeant in the Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Manila, when he was but twenty-two years of age. February 27, 1881, Mr. Walters married the second time, to Miss Vankirk, of Fayette county, and they have four children: Annie L., William H., Alonzo V. and Dora E. Mr. Walters is one of a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, all living, except one: Caroline, Margaret, Eliza, Joanna, George W., Henry, Hanson and William. Mr. Walters is a Democrat, and an influential citizen. He has been assessor of the township. He is a Cumberland Presbyterian. He owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, underlaid with good coal and has just completed a fine house.

JOHN W. RUTTER, laborer, of Menallen township, was born March 29, 1855, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Kelly) Rutter. His great-grandfather came from England to this country in 1750, and bought

what is now known as the Rutter farm from the Indians, giving some money and an old horse for eighteen hundred acres. His father was reared as one of a family of ten children, none of whom are living, except Eliza Nicholson, of Connellsville, who is eighty-three years old. Mr. Rutter is the second of a family of nine children: James, died in 1854; John W., William, Emma, Phoebe, Morton, George, Eli and Alice, of whom three are dead. Mr. John W. Rutter married Miss Martha Harshman, of Fayette county, in 1878, and they have no children. Mr. Rutter's mother was born October 11, 1823, and lives with her son, John W., on the old homestead. She had three brothers, but they are dead. Mr. Rutter is of English origin, a hard working, industrious man, and standing well in the community. He is a Democrat.

L. B. BOWIE, of Menallen township, a farmer and stock grower, is a son of Dr. John and Ann (Calvert) Bowie, of Montgomery county, Md., and was born February 14, 1817. He is of Scotch origin, his paternal grandparents being among the earliest settlers of Maryland, coming to this country about two hundred years ago. George B. Calvert, the maternal grandfather, built the first hotel in Washington, D. C. Mr. L. B. Bowie married Miss Margaret, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Black) Graham, of Menallen township, in 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Bowie's children are: Dr. A. P. Bowie, of Uniontown, Pa., born March 31, 1847; Albert, died in childhood; William, Margaret Ann (dead); Emma; Louise, married M. A. Roddy, in October, 1892, resides in Philadelphia, and has two children, Carl and Louise; Dr. Lucien B., now practicing dentistry in Philadelphia; Thomas Graham,



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farmer, in Menallen township; Jennie Graham, lives in Menallen township; and Hugh Graham, also lives in Menallen. Mrs. Bowie died August 19, 1884. Mr. Bowie is a staunch Republican, and a devoted member of the Episcopal church. He was educated in the common schools and Chambersburg academy. He worked for two years in a tannery at Chambersburg, Pa., and from there went to Hampshire county, Va., where he learned the printing and newspaper business with William Harper. He then went to Cincinnati and worked on a newspaper for a year, going from there to Uniontown, where he went into the drug business, in which he remained for over fifty years, retiring a short time ago on account of his advanced age. Mr. Bowie was reared as one of a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are dead, except he and his brother, George Washington Bowie, who is a prominent lawyer, near Los Angeles, Cal., and was colonel of the Fifth California Volunteers during the Civil war. Mr. Bowie has spent a long and useful life as a business man, and is a good citizen. His life is worthy of imitation, and he will be greatly missed by his friends, neighbors and children, when he is called from this world to the better one.

GEORGE BOYLE, county commissioner and a farmer and stock grower, of Menallen township, was born May 12, 1863. He is a son of the late Charles and Mary (Hendrickson) Boyle, of Uniontown, Pa. His grandparents were Virginians, and were of Scotch-Irish origin. The late Charles E. Boyle was one of the most prominent men of Fayette county, Pa. He started out in life as a poor boy. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1861. He soon became

a leader of the Democratic party in Fayette county, and held several offices in the county while quite a young man. He was a fine lawyer and a good party leader. He was president of the Democratic convention (State) in 1880, and in 1882 he was a candidate for the office of auditor general. He was appointed chief justice of Washington Territory in 1888, under President Cleveland, and died December 15, 1888. George Boyle is one of a family of seven children: John, an attorney; Edgar, mayor of Uniontown; George, Lucy, Charles E., Francis and Florence. Mr. Boyle married a Miss Richards, in 1883. She was born in South Wales, May 12, 1866. She received her education in that country, and came to the United States with her mother in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle have had five children: Mary, born April 9, 1884; Lucy, born May 12, 1885; Helen, born May 20, 1886 (died in infancy); Catherine, born March 27, 1889, and Charles, born April 12, 1891 (died in infancy). Mr. Boyle is a staunch Democrat. He is a member of the Episcopal church. He has been school director and road supervisor, and at present he is one of the county commissioners. Mr. Boyle is a good citizen, and honest in all his dealings. He owns a fine farm, on which he resides. His farm is in a good state of cultivation, and well improved. He also owns an interest in a two hundred acre farm in Luzerne township.

J. S. LANGLEY, merchant, of Haddenville, Pa., was born November 4, 1867. He is a son of Hiram and Rachel (Moore) Langley, of Redstone township. His grandparents were among the early settlers of this county. Mr. Langley is one of a family of seven children, two of whom are dead. He was married to Miss Annie Norris, of Menallen

township, March 16, 1893. She is the daughter of Joseph and Carolina (Harrison) Norris, who were of English origin. Mr. and Mrs. Langley have two children: Earl, born June 8, 1894, and Caroline, born July 27, 1896. Mr. Langley received his education in the common schools, and followed farming until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He then ran a hack line between Dearth and Uniontown, Pa., and is the only man who has ever made a success of this line. He went into the general merchandise business at Searights in 1893, continuing there for a short time, and then bought the property he now owns at Haddenville. He has met with great success, has built up a good trade, and carries a large stock of general merchandise. Mr. Langley was the only man in his community who would risk his time and money in establishing the Tri-State telephone at Haddenville, and he was ridiculed by some of his neighbors for doing so, but he was successful and his line is now well patronized. Mr. Langley is a Republican, and at present is serving as postmaster of Haddenville.

CATHERINE C. JACKSON, of Menallen township, widow of the late Robert Jackson, is the daughter of Isaac and Hettie (Depew) Murdoch, of Pittsburg, Pa., and is of Irish and French ancestry. Her grandfather was killed in the Irish rebellion. Mrs. Jackson's mother was of French descent, being the daughter of Abraham Depew, who was the brother of Isaac Depew, who is the father of the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, United States Senator from New York. Mrs. Jackson was one of a family of the following children: Eliza A., born in 1827, died in 1848; Charlotte, born in 1832, now living in Denver, Colo.; Catherine C., who married Robert

Jackson, of Menallen township, November 7, 1867 (he was born October 11, 1831, and died in 1897); Isabella, married Wilson Morrow, and now lives in Ohio; Isaac, was born in 1840, died in 1879; and Susan, who married John Sloan, of Pennsylvania. Robert Jackson was reared on a farm and followed that occupation until his death. He was a hard-working man and was born on the farm on which he died. He was a good neighbor and a devoted husband. Robert Jackson was a son of Zadock and Lydia (Woodward) Jackson, and his sister, Mrs. Ewing Searight, is the only surviving member of the family. Mrs. Jackson received all her husband's property after his death, as they had no children. The farm is known as the old Fairfield place, and has recently been sold for about two hundred and forty-five dollars per acre. Mrs. Jackson, in 1900, removed to her handsome residence on Ben Lomond street, Uniontown. Fortunately she will have quite a handsome little fortune to keep her as long as she lives. Mrs. Jackson is a noble woman, honest and kind-hearted, and is loved by all who know her. Two of her nieces live with her.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH C. STACEY, of New Salem, Menallen township, is a retired teacher, and was born June 26, 1828. He is a son of George W. and Julia (McCauley) Stacey, who was born in Philadelphia in 1790, and died in Springhill township in 1862. He served in the war of 1812-1815. He married Miss Julia McCauley, who was born in Scotland, in 1800. She died in 1894, at the ripe old age of ninety-four years. Mr. Stacey's grandfather, William Stacey, came to America from Ireland long before the Revolution. He served as a staff officer under George Washington, and was wounded at the battle

of Monmouth. He continued to serve throughout the war and was a gallant and brave soldier. Mr. Stacey was reared as one of a family of nine children: William, Milton, Diana, Joseph C., Hannah, Samuel, George, Julia and Benjamin, all of whom are living but Benjamin and George. Captain Stacey married Miss Mary Ann, a daughter of William and Sarah (Buchanan) Jeffries, of German township. To their union were born the following children: Sarah, the eldest, was born August 20, 1850; Julia, born October 21, 1852; Hattie, born May 4, 1856; Effie M., born February 15, 1862; George William, born May 21, 1864; and Joseph Jeffries, born March 21, 1876, and Stella, Zenophon and Clelia, who are deceased. Mr. Stacey is of a family noted for its longevity. A short time before his mother's death she held a family reunion and there were present three hundred and fifty persons, including children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Stacey is of a remarkable people for longevity and extraordinary large families. She was reared as one of a family of seventeen children: Mary A., Elias, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Christopher, Robinson, William, Sarah, Taylor, Joseph, Harriet, Ellen, Martha, I. N. C., Milton, George B. and John Jeffries. They all lived to be men and women, and of this wonderfully large family there are at present twelve living. Captain Stacey was educated at the celebrated Princeton college, of New Jersey. After graduating he chose teaching for his profession and has the honor of training the minds of some of the most prominent men and women in the country. He has taught school in several parts of the United States, and also in Mexico. He is a Democrat, and a strong believer in the Jeffersonian doctrine. He is a

staunch Cumberland Presbyterian. He has held most of the township offices and was steward of the poor for six years. He volunteered in the Union army soon after the commencement of the great Civil war, and afterwards was appointed captain of the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry. He served in the war and was a gallant soldier. He is a man of remarkable memory and one of the most respected men in Menallen township. A good citizen and a devoted husband and has lived an honest and upright life. He is a scholar and a thorough gentleman.

ELIAS HATFIELD, of New Salem, is a worthy descendant through a long line of honorable ancestors from sturdy, intelligent and honest Matthias Hatfield, who came from Scotland to Elizabethtown, N. J., in 1665, and was the ancestor of the numerous Hatfield families scattered throughout this vast country. Matthias Hatfield died in December, 1687, and left three sons, Isaac, Cornelius and Abraham, who was born in 1670, and died in July, 1706, and had four sons, Abraham, Jr., Matthias, Jacob and Joseph. Abraham Hatfield, Jr., was born in 1695, and he and his wife, Margaret, both died in the year 1745, leaving eleven children: Abraham, John, Sarah, Samuel, Elias, Joseph, Jacob, Phebe Hendricks, David, Matthias and William, who was born December 28, 1736, and was twice married, first on May 29, 1757, to Annie Wright, of Woodbridgetown, N. J., who died April 1, 1762, and second, in 1764, to Sarah Kimball, who was born April 11, 1743, and died September 18, 1799. The children by the first marriage were: Abraham, born October 20, 1757, died young; William, born January 6, 1759, with his wife, Charity, moved near the site of

Washington, Pa.; Elias (grandfather), and Samuel, born July 20, 1761, and settled near his brother, William. By the second marriage the children were: David, born March 2, 1765, who eventually settled in Western Virginia, where he married and whose sons were probably the founders of the numerous Hatfield families of Kentucky and West Virginia, so noted throughout the Union as actors in the Hatfield-McCoy feud; Sarah Ann, born October 27, 1767, married Robert Mackey, and removed to the Miami section of Ohio; Abraham, born March 25, 1769, and died in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1840; Jacob, born July 27, 1775, married in Fayette county, and settled in the Miami valley, Ohio; Phebe, born November 10, 1779, married Joseph Tunis, on June 19, 1799, and resided in New York city, rearing a family of nine children; and Jesse Kimball, born December 1, 1781, married November 17, 1803, and was a merchant in New York city, where he died on Norfolk street, July 18, 1861, leaving three children.

Of these eleven children, Elias Hatfield (grandfather) was born March 11, 1760, and died May 19, 1839, aged seventy-nine years, two months and seven days. He served throughout the Revolutionary war, then came to Georges township and married Ann Lindsay, who was born February 1, 1767, and sank into the dreamless sleep of death September 21, 1852, aged eighty-five years, seven months and twenty days, her remains resting beside his in the old Tent cemetery, in Georges township. Their children were: Ann, born February 1, 1790, married John Core, and died August 29, 1866; Christian, born April 15, 1792, and died young; Elizabeth, born April 15, 1794, wedded John Wheaton, and died in Highland county, Ohio, March 2, 1879; Sarah Ann, born

March 23, 1796, and died unmarried in McDonough county, Ill., March 18, 1880; Samuel, born December 6, 1797, and died August 5, 1877, aged seventy-nine years, eight months and nineteen days; Fanny, born October 16, 1799, married William Barnett, and died in Connellsville, August 10, 1889; James, born October 26, 1801, married a Miss Mitchell, and died in Licking county, Ohio, June 17, 1890; Timothy, born September 26, 1803, married Mary Trader, and died in Fayette county, December 13, 1848, of typhoid fever, of which his son, Elias, died the same day; Elias, born March 9, 1806, married Rosanna Vance, and died in Highland county, Ohio, April 1, 1875; Margaret, born May 9, 1808, died young, and no record of her death is to be found; Mahala, born May 9, 1811, married Tegel Trader, who amassed considerable property, and her death occurred in Uniontown, August 27, 1896. These children nearly all lived to an advanced age, some of them verging with to the ninetieth milestone.

Samuel Hatfield (father) was reared in Georges township, and owned a farm just beyond the limits of Uniontown until 1869, when he removed to McDonough county, Ill., where he spent the remaining eight years of his life, and his remains sleep in a beautiful cemetery of a Baptist church, whose edifice he had helped to build the preceding year. He was a member and deacon for many years of Great Bethel church, Uniontown, and he so generously entertained the ministers that his home was known as the "Baptist Hotel." He married Rebecca Vance, a daughter of William and Ann Vance, of Georges township, who was born in 1798, and passed away December 21, 1862. She was an estimable woman and a consistent member of the Baptist church. Mrs.

Hatfield was one of twenty children born to William and Ann Vance, who removed, in 1837, to Highland county, Ohio, where the mother lived up to near the century mark, and of her twenty children, sixteen grew to maturity. All were members of the Baptist church, and one, Davis, became a prominent minister. The children of Samuel and Rebecca (Vance) Hatfield were: Sarah Jane, born July 21, 1821, wedded William F. Ross, and removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, where she died March 25, 1886; Lydia Ann, born November 7, 1822, wedded Andrew B. Bryson, and resided in Uniontown, dying there October 25, 1885; Rachel, born April 11, 1824, wedded Andrew Mitchell, and settled in Allamakee county, Iowa, where she died March 25, 1861; Lucinda, born February 7, 1826, intermarried with Orton Frisbie, and passed away October 26, 1852, being the first of the family to pass from time to eternity; William Vance, born December 31, 1827, married Mary McClelland, and removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, dying there on September 27, 1856; Elias (subject), born February 1, 1831; Freeman Lindsay, born February 3, 1833, wedded Hannah Grey, and died November 28, 1865, at Beardstown, Ill., when within twelve miles of his selected Western home, to which he was removing. His remains sleep beside his mother's and sister's in the old Morgantown street Baptist cemetery, of Uniontown; Samuel, born November 5, 1834, married Susan Diffenderfer, and they now reside in Uniontown; Minton, born October 24, 1836, wedded Catherine Schmatterly, and resides in McDonough county, Ill., where his wife died May 9, 1898, aged fifty-nine years; Rebecca, born January 3, 1840, married George W. Hook, and removed to Illinois, where she died at Grand Ridge, La Salle county, on December

27, 1897; and Mary Elizabeth, born December 20, 1843, wedded Robert Jeffries, and after removing to Illinois settled at their present location near Tilges, Stanton county, Neb. A remarkable fact in the family genealogy is that for four generations Abraham, William, Elias and Samuel each had eleven children.

Elias Hatfield, the subject of this sketch, was born February 1, 1831, in South Union township, where he was reared on the farm and attended school in the old Hatfield school-house. He then attended one term at the old Madison college in 1844, and in 1847, at sixteen years of age, taught the old Kentucky school, two miles from the site of Ohio-pyle, for sixteen dollars per month, and paying one dollar per week for board. He then taught for three winters in what is now North and South Union townships, the last being at the Hatfield or home school-house, and quit teaching, although receiving twenty-one dollars per month, the highest wages then paid in the county, and being a successful teacher, popular alike with patrons and pupils. On March 15, 1851, he walked to Brownsville, and after a weary trip of four weeks by boat, he landed in Allamakee county, Iowa, where he took up a tract of land. Two years later, on April 15, 1853, Mr. Hatfield married Mary A. Beeman, who was born in Vermont, November 20, 1836, and died August 1, 1868. They had four children: Orton M., born July 15, 1854, now a resident of Iowa; Emma Jane, born April 4, 1857, now residing in McDonough county, Ill., married William J. Holstine, and has four children, Mary, Elias H., Willie and James Grover; Elsie Rebecca, born June 27, 1860, died March 18, 1862, aged one year, eighth months and twenty-one days; and Henry Cullen, born March 19, 1863, died

February 19, 1864, aged eleven months. Shortly after his wife's death, Mr. Hatfield rented his farm and returned to Fayette county, where he sought for a business location, which he finally selected at Farmington, on the National Road, twelve miles east of Uniontown. He there purchased a half interest, on March 1, 1869, of the store of the late Squire James M. Dixon. On July 25th of that year, Mr. Hatfield married Mary, the eldest daughter of Squire Dixon, and the next spring the mercantile firm was dissolved, the Squire moving on to his Braddock Grove farm, and Mr. Hatfield and his wife removing to Fandon, Ill. There Mr. Hatfield secured a postoffice and had a store for six years which he then exchanged with his brother, Minton, for his present valuable farm at that place. Returning again to Fayette county he resided with Squire Dixon until the death of the latter, on December 31, 1876, and then was engaged in the mercantile business at Searights, from January 24, 1877, till April 1, 1883, when he purchased valuable property at New Salem and opened a large store, whose stock he transferred on November 1, 1898, to E. B. Brown and E. H. Holstine (grandson), on account of failing health. By honesty, industry and business ability he has acquired a competency, a rich three hundred acre Illinois farm and houses and lots at New Salem and in Uniontown.

On July 25, 1869, Elias Hatfield was united in marriage with Mary E. Dixon, eldest daughter of Squire James M. Dixon, one of the leading business men of southern Fayette county. They lived happily for twenty-eight years, when the grim reaper summoned the wife and left the husband disconsolate with declining years and in failing health to mourn his great loss and feel, al-

though among kindest of friends, the need of that sympathy and comfort that only a true and affectionate wife can give in hours of pain or sorrow. Mrs. Hatfield was born January 20, 1836, and passed from time to eternity on July 21, 1897, leaving one child, Clara Addie, born at Searights, September 20, 1878.

Elias Hatfield has ranked for years as a safe, honest and prosperous business man of the county, whose character is above suspicion, and whose life record is without blot or stain, and this tribute is paid to him as a matter of justice by one who has known him long and well and would desire the history of the future to record the truth of the past and the present. Mr. Hatfield has been a consistent member of the Great Bethel and other Baptist churches since March, 1846, and has been a member and past grand of Fort Necessity Lodge, No. 254, I. O. O. F., of Uniontown, for over twenty years. He is the present postmaster at New Salem, but wishes to be relieved of the office, and has served twenty-four years as postmaster of different offices. He is a staunch follower of Jefferson and Jackson, and a sixteen to one currency Democrat of the William J. Bryan type, who also believes with Gallatin that governmental dignity and security rest best on self-developed home resources and not on armies and foreign products won by loss of life and treasure. In 1887 Elias Hatfield was elected county commissioner by the Democrats. He was the minority member, yet showed such executive ability, untiring energy and impartial treatment of all matters, that the majority opposition members of the board elected him president before the close of the term, in 1891. He was never absent from his post, knew no man politically in business

affairs, and as a public official won the commendation of all parties. His term of office was one of the most important in the history of the county, for during it the present substantial jail and splendid court house were erected, and for size, cost and durability the State does not possess their superiors. The coke and court business were then rapidly increasing in volume and intricacy, yet Mr. Hatfield was equal to every emergency and met promptly every demand, but was always economical and never wasted a dollar of the public money. He retired from office with the respect of all, and his able and impartial management of his office upon true business principles well sustained the popular opinion of him which gave him the flattering vote which he received both at nomination and election.

JOSEPH U. GANS is one of the active business men of Gans and Springhill township. He was born near Morris Cross Roads, Springhill township, March 1, 1851, and is a son of Jasper N. and Sarah N. (Fowler) Gans, the former born in Springhill township, in July, 1823, the latter in West Virginia, in 1828. Jasper N. Gans was a shoemaker and a mechanic of some ability, doing first-class work. In 1863 he served in Company E, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Penna. Militia, under Captain J. C. Stacey. Being accustomed to a sedentary and indoor occupation, the exposure of camp life did not agree with him, so that in six months from his enlistment he was unfit for active duty and was discharged for disability. He never entirely recovered from the effects of his exposure in the service. Mr. Gans was a genial, kind and obliging man, who stood well with his neighbors. He died, in 1897, aged seventy-six years, and his widow sur-

vives him. Their children are: Joseph U., A. J., who is principal of Point Marion schools; Ida M. and Laura Brooks. Jasper N. Gans was the son of Joseph and Barbara (Clemer) Gans, the former removing from Maryland to this county when a young man and locating near Morris Cross Roads, where he engaged in farming. He had six children, five sons and a daughter. Joseph U. Gans was reared and educated in his native township. He followed farming for a number of years, and while he made a success of farming yet he chose the mercantile business for a life pursuit. He was three years in the Cheat Haven Coke Company's store and became almost indispensable to the company by his tact and superior management. In 1898 he purchased the stock and fixtures of N. Gans and established himself permanently in the mercantile business at Gans. The same year, 1898, he was appointed postmaster at Gans. On May 18, 1871, he married Miss Sarah O., daughter of William and Ruhama M. Rhodes. To this union was born one son, William E., who assists his father in the store. Mr. Gans is a Democrat in politics, and a Disciple in religious belief. He served, in 1877, as constable, and later as school director of his township.

JOHN H. KING, an "Old Pike" wagoner, and a well-to-do farmer of South Union township, is a son of Upton and Polly (Bates) King, and was born on what is now the Colly farm in Menallen township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1821. Upton King was born near Georgetown, Md., October 11, 1797, and came about 1817 to Fayette county, where he lived for many years on the Thompson farm. For a long time he was a contractor on the "Old Pike." His wife was Polly Bates, born about 1797

or 1798. She was the mother of seven children. John H. King, on leaving home, engaged in wagoning on the old National Road, a business which he pursued for several years. His next employment was in the coal business in which he continued for some time. In 1859 he purchased his present farm of ninety acres in South Union township, and since then he has given his time to its cultivation and improvement. He was married to Miss Nancy, daughter of the late John and Catherine (Grier) Byers, of Menallen township. This union has been blessed with six children: Annie Eliza, born in 1844, died in 1862; Sarah M., born in 1849, wife of Johnson Rhoderick; Charles W., born in 1852, married Sarah A., daughter of John Williams; Darlington J., born in 1854, married Mary Hess; Thomas E., born in 1859, married Jennie Jeffries, and John A., born in 1862. Mr. King is a Republican, and he and his wife are Methodists. He is an upright citizen, a man of noble life and character. A remarkable fact in his history is that in his family not a single death has occurred since 1864, which is most unusual.

HENRY JOHNSON, of Menallen township, farmer and stock raiser, and one of Fayette county's best citizens, was born about fifty years ago in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is of German origin. His great-grandfather came from Germany and settled in this country before the Revolution, and was the father of a large family, among them being a son, Joseph Johnson, who is the father of Henry F. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, and who was reared as one of the following children: Henry F., Eliza, Matilda, Susan, Burt A. and William Johnson, who is an attorney-at-law in Uniontown, Pa. Mr. Johnson married Miss Mary, daughter

of the late Samuel and Margaret (Hess) McCormick, September 21, 1873. They have had five children: Joseph, the eldest, was born July 9, 1874, is an active young man and has traveled considerably; Jennie, born December 4, 1876, married Oliver Blackburn, of Uniontown, Pa., and is the mother of two children, DeWitt and Henry; Emma Johnson, was born in 1879, and died when five years old; George B., was born in 1881, and died in 1883; Catherine, born in 1883, and died in 1884. Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and in religious belief a Cumberland Presbyterian. Mr. Johnson has been a farmer all his life and owns one hundred acres of well improved land. He lately sold fifty-two acres of coal land at one hundred and forty dollars per acre. Mrs. Johnson has also sold ninety acres at one hundred and ten dollars per acre. Mr. Johnson is esteemed for his truth and integrity, and both he and his wife are much beloved in the community.

LUKE F. PATTERSON is a successful farmer and the proprietor of the "Starr Flouring Mills," known as "Patterson's Mills," near Haddenville. He is a son of Sidney and Martha (McCoy) Patterson, and was born in Franklin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1842. Sidney Patterson was a native of New Jersey, and was born December 12, 1803. He came to Fayette county with his father, Safty Patterson, who settled in Franklin township. Sidney Patterson engaged in farming and married Miss Martha McCoy, who was born in 1803. Luke F. Patterson, the subject of this sketch, is of Irish descent. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Fayette county. Leaving school he engaged in his present business. In 1871 Mr. Patterson married Miss Mattie Leighty, who died Oc-

tober 1, 1881, leaving one child, Norman Patterson, born April 29, 1879. Mr. Patterson for his second wife married Miss Lizzie, daughter of John and Margaret (Pence) Snider, who was one of a family of nine children: Andrew, Mary, William, Henry, Lizzie, John, Jr., Josephine, Lydia and Edward. To Mr. Patterson's second marriage were born two children: Andrew, born in 1889, and died in 1893, and Margaret, born in 1892, and dying the year following. Mr. Patterson started in life without a dollar, but by energy and thrift has succeeded in building up a large business, owning one of the best flouring mills in Fayette county, with a capacity of twenty barrels of flour per day. For thirty-five years Mr. Patterson has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a K. of P. Mr. Patterson is a Democrat. He is a man of good business qualifications and one of the leading citizens of Menallen township.

MRS. MARY STEWART, of Menallen township, is the widow of the late John N. Stewart, of Menallen township. She is a daughter of Sidney and Martha (McCoy) Patterson, and was born August 26, 1847. She was one of the following children: Martha, William W., Luke F., Sidney H., Sarah, Hannah, Margaret, Phebe, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Rebecca (2d), and Mary. Mrs. Stewart was married to the late John N. Stewart, November 30, 1869. He was a son of Lewis and Mary Ann (Worthington) Stewart, of Menallen, who are both living, the former being eighty-three, and the latter seventy-nine years of age. Mr. Stewart was reared as one of a family of seven children, and he and his wife had five children, as follows: Ellis Benton, born in 1870, married Miss Sarah Todd and has three children; Walter P., was born in 1877

and is at home with his mother, and William C., born in 1883, is the youngest child now living. Mrs. Stewart lost her husband October 2, 1896. He was killed by the explosion of an oil lamp. He was fifty-three years of age at the time of his death. He was one of the leading farmers of Menallen township, a good citizen and of a fine old Pennsylvania family. In his death the community lost a valuable member, and he left a character worthy of imitation by all. Mrs. Stewart owns one hundred and eighteen acres of coal land, and a comfortable home where she lives. Her farm is well improved, and is good agricultural land. She is a Christian woman, was a good wife and is a loving mother. She has remarkable business qualities and manages her property with great judgment.

ANDREW F. RICHEY.—Although the most active part of the life of Andrew F. Richey was spent in Virginia, now West Virginia, he was a native of Pennsylvania and died near Uniontown, where several of his children now reside. Being of Scotch-Irish ancestry, inheriting a deep love for religious freedom, it is not strange that he was always allied to the principles of free government. When our country was threatened by the late rebellion Andrew F. Richey was among the first men of his State to declare his adherence to the Union, setting up a high standard of loyalty which he never lowered. In order to further and widen his influence, he, at the opening of the war, purchased at public sale, the equipment of the "Fairmont Virginian," a most pronounced southern paper. Changing the name to the "Fairmont National," he established the first and only Republican paper in the county, and published it until the close of the war, exchange-

ing with many of the leading dailies of the large cities, among which were the New York "Tribune" and Baltimore "American." When the western part of the State, and indeed the southern part of Pennsylvania was threatened by the foe, he with Cols. Oliphant, Evans, and many others, was placed at the head of militia regiments, but they were not sent beyond Clarksburg. Col. Richey was also appointed quartermaster for the State militia. He was a member of the first convention called to divide the State, which was the birth of West Virginia. The late Hon. Waitman T. Willey said of Mr. Richey that he was an intelligent and highly respected citizen, possessing many noble traits of character. Being a public spirited man his life was largely devoted to the betterment of his race. He was a man of large heart and generous mind. True and faithful in his political principles; broad and unbiased in his sympathies, he made friends wherever he went. He was a patriot, and believed that freedom is the very quintessence of American life, and as an American he stood for simple, universal humanity. Mr. Richey was married on the first day of January, 1835, to Laverna P., the third daughter of the late John S. Barnes, of Fairmont, W. Va. There were eight children. John, the eldest, died in 1875, from the effects of exposure in the service of his country. He left three sons, Charles, David Andrew and Francis. Those residing in Uniontown are Mrs. S. V. Young, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Louisa B., Elizabeth D. and David S. Richey. Hunter Richey and Mrs. Mary R. Post reside in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Richey had three brothers, John, David and Hunter, of Pittsburg; the two latter having been to some extent allied to the interests of Fayette county. Mr. Richey died November 21, 1867, aged fifty-seven. The late A. W. Campbell,

editor of the Wheeling "Intelligencer," in paying a tribute to the memory of Col. Richey, wrote: "No man in West Virginia will be more widely missed or made greater sacrifices for the cause which he espoused." A grandson of the late Col. Richey, David A. Richey, is assistant State's attorney of Virginia.

DOWNER FAMILY.—The Downer family, distinguished for more than a century in the annals of Fayette county, had its founder in the person of Jacob Downer, a native of Germany, where he married Elizabeth Starner and whence they emigrated to the newly born Republic in 1778, locating in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Two years later they removed to Fayette county; leaving his family here he went to seek a permanent home in Kentucky, and it is supposed while upon this quest was killed by Indians, as he never returned nor was he heard of afterwards. His wife and family removed to Uniontown where she attained the great age of one hundred and five. One of the sons, Jonathan Downer, was born in 1754, erected and successfully conducted a large tannery, married Miss Drusilla Springer, and reared a family of thirteen children. He died in 1833. Of his children, Levi Downer, born November 11, 1788, was reared at Uniontown and there died October 2, 1854. He was a man of indefatigable industry and uncompromising integrity, and operated with great success the celebrated Downer tannery. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Hall, a native of Berkeley Springs, Va., who owned and resided on the Rankin farm in North Union township, near Uniontown, previous to 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Downer reared a most remarkable family. Ten children were born, and none died under

fifty years of age; all lived honorable, upright lives and none of them were ever married. Mr. Downer, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was born February 24, 1792, and died April 5, 1868. Of her children, Caroline A. Downer and Eliza M. Downer reside in Uniontown; Major James P. Downer served under General Scott in the Mexican war, and was a commissioned officer of a Kansas regiment four years during the Civil war; served two years in the Pennsylvania legislature, and now resides in Colorado; David Downer, resides in Colorado, where he has been connected as editor or proprietor with nearly a score of newspapers; J. Allen Downer, died at Uniontown, July 24, 1882; William H. Downer, died there also May 12, 1888; Lieut. Geo. W. Downer, served through the Civil war and was drowned at Brookville, Pa., September 21, 1885; Dr. Hugh H. Downer, of California, died at Uniontown in 1888, and Jacob Downer, a Uniontown merchant, died February 26, 1888. Daniel Downer, who now resides in California, was born in Uniontown, November 27, 1820, and was for many years a leading member of the bar of Fayette county. He prepared for college at Madison, entered the Sophomore class of Jefferson in 1839, and was graduated from that renowned old institution of learning with the class of 1842. His law preceptor was the late Judge John Dawson (then a prominent attorney of the Fayette County bar). He was admitted to the practice of law September 2, 1845, and continued to be successfully engaged therein until he removed to California.

GEORGE ALLEN McCORMICK, sheriff of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was born in Uniontown, September 3, 1854. He is a son of the late William B. and Susan (Allen) Mc-

Cormick (for genealogical matter concerning McCormicks and Allens, see elsewhere, this volume). Geo. A. McCormick received his schooling at Uniontown, but in early youth began to assist in his father's business as butcher in that place. George A. subsequently engaged in the same business for himself in which he was signally successful. He was also for a number of years engaged in buying, selling and improving real estate in Uniontown and the records of the county attest his activity in these directions. He was one of the projectors and early stockholders and for a number of years superintendent of the Uniontown Street Railway Co. He has contributed in a pecuniary way to the various efforts that have been made to establish manufacturing plants in Uniontown and vicinity. Since attaining his majority Mr. McCormick has been not only a stalwart advocate of Democratic party principles, but one of the most active of the aggressive workers in that party's interests. So effective has this service been that in more than one instance through his individual effort and influence the Democratic party has wrested at least a partial victory from the jaws of defeat. This was notably the case in his second candidacy for the office of sheriff, in 1898, when his own majority was in the neighborhood of one thousand eight hundred, while only the Democratic candidates for assembly were elected and these by very slender majorities. Mr. McCormick was first elected to the office of sheriff in 1889, and served the full term of three years during a period when the requisites for the conduct of that office included determination and bravery in no small degree. It was during the incumbency of sheriff McCormick that the striking coke workers of the district menaced the lives and property

of Fayette county and he proved equal to the emergency in quelling the riots. He was also successful in running to earth the notorious Cooley's, a gang of highwaymen, who were the terror of the mountain districts of Fayette and Westmoreland counties, Pa., and Monongalia and Preston counties, W. Va. Mr. McCormick married Alice, daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Barker, formerly of Brownsville, now of Uniontown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have one child, Mabel Ray McCormick, student of Uniontown high school. Mrs. McCormick is an active and useful member of the M. E. church, of Uniontown.

JOHN WORK was descended from English ancestors who were among the earliest permanent white settlers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Joseph Work, the grandfather, came to Fayette county, Pa., about the middle of the eighteenth century. His two brothers, Samuel and Robert, came with him. They traveled and brought their little effects from Lancaster county, Pa., over the mountains on horseback. Joseph settled near what is now Vanderbilt, Samuel took up his residence near the present town of Dunbar, and Robert located in North Union township, about two miles north of Uniontown, Pa. They are now represented by a numerous progeny in Fayette and adjoining counties. Joseph had five sons and two daughters: James, John, Adam, Andrew, Alexander, Mary and Ester. John lived the most of his life and died in Washington county, Pa. Adam and Alexander passed their days in Dunbar township. Andrew resided in Franklin township. Mary married Thomas Miller, of Harrison county, O. Ester married William Dugan, of Dunbar township. James, father of the subject of this sketch,

married Ellen Dugan, and soon after moved to Harrison county, O., where John Work, the subject of this sketch, was born Dec. 30, 1818. Six children were born to this union: Nancy, who married Samuel J. Cox; Katharine, who died single; Ellen, who married William Griffith; John; Mary, who died single, and Joseph W. Work, who is still living and a prosperous Fayette county farmer. When John was about nine years old the family moved back to Fayette county and made Dunbar township their permanent home. There were no free schools in that day and John, with his brothers and sisters, received his education in the old subscription schools. For John the opportunities were limited. His father being a delicate man and incapacitated for work, the burden, cares and responsibilities of the entire family devolved upon John when but a boy. With an energy that characterized his after life and made him so successful he assumed his new duties and responsibilities in a manly way. When not busily engaged at home raising the crops he hired out with the farmers for thirty-five and fifty cents a day. So diligent was he that at nights, aided by the light of the wood fire, he prepared himself and taught the district school at least one term. Honest, industrious and saving, he soon collected together sufficient to make a first payment on a little farm located about three miles northwest of Dunbar where he lived the greater part of his life. Mr. Work when but a boy was known in the neighborhood as a good judge of stock, and at the age of about twenty-five was employed by Greenberry Crossland, of Uniontown, Pa., an extensive cattle dealer, to superintend his droves over the National Pike to Philadelphia and sometimes to New York. His work was so satisfactory that a partnership was formed which lasted about

fifteen years, when he retired and formed a partnership with his father-in-law, Charles McLaughlin. In both cases Mr. Work superintended the droves and sold the stock in the Eastern markets. In those days drafts were unknown, and the money received for the stock had to be brought back by Mr. Work in his pockets over the same route he had taken his stock. Though he carried hundreds of thousands of dollars he was never molested, and he never owned or carried a revolver. His business extended over Western Pennsylvania and what is now West Virginia. Mr. McLaughlin retired from the partnership about 1870 on account of his age and declining health and Mr. Work continued by himself till about 1882, when he, too, ceased active work in this line. He was a good and successful business man and took a deep interest in all that concerned the advancement and prosperity of Fayette county. He was a Republican in politics and thoroughly believed in the principles and policies of his party, and especially in the Protective Tariff, although he never solicited or held any office. Mr. Work was a member of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian church. On January 21, 1847, he married Sarah, daughter of Charles and Mary McLaughlin. They had ten children: Mary Elizabeth, died 1867; Ellen, married George W. Barricklow, now residing in Paolo, Kan.; William, died in 1888; Anna M., married John M. Henshaw, and now living at Vance Mills, Pa.; Charles, died in infancy; James C. Work, attorney-at-law, living in Uniontown, Pa.; Sarah Belle, married James A. Chalfant, and resides at Charleroi, Pa.; John Work and Clara S. Work, living at the old homestead; and Samuel, died in infancy. Starting in the world with nothing but a robust constitution and a desire to work he

raised his family, held the respect and full confidence of the people, took the highest rank as a citizen, and died a painless death full of years, January 3, 1900, leaving a will in which he devised his lands and estate equally among his children.

GABRIEL GETZENDANNER, a prominent figure among the artisans of Uniontown from 1795 and for a period of sixty years thereafter, was born on his father's plantation in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1778. He was a son of Christian and Mary (Stone) Getzendanner, both of whom were natives of Maryland. Christian Getzendanner was a son and namesake of Christian Getzendanner, the founder of the American family of Getzendanner, who came from Germany landing in Philadelphia in June, 1729. The latter subsequently located in Frederick county, Maryland, where he became a successful planter. His son Christian added materially to his landed inheritance, leaving an estate valued at fifteen thousand pounds sterling. Of the children of Christian and Mary (Stoner) Getzendanner, the eldest were Katherina and Magdalene, the former of whom married David Miller, who was one of the prominent pioneer farmers of Georges township, Fayette county, and the latter became the wife of Joseph Leatherman (originally Letterman), who was also a Georges township farmer in the closing years of the eighteenth century, owning the tract of land adjoining the farm of his brother-in-law, David Miller. The only child of Joseph and Magdalena (Getzendanner) Leatherman, Joel Leatherman, was born in 1804, and is still living (1900) on the historic Leatherman farm. One daughter of Christian and Mary (Stoner) Getzendanner, Elizabeth, spent her life on the home plantation in Maryland and

there died in 1870 at an advanced age. Of the sons of Christian (II) the eldest, Christopher was of an adventurous spirit and in his youth went to the West Indies, and there, as it has been recently ascertained, acquired large possessions, remained unmarried and died intestate, and efforts are now pending to obtain possession of his estate for his legal heirs. The second son, Christian, remarried in Maryland and the three youngest sons located in Fayette county, Pa. They were John, Gabriel and Lewis. John, the eldest of these, was associated with Lewis, the youngest, one of the earliest farmers in Springhill township, Fayette county, whose lands are still known as the "Lewis Getzendanner Farm." John Getzendanner was a soldier in the war of 1812, being a member of Captain Peter Hertzog's company of the 2d Pennsylvania militia, which served from October, 1812, to April, 1813. Lewis Getzendanner married into the Gans family, left Fayette county with his family in 1820, and located in Hamilton county, Ohio, near Cincinnati. Gabriel Getzendanner received for that day a superior education in Frederick county, Md., having both English and German instructors. He was a close student, read much and laid the foundation of a taste for good literature in which he continued to delight throughout his long life. Becoming restive under the too severe guardianship of an uncle (his father having died during Gabriel's boyhood) he left his native place in 1795 to come to Fayette county whither his sisters had preceded him. Facing the necessity of providing for himself and having early developed a taste for mechanics he proceeded to learn in a most thorough-going way the trade of carpenter and joiner, and when still a very young man had acquired at Uniontown the reputation of having no

superior in his avocation. Shortly after attaining his majority he began to acquire a large patronage in carpentry contract work, a business in which he continued to be engaged in Uniontown for more than fifty years. Very many of the most substantial edifices in Uniontown and vicinity stand to-day as monuments to the mechanical skill, honest workmanship and honest materials employed in their construction by Gabriel Getzendanner. He practically retired from business with his completion of his contract in the erection of the Tremont building at Morgantown and Main streets in 1853. In 1858 he went West and divided his time in visiting his children in Ohio and Indiana. He died in 1861 while visiting a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Woolley, at Bloomington, Indiana. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat and always labored zealously in the advocacy of his political principles and the election of his party's candidates. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was latterly for a number of years a member of the boards of stewards and trustees of the congregation at Uniontown. (In Ellis' history of Fayette county—1882—he is erroneously named as a lay preacher.) He was married at Uniontown in 1807 to Margaret, daughter of John and Mary (Hall) Van Houten. John Van Houten was a native of Huntingdon county, New Jersey. His paternal ancestors came from Holland, being among the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam (New York). John Van Houten brought his family to Beesontown (now Uniontown) in 1794, and died in Uniontown in 1812. He was especially interested in Free Masonry and was a distinguished member of that order. Of his children, Katharine, married Jacob Harbaugh, one of the early sheriffs of Fayette county; Mary, married James Winder,

whose son Col. John Winder, recently deceased, was for many years clerk of the superior court of Michigan; Anna, married Daniel Harbaugh, a mill and tannery owner of New Lisbon, Ohio. David and Cornelius Van Houten were engaged in business at Uniontown, the former as a hatter, the latter as a carpenter. Gabriel and Margaret (Van Houten) Getzendanner had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. All of the sons are deceased, and all of the daughters, save one, living. John, the oldest child, was drowned in the Mississippi river in early manhood; Jacob Harbaugh Getzendanner became a member of the bar of Hamilton county, Ohio, and at the time of his decease was acting judge of the superior court of Cincinnati; Mary A., is unmarried and resides at Uniontown; Emily W., married John Johnson, a farmer of Warren county, Ohio; Katharine (who died in 1898), was the widow of John Loor, of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pa.; Gabriel, was a soldier in the Mexican war and died in 1848 as a result of exposure and hardships during his military service; Elizabeth H., married Rev. James Beacom (now deceased), late of Pittsburg conference of M. E. church—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Beacom has been for twenty-one years in charge of the girls' department of the State reformatory, Morganza; Margaret, married John Woolley, farmer and merchant, Bloomington, Ind.; William (a twin brother of Margaret), became a farmer near Bloomington, Ind.; Ellen, married William Neeld, farmer near Bloomington, Indiana, one child, Charles, died in infancy. The sisters who

married are all widows. Of the children of Jacob H. Getzendanner, J. C. Getzendanner assisted in the preparation of this volume. The "most popular lady in Fayette county," as she has been frequently described, is Mary Ann, eldest daughter of the late Gabriel Getzendanner. "Aunt Mary," as she is, with affectionate familiarity, generally known, was born in Uniontown, December 13, 1812. Her mother dying and leaving a numerous family of small children when Miss Mary was but sixteen years of age, upon that young lady, as the eldest daughter, devolved the cares of her father's household. She was mother as well as sister to her father's children and right nobly and with tender solicitude and loving self-sacrifice did she devote the best years of her life to their service. She saw each of her sisters happily married and then remained the stay and comfort of her father in his declining years until his series of visits to his children as above mentioned. She subsequently, until April, 1883, made her home with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Beacom, at Beaver, Pa., and since the latter date has resided at Uniontown. "Aunt Mary" has been a life-long, consistent and most devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is to-day, although eighty-eight years of age, regarded as one of the most valuably active members of the Uniontown congregation. She has presided with dignity and ability over various of the church societies and has rendered especially efficient service as president of the Ladies' Aid Society for the past thirteen years.

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