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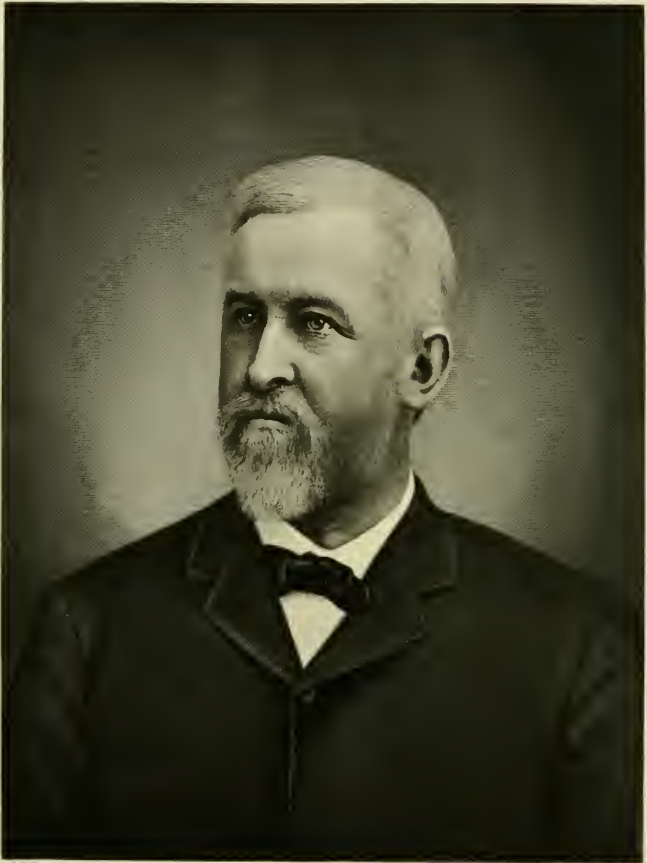
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*Charles W. Atkins*



# Genealogy—Family History Biography

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CHARLES M. ATKINS, deceased, was identified with the most important industries of Pottsville and as president of the Pottsville Iron & Steel Company contributed largely to the prosperity of the city. He was born in Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 17, 1827, and died at Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 3, 1889, having filled with unremitting industry a life of usefulness and importance to his fellow citizens.

Charles M. Atkins was educated in the common schools of Columbia and sat at the same desk with Thomas A. Scott, afterwards the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He began to work for himself very early in life, his first adventure being freighting on the old Pennsylvania State road, and in a few years he became one of the leading freighters in this part of the State. It was not long ere he had a line of barges on the canal and these, in addition to his teams, made him the most important of the transportation men in this section. At the time he came to Pottsville, in 1853, the rolling mills, then owned by Yardley & Co., were about to be sold by the sheriff, and Mr. Atkins at once formed a partnership with his brother, Hanson, and purchased the plant. Soon after they bought the Pioneer furnace, opened the ore banks in Cumberland county and the colliery at Gilberton, and completely reorganized the works. When to this extensive plant was added an outfit of rolling stock, the freighting business was gradually discontinued and the docks closed up. From time to time the furnaces were enlarged and rebuilt, their capacity having been doubled five times in the time of Mr. Atkins's ownership. The rolling mill also grew in capacity during this time and then the steel plant was added. At one time in Mr. Atkins's control there were five thousand names on the payroll. When the works were capitalized anew and incorporated as the Pottsville Iron & Steel Company, with Mr. Atkins as president, he held nine-tenths of the stock, the remainder being held in the family.

Mr. Atkins was so enthused at the opening of the Civil war that he endeavored to enlist, but his friend, General Cameron, persuaded him that he would be of greater value to his country if he remained at home and manufactured the iron so badly needed by the army.

On Oct. 5, 1854, Mr. Atkins was united in marriage to Anna M. Prior, daughter of Rev. Azariah and Isabella (Adams) Prior. Their children were: (1) William, now a resident of Philadelphia, is in the coal business in Virginia. (2) Isabella P. became the wife of Hon. David C. Henning, one of the judges of Schuylkill county, and both are now deceased. Their daughter, Anna, wife of Edwin C. Luther, is now living in Pottsville. (3) Anna P., wife of August Heckscher, lives in New York City. They have two children,

G. Maurice and Antoinette, the latter married to Hon. Oliver Sylvain Valior Brett, son of Lord Escher of England, and residing near Windsor Forest, outside of London (they have one son). (4) Phoebe W. married John C. Lee, and they had two children: Dorothy, wife of James G. Lucas, and John C. After his death she married (second) William L. Sheaffer, who died April 23, 1912, and his widow lives in Pottsville. They had no children. (5) Hanson E., living in Pottsville, married Ida F. Green, daughter of the late Hon. David B. Green, judge of the Schuylkill county courts, and they have two children, Elizabeth G. and David B. (6) George H., who died May 21, 1912, left a widow, Esther B. (Hoffman), now residing in Pottsville. He left no children. (7) John Shippen died April 30, 1902, at the age of twenty-eight. (8) Elizabeth Inzevand Keim died in 1901, at the age of twenty-six.

Mrs. Charles M. Atkins is living at the old homestead, corner of Centre and Mauch Chunk streets. This building was the first mansion erected in Pottsville and was the work of her husband. It is still one of the handsomest of the many beautiful dwellings in the city.

JUDGE O. P. BECHTEL is an eminent representative of a name whose connection with the legal profession and judiciary in Schuylkill county covers a period of almost fifty years. Retiring from the bench after a continuous service of thirty years in January, 1908, he was succeeded as president judge of Schuylkill county courts by his son, Hon. H. O. Bechtel, present incumbent of that position. Other members of this family have also won high reputation in the profession.

The Bechtel family is of German extraction and has been settled in eastern Pennsylvania since Provincial days. The Judge's grandfather was a native of Bucks county, Pa. John Bechtel, his father, was also born there, near Doylestown, Oct. 6, 1798. For a number of years he made his home in Berks county, this State, where he was well known as proprietor of the "Half-Way House" between Reading and Kutztown, and besides conducting the hotel he was a mail contractor and stage owner, transporting passengers and the mail between Easton and Harrisburg, by way of Allentown and Reading, and from Reading to Pottsville. From Berks county he removed to Northumberland county, Pa., where he was settled for about a dozen years engaged in farming and hotelkeeping on what was known as "Warrior Run Farm"; the stone tavern which stood upon that property, a few miles from Watsontown, was a popular stopping place in its day. Thence in 1847 Mr. Bechtel removed to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and in 1851 to Middleport, same county. He became postmaster at the latter place and continued to hold the position during the administrations of Pierce, Buchanan and Johnson. Politically he was an ardent Democrat and maintained an active interest in local, State and national campaigns. His death took place in the latter part of December, 1872. Mr. Bechtel was twice married, his second wife, the Judge's mother, being Eliza S. Beiber, of Berks county, who was born in 1808, daughter of John S. Beiber, a native of Maiden creek township, Berks county. Mrs. Bechtel died at Middleport in June, 1880. John Bechtel was the father of the following children: James B., who died in 1873, was a resident of Reading, Pa., where he served as district attorney; Louise became the wife of Samuel Young, of Reading, Pa.; Alfred B., deceased, was a traveling salesman and clerk; Elmira, deceased, was the wife of George L. Medler, of Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county; Francis W., who died March 14, 1906, was a prominent lawyer of Schuylkill

county; Hettie became the wife of David F. Ritter, a resident of Middleport, Schuylkill county; O. P. is next in the family; T. H. has been in the wholesale notions business for many years, belonging to the firm of Jones, Bechtel, Shibly & Company.

O. P. Bechtel was born Jan. 31, 1842, in Northumberland county, Pa., where he spent his first years on his father's farm. He received his early education principally at Middleport, attending public school, and when about eighteen years of age began teaching in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, being later similarly employed in Brunswick township. Not long afterwards he registered at the Allentown Seminary (now Muhlenberg College), at Allentown, Pa., for part of a year. In September, 1861, he became connected with Arcadia Institute, at Orwigsburg, Pa., where he was both teacher and student, and the year following he took control of the school in Mahanoy City, which he conducted very successfully until April, 1864. He then gave up teaching to become bookkeeper for the Preston Coal & Improvement Company at Girardville, Schuylkill county, holding this position until March 20, 1865. It was then he began the study of law in the office of Hughes & Dewees, at Pottsville, Pa. Three years previously he had registered as a student in the office of his brother, James B. Bechtel, at Reading, Pa., and he now completed the course, taking his examination for admission to the bar April 12, 1866, and passing with credit. On May 10th of the same year he was admitted to practice in Schuylkill county, and immediately opened an office on Centre street, Pottsville. It was not long before his conscientious work and able care of the interests of his clients began to attract attention. He refused the nomination for district attorney, preferring to devote himself to private practice, but in the year 1873 he yielded to the solicitations of his friends in the Democratic party, and accepted the nomination for State senator from the Tenth district. Though there were three opposing candidates in the field he was elected by a majority of nearly fifteen hundred votes, and his three years' service gave the utmost satisfaction. But meantime his professional work had increased to such an extent that he feared further public service would prejudice his personal interests and he declined a renomination for the senatorship. Until August, 1877, all his time was again given to his law business. Then at the Democratic convention he was unanimously nominated for the office of Judge in the court of Common Pleas, to which position he was elected by a large majority, taking his place upon the bench in January, 1878. At the expiration of his ten years' term he was unanimously renominated and was reelected by the largest majority ever given a candidate in Schuylkill county. In 1898 he again received this honor, retiring from the bench the first Monday in January, 1908, with an almost unprecedented record of service.

Judge Bechtel's personality entered largely into his popularity and success on the bench. His legal learning, acquired in the pursuit of private practice and in painstaking research during the many years he was on the bench, gave him a standing with lawyers generally which held their respect. His absolute impartiality could not fail to command the admiration of all who had opportunity to observe or occasion to test it, yet his sympathetic understanding, never dulled in all the years of his service as a judge, made all who depended upon his rulings feel that he aimed to be just without respect of persons. In his social relations also his personal qualities have been a controlling factor. His considerable influence has been given to the best interests

of his city and county. Judge Bechtel is still active in business as president of the Merchants' National Bank of Pottsville. He was made a director of this institution June 19, 1908, and at the same time was elected to the presidency, which he has since held. The bank is one of the strongest in this region of the State, and both because of the character of its transactions and of the men at its head deserves the high reputation and standing it enjoys among the best people.

On Sept. 15, 1868, O. P. Bechtel married Mary Elizabeth Epting, of Pottsville, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Myer) Epting. Her grandfather Philip Myer and great-grandfather John Myer both held the office of surveyor general, in that connection becoming very well known in the early days. Two children, Harry O. and Carrie, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel. The son was educated at Haverford College, Pennsylvania, and entered his father's profession.

GUY EDWARD FARQUHAR (deceased), formerly a member of the Schuylkill county bar, was born in 1841 at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., at the old Farquhar homestead, which was located on the present site of the courthouse, a son of George Wildman and Amelia Farquhar.

George Wildman Farquhar, Esq., father of Guy Edward Farquhar, was born in 1802, in the West Indies, and came to Pottsville, Pa., when it was still a small village. Here he passed the remainder of his life, becoming known as an upright, dependable and public-spirited citizen. He was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county March 29, 1830, and practiced at the old courthouse at Orwigsburg, this county. On Jan. 10, 1842, he had the honor of delivering an address upon the entering of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad into Pottsville; it was delivered at what was then the terminus of the road, Mount Carbon, a short distance below the present city of Pottsville. Among Mr. Farquhar's children were: Guy Edward; Fergus G., born Feb. 21, 1845, who died on East Market street, Pottsville, during 1913; Norman, an admiral in the United States navy, who died some years ago; and Frank, also deceased, who was a prominent engineer, one of his famous works being the designing of the underground government work beneath the falls of St. Anthony, Minnesota.

Guy Edward Farquhar, son of George Wildman Farquhar, proved a close and diligent student, receiving his education in the public schools of Pottsville, the Pottsville academy, and the University of Virginia, which he attended one year, until the war broke out in 1861. Having early determined upon the law as his field of endeavor, he prepared himself thoroughly for his vocation, and was admitted to the bar during the Civil war period, having, at the time of his death, June 17, 1913, just rounded out half a century of practice at the Schuylkill county bar. His early associates included such brilliant Pennsylvania attorneys as John W. Ryon, F. W. Hughes, Judge Parry, F. W. Dewees, Lynn Bartholomew, F. W. Bechtel and F. B. Gowen, and he was also an intimate friend personally as well as professionally of ex-Judge G. M. Dallas, of the United States District court, who in 1913 was retired after long and faithful service.

In 1868 or 1869 was formed the law firm of Hughes and Farquhar, when Mr. Farquhar entered into partnership with F. W. Hughes, and for years they maintained their standing among the leading legal connections in this section of the State. After the death of Mr. Hughes Mr. Farquhar continued alone,

practicing in every court in this part of Pennsylvania and also before the various United States courts. In 1864 he was appointed district attorney of the county, to succeed Franklin B. Gowen, whose duties with the Philadelphia & Reading Company assumed such proportions that he was obliged to relinquish his local connections. When Mr. Gowen became president of the road, F. W. Hughes assisted him in the prosecution of those members of the famous "Mollie Maguire" organization who had caused much loss of life in the county and surrounding country.

When the Schuylkill Valley division of the Pennsylvania railroad made an effort to enter Pottsville, Mr. Farquhar represented that company in the memorable legal fight which was undertaken by the Reading Company in order to prevent the Pennsylvania from entering this territory. The company opened its lines in 1884, Mr. Farquhar winning the memorable decision which permitted this action. Under his supervision the company purchased all of the property on Coal street, and from that time forward he continued as solicitor for the company. His private practice was wide and varied, and as a legist he ever held the respect of his fellow members of the profession and the esteem of the general public. At a specially called meeting of the Schuylkill Bar Association, of which he was for long years the president, President Judge H. O. Bechtel said in part: "I have the sad duty of announcing that death has again invaded our ranks and taken a brother. I cannot help but be impressed, and it cannot be other than a sad duty. Under all circumstances the death of Mr. Farquhar has been a shock and it serves to impress us what a slender hold we have upon life. This time Providence has seen fit to take one whom we loved to call the Nestor of the bar. He had reached the highest pinnacle of his profession and had the love of the members of the bar and everyone with whom he associated. He was taken in the zenith of his glory and removed, as we may say, in the twinkling of an eye. I feel that I can say that Mr. Farquhar was prepared to go. During several talks with him recently and in which he dwelt at length upon his belief in the future, I can say that he felt that it was but a step to that reward which he was striving to obtain. He always looked at the bright side of life and trials that would have afflicted other men only developed in him a power to rise above and see the good in the chastening. He never murmured or complained during his afflictions, but looked forward to that reward which is taught is the result of all good service. It was a pleasure to have known Mr. Farquhar, and you felt good from having associated with him."

In his younger years Mr. Farquhar took an active part in Democratic politics, but when corruption and graft entered so largely into the political workings of the county he quietly withdrew, although he ever faithfully discharged the duties of good citizenship. From its organization he was a helpful and earnest member of the board of health. In upholding law and order in the county he was always one of the most active workers, and for years participated in the withholding of licenses, by procuring evidence which would aid the organization in decreasing the number of licenses permitted in the county. He was the general counsel for the taxpayers' association which secured the convictions in the famous ballot box stuffing case. Press, bench, bar and public united in deploring his death. The *Chronicle*, in its issue of June 18, 1913, said editorially:

"In the demise of Guy E. Farquhar, the Nestor of the Schuylkill county bar, there is lost to the legal profession one of its mainstays, extending through

the years of a long life in which his legal counsel was much sought after, he having figured in many important cases, in addition to being solicitor for great railroad corporations. Aside from the high place which he occupied in his chosen profession, he was possessed of those sterling qualities which endeared him to all with whom he came into contact. In the home circle, in the activities of a busy church life, in the tasks imposed upon him because of his being the head of the board of managers of the Pottsville hospital, and in many other avenues of usefulness, with which his life was closely associated for more years than are allotted to those of present generations for strenuous work, he was prominent, and his presence will be sadly missed. He was a true citizen, whose loyalty to his town was proverbial."

Mr. Farquhar was a man of the highest ideals, both professionally and personally, and his honesty was never questioned. In the editorial columns of the *Journal* the following tribute was paid to him: "The day has closed for a fine, courtly, scholarly gentleman of the old school, Guy Edward Farquhar. Yesterday we had the man with us; to-day, we have only the memory of the man. But that memory is very sweet because he was so much of a man, because he always stood unalterably for such high ideals, because he was a good citizen, a fine, upright lawyer, a good husband and father, and because he was God-fearing in his every act. He did not live in vain. It is said of him to-day that he was more generally looked up to and respected than any other man in Schuylkill county. That, in itself, was worth living for."

Mr. Farquhar devoted a great deal of his time to public matters of all kinds and was noted for his charity and benevolence, all of which was performed in a quiet and unostentatious manner. He never sought public praise or commendation for what he accomplished, but went along quietly, well satisfied in the success of the things which he undertook and repaid with the successful accomplishment of his efforts. He, with the late William L. Sheaffer, practically attended to all the details of the management of the Pottsville hospital, of which they were the founders. Some years ago there was an epidemic of typhoid fever in a suburb of Pottsville, and they secured an old frame building in Mount Carbon which they fitted up as a temporary refuge. From this beginning the hospital developed, Mr. Farquhar becoming the first president of the board and filling the position until his death. He ever took a keen interest in the welfare of the Phoenix Fire Company, the charter of which he had himself secured.

The following is quoted from the editorial page of the *Republican*, issue of June 18, 1913: "When any town, no matter how large, suffers the loss of a man of the type and character of Guy E. Farquhar, a loss is sustained which even the most optimistic of citizens feel cannot be replaced. Mr. Farquhar was of that type of man which unfortunately is too infrequently encountered. His example of manliness, fearlessness and sympathy are lessons which we wish every citizen would even in a small way emulate. Possessing one of the finest minds and finest characters, and a busy man whose moments of recreation are few, he was a man most easily approached, no matter by whom or on what mission, and a respectful hearing was assured, after which, in that kindly, fearless and manly way, he delivered his answer with true judicial mind and bearing, speaking not that which was wished or that which would please most, but the truth, tempered with all kindness. He will be missed in many ways, but his character will live with those who knew him and make better

men and citizens and more honorable lawyers of all men who were blessed with his personal acquaintance."

All his lifetime Mr. Farquhar was a faithful and devoted member of the Episcopal church. He taught Sunday school from the time he was sixteen years old until within seven or eight years of his death. An excerpt from the editorial page of the *Trinity Church Monthly* for July, 1913, will give an idea of his work in the church. "In the death of Guy E. Farquhar, Esq., this parish and this community as well have suffered a great loss, a loss which will be felt all the more because in these days there are very few men of Mr. Farquhar's ability and position ready and willing to give so much of their time and thought in such an unselfish way for the good and welfare of the church and the community in which they live. As a young man, Mr. Farquhar was superintendent of the St. John's Sunday school, Fishbach, a little later and for a longer period the superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday school, Mechanicsville, and still later superintendent of the church school. For thirty-three years he served as vestryman and for twenty-one years of that time as one of the wardens of the parish. Such a record of service is seldom equalled in any parish. For he was at all times the wise counselor and adviser of the vestry and rector; he was ever ready to help in any work or any undertaking that gave promise of building up and strengthening his parish church, and he was not only willing, he was often most desirous, of keeping himself well in the background. He was content, indeed it was his pleasure, to render the service and allow the organization or some other individual to receive the praise and gain the reward. Mr. Farquhar was not content to limit his service to his own parish, however. He was in the truest sense of the word a *Churchman*. He knew what the Church is and what the Church stands for. In the deliberations of the Diocesan convention few men exercised such an influence as he. At the meeting of the Standing Committee and the Board of Missions, from which naught but the most important engagements could keep him, his opinion and advice were frequently sought and almost invariably followed. No one rendered a more willing service to the diocese than he, and no one served in so many different capacities. The example of his life and his services ought to be given a prominent place, for in these days far too many Christian men, occupying positions of trust and responsibility, are seeking wealth or name and fame, rather than the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Surely nothing is more to be desired, at least when our earthly lives are brought to a close, than the record of a good life well lived, a life of unselfish, sincere, honest service for God and our fellows."

Mr. Farquhar was united in marriage with Frances Elizabeth Hughes, the daughter of Francis W. Hughes, his law partner, and she died in 1910, the mother of six children: Elizabeth H. died when four years old; Frank H. died in Pottsville in 1909; George W., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, for some time practiced in Pottsville, and is now located at Mount Alto, Pa., where he is engaged in his profession; Annette is the wife of Frank Wells, and resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Otto E. is mentioned below; Marion, who is a trained nurse, is now located at the Naval hospital, Brooklyn, New York.

At 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of June 17, 1913, while seated at the side of his colleague, James J. Moran, in hearing the trial of the New Philadelphia school directors' case, before Judge Koch, in courtroom No. 3, at the courthouse, Mr. Farquhar was suddenly stricken by apoplexy, and in spite of prompt medical attendance died a short time later, without regaining conscious-

ness. Judge Koch, when informed of his death, immediately ordered a juror withdrawn, and the court was adjourned. The widely attended funeral services were simple, the bereaved family and friends feeling that it would have been his wish to have no ostentation or display. After the services held at the family residence, at No. 912 West Mahantongo street, the cortege moved to the Episcopal Church, where the simple and impressive ritual for the dead was followed; the interment was in the Charles Baber cemetery, where this great and good man was laid to rest at the side of his beloved wife.

OTTO E. FARQUHAR, attorney at law of Pottsville, son of 'the late Guy E. Farquhar, was born Dec. 7, 1876, at Pottsville, and gained his preparatory education in the public schools there. Graduating from high school as a member of the class of 1895, he then took a course in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, graduating in 1899, in which year he was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar. He has ever since been actively engaged in professional practice there, maintaining offices in the new Thompson building. His legal work and standing are such that he may be called a typical member of the Farquhar family. He is retained by the Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley and Eastern Pennsylvania Railway Companies. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks. Mr. Farquhar married Emily Y. Parker, daughter of Hiram Parker, of Pottsville. They have one child, Julia Frances.

RUBENS H. PEALE owns and resides upon the old Peale homestead in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, settled by his grandfather, Rubens Peale, in the pioneer period of this region. His great-grandfather was Charles Willson Peale, the celebrated American portrait painter, who was born April 16, 1741, in St. Paul's parish, at Chestertown, Queen Anne Co., Md., and died at Philadelphia Feb. 22, 1827.

Charles Willson Peale is buried in old St. Peter's Church at Third and Pine streets, Philadelphia, and his tomb bears the following inscription:

"CHARLES WILLSON PEALE

Born April 16, A. D. 1741. Died February 22, A. D. 1827. He participated in the Revolutionary struggle for our Independence. As an artist contributed to the history of the country. Was an energetic citizen, and in private life beloved by all who knew him."

Thus briefly is outlined a career whose influence in American art and patriotism is still felt. Mr. Peale began life as a saddler, at Annapolis, Md., and it is related that he determined to devote himself to art after viewing a portrait for the first time, while visiting at Norfolk, Va. As there was little opportunity in America at that time for art instruction he had to train himself for the most part, trusting to his good taste and artistic sense for guidance until he could visit the art centers for practical assistance. On his return to Annapolis from Norfolk he painted a likeness of himself which turned out so well that he gave up his trade and made up his mind to apply himself to portrait painting. He had some instruction from Copley at Boston, and from Benjamin West when he went abroad, in 1767, being one of a group of American artists of subsequent fame who were among West's pupils and followers. Returning to America in 1770, Peale remained in his native land until 1774, meanwhile, in 1772, painting his first portrait of Washington, as a Virginia colonel. For this purpose he visited Mount Vernon by invitation. How little could either



the subject or the artist foresee at that time the varying vicissitudes through which their country was to pass, or the exalted future in store for Washington! Peale has indelibly associated his name with that of his great countryman, through the products of his brush, painting him in the retirement of Mount Vernon, amidst the stirring scenes of camp life, and when president of the United States. When painting the General in camp at Valley Forge Mr. Peale was a soldier himself, and incidentally rose to be a captain of volunteers. In this year (1777) at Valley Forge, he painted portraits of his fellow officers. He was in action at Germantown, Trenton and Princeton, which probably explains the account given of him by a companion in arms who, in describing Peale's habits, remarked, "He fit and painted and painted and fit."

While in middle life, in 1805, Peale established his celebrated Peale Museum at Philadelphia, which, in addition to curiosities and natural history specimens, contained a gallery of paintings, the likenesses of distinguished men in both military and civil life, which he began gathering as early as 1785. Peale established it first in his own house at Third and Lombard, then a fairly fashionable neighborhood. When it outgrew the accommodations there he rented rooms in the Hall of the Philosophical Society on Fifth street, near Chestnut street. He gives an amusing and characteristic account of the moving of the collection: "To take advantage of public curiosity I contrived to make a very considerable parade of the articles, especially those which were large. As boys are generally very fond of parading, I collected all the boys of the neighborhood. At the head of the parade was carried on men's shoulders the American Buffalo, the Panthers, Tiger-Cats, and a long string of animals carried by the boys. The parade from Lombard street to the Hall brought all the inhabitants to their doors and windows to see the cavalcade. It was fine fun for the boys. They were willing to work in such a novel removal and saved me some expense in moving the delicate articles."

In 1802 the State Legislature moved to Lancaster. This left the State House (Independence Hall) vacant. Peale petitioned the Legislature and was allowed to occupy the building as long as he allowed persons to pass through the Hall into the State House garden. His son, Rembrandt, used the east room on the first floor as his studio (the room now held sacred to the signers), while the entire second floor and tower were given up to the use of the museum. A catalogue of Peale's Museum issued in 1813 shows a collection of 235 paintings. In 1816 the city purchased the State House from the State and at once raised the rent on Peale from \$400 to \$2,000. As Peale could not pay so much a compromise was made at \$1,200. The museum ran at a loss for three years and Peale induced councils to reduce the rent to \$600. In 1821 the Museum incorporated itself, and after Peale's death moved to the Arcade on Chestnut, above Sixth street, then in 1835 to a fine building at Ninth and Sansom streets (site of present "Continental Hotel").

In 1854 the collection of portraits was sold at auction, the pictures going all over the country, but eventually one of them came back to Independence Hall. It was at this sale that the full length portrait of Charles Willson Peale—representing the artist himself lifting the curtain on a view of the museum—hanging in the academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, was purchased by the late Joseph Harrison, whose widow in 1878 presented it to the Academy of Fine Arts. It was executed by order of the trustees of the museum when Peale was in his eighty-third year, and it is said he painted it without the use of his glasses.

Charles Willson Peale was not the only talented member of the family in his generation. He was always referred to as the elder Peale, his younger brother, James Peale, having been also an admirable artist. At a very early period of his career he developed particular aptitude in the art of miniature painting, and his brother on discerning it referred all seeking to have miniatures painted to him. In fact, the elder Peale abandoned miniature painting, for which he had been quite famous, and devoted himself thereafter to portraits on canvas. Three of the children of James Peale inherited talent from their father. His son James, while not pursuing painting as a profession, executed works that were exhibited. An excellent view of the old Fairmount waterworks was one of them. The daughters were well known miniature painters. Anna Claypoole painted likenesses of such noted characters as General Lallemand, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and Commodore Bainbridge; her sister Sarah, a likeness of Bainbridge also and miniature portraits of Henry A. Wise, Caleb Cushing and LaFayette in 1825.

The vitality of the stock is evidenced in the long lives of the various members of the family. The two women artists just mentioned reached the ages of eighty-seven and eighty-five, respectively, their brother James, eighty-seven, and Franklin Peale, a son of Charles Willson Peale, reached the age of ninety.

"Even in the christening of his children the elder Peale was fired with artistic fervor. Is it not strange to find in one family such a list of Christian names as Raphaelle, Rembrandt, Rubens and Titian, and, more wonderful still, to discover the bearers of them actually, if in varying degrees, fulfilling the hopes engendered by such names? But not satisfied with these excursions into the past, we find the enthusiastic father carrying the glad tidings of art and antiquity to his daughters, in the names of Angelica and Sophonisba."

Mr. Peale left descendants who maintained the prestige of his name if they did not add to it. Rembrandt Peale, the most distinguished of his sons, born in 1778 and painting Washington in 1795, shared to some extent the honors paid his father's name. He lived down to 1860, and his career, in its activity and variety, resembles his father's, although not partaking of its military features. He traveled abroad, settled for a time in London and Paris, and painted many distinguished people. He opened a studio here in 1810. Probably his best American portrait is that of Thomas Jefferson, hanging in the room of the New York Historical Society. This society also owns his portrait of Stephen Decatur, but any attempted list of his pictures would be a long one. His activity sought other outlets, and we find him among the first to practice lithography, gaining a silver medal in 1827 at the Franklin Institute for a lithograph portrait of Washington. Then, too, he wrote a good deal. His "Notes on Italy" and "Reminiscences of Art and Artists" are well known and often referred to and quoted from. (This part of the article concerning Charles Willson and James Peale is from a sketch by Edward Biddle.)

Rubens Peale purchased 125 acres of valuable land in North Manheim township and followed agricultural pursuits there to the close of his life. He inherited artistic talent from his father and was himself an artist of some note, but never followed the profession to any extent. He died upon his farm, and is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Pottsville. To his marriage with Eliza Patterson were born: C. W., Dr. J. Bird, Mary J. (who

acquired reputation as an artist), George and Edward B. Mr. Peale was an Episcopalian.

Edward B. Peale was born in New York City, and came to Schuylkill county with his parents, spending part of his early life on the homestead in North Manheim township. For a few years he was engaged in business at Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., as a flour and feed merchant, returning thereafter to the home place. He was the first dealer in agricultural implements to engage in business in Schuylkill county, and became widely known among farmers throughout this section, the convenience of having such an establishment in their midst making a direct appeal which brought him a large business. He also engaged in baling hay, being thus engaged for the long period of fifty years, and acquired a very wide acquaintanceship in that connection. His busy and successful career closed in December, 1905, and he is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. He was married to Louisa H. Hubley, daughter of Judge Hubley, of Schuylkill county, and they had two children, Anna Frances and Rubens H. The daughter is the wife of Dr. Frederick Carrier, of Philadelphia.

Rubens H. Peale was born Aug. 10, 1872, at the place where he still lives. He had excellent educational advantages, attending school at Orwigsburg and Pottsville, and received a thorough and practical business training as his father's assistant, eventually becoming associated in business with him under the firm name of E. B. Peale & Son. After his father's death he continued the business until 1913, since when he has been giving his time to the management of his property interests, retaining ninety acres of the old Peale homestead place. He built the beautiful mansion thereon which he now occupies, adjoining the old home.

By his activity in the promotion of modern institutions and public utilities Mr. Peale has come to be regarded as a man of leading influence, having the executive ability to plan and carry out large projects, as he has demonstrated in his connection with several local enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company and one of its original board of directors, still serving in that capacity and taking an active part in regulating the affairs of the bank; he is chairman of the finance committee. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Schuylkill Haven & Orwigsburg Street Railway Company, whose road was later sold to the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, the present owners.

Mr. Peale was married to Kathryn Moffett, daughter of G. W. Moffett, of Philadelphia, Pa., and they have one daughter, Ethel, who lives with her parents. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

PETER K. FILBERT, D. D. S., has been engaged in the practice of dentistry at Pottsville for over forty years, during which time he has also acquired important business interests there. He belongs to a Pennsylvania family which has been established here since Provincial days, and is himself a native of Marion township, Berks county, born June 6, 1850, son of Samuel Filbert. He traces his ancestry back to Samuel Filbert, the emigrant, and we have the following record of the early generations of this family.

(1) Samuel Filbert, at the age of twenty-seven, came to the New World on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Percy, master, sailing from Rotterdam. Tradition says he came from either Wittenberg or Wurtemberg, Germany. He took the oath of allegiance Aug. 30, 1737. The original signature was Samuel, but

the clerk who copied the rolls wrote it Daniel, thereby causing some confusion. Samuel Filbert's wife's name was Susanna. He died in 1786, and his second son, Philip, filed papers as administrator of the estate Nov. 2, 1786. His grave is in the center of the old North-Kill cemetery, but the inscription on his white marble tombstone (as are those over the graves of his son Thomas and grandson Samuel) is now illegible. To Samuel and Susanna Filbert were born six children, and the names and births and dates of baptism of the last five are taken from the records of Rev. John Casper Stover, who spells the name "Philbert" and gives the residence as "North-Kill." The children were: John Thomas, the eldest, married Catharine Batteiger (time and place of his birth unknown); Maria Catharina, born Oct. 25, 1739, baptized Dec. 30, 1739, sponsors, Andreas Knauft and wife, married Nov. 10, 1760, John Heinrich Ache; Anna Elizabetha, born Dec. 6, 1741, baptized Dec. 7, 1741, sponsor Anna Elizabeth Knauft, married May 16, 1763, John Henry Webber, a captain in the Revolutionary war; John Philip, born Dec. 7, 1743, was baptized Dec. 27, 1743, sponsors Philip Meeth and wife; John Peter, born Aug. 22, 1746, was baptized Aug. 31, 1749, sponsors, Peter Muench (or Minnich) and wife Christina; Maria Christina, born May 25, 1749, was baptized May 28, 1749, sponsors Peter Muench (or Minnich) and wife Christina. The three sons having the first name John in common dropped it and became known as Thomas, Philip and Peter.

Samuel Filbert and Godfried Fidler each gave an acre of ground to the old North-Kill Lutheran congregation at Bernville. This congregation was formed in 1730, and services were held in the different homes until 1743, when a log church was built on the part donated by Samuel Filbert. Each acre was in the form of a triangle, so that the two acres formed a square. On Dec. 25, 1745, each signed an agreement to deed to the trustees the acre in question, neither having as yet raised their patents from the proprietaries. Samuel Filbert deeded his in 1771. In 1791 the log church was replaced by a brick building, which Philip Filbert, son of Samuel, was instrumental in building; in 1897 the present handsome brownstone edifice was erected. Back of the chancel in the new building is a beautiful stained glass window to "Samuel Filbert, Founder, 1743."

(II) Philip Filbert, second son and fourth child of Samuel and Susanna, born Dec. 7, 1743, was a captain in Weaver's battalion, and was mustered into service Dec. 3, 1777, for thirty days. On June 4, 1777, a commission was forwarded to Col. Jacob Morgan, by Timothy Matlack, secretary of the executive council, for the 6th Battalion. Philip Filbert was commissioned captain of the 8th Company. In 1778 he served as captain of the 6th Battalion, and in 1780 he held a similar rank in the 2d Battalion. He died Aug. 20, 1817. He married Anna Maria Myers, and his will, probated Oct. 17, 1817, provides for his wife Anna Maria; devises his farm in Heidelberg to his son John (grandfather of George of Womelsdorf); leaves a bequest to his grandson Peter, son of his deceased son Samuel; and mentions a daughter Catharine. The will also mentioned Maria Magdalena, as a daughter of his wife. He is buried in Bernville.

(III) John Filbert, son of Philip, was born on the Filbert farm at North-Kill. He was a carpenter by trade, and became a very wealthy man, owning considerable land, and was widely known and prominent in public affairs. His genial disposition gathered him many friends, young and old, and he heartily enjoyed a good smoke and cheerful company. He married Anna

Maria Leiss, daughter of Henrich Leiss. Their children were: John married and had children, Amelia, John Franklin and Hiester W.; Samuel is mentioned below; Anna Maria married John Groff, a farmer of Bernville; Elizabeth married Daniel Sohl, of Heidelberg, steward of the county home for twelve years (no issue); Gabriel married Elizabeth Kintzer, and among their children were Adam, John, Michael, Frank, Emma, Isaac, Maria and George; Elias married Leah Kintzer, and had a daughter Isabella (married to Dr. L. A. Livingood, and died in 1899); and Matilda married Augustus Leiss, and had children, Amelia, Emma and Maria.

(IV) Samuel Filbert, son of John and father of Dr. Peter K. Filbert, was born in 1810, in Heidelberg township, now North Heidelberg, but formerly called North-Kill, on the farm owned by the county controller, Dr. H. F. Livingood, and farmed for forty years by Nathaniel Blatt. He died Dec. 9, 1872, aged sixty-two years, six months. He devoted himself to farming and was very successful. At the time of his death he was the owner of two farms, both now the property of his son George. His political support was given to the Democratic party, and he was frequently the choice of the people for public office, holding at different times all the various township offices. From 1859 to 1862 he was a director of the poor for Berks county. He and his family were Lutherans, and attended the Union Church at Womelsdorf, in which he was very active, at one time serving as trustee, and also holding the offices of deacon, elder and treasurer. His remains rest in the family plot in the cemetery there. He had an untarnished reputation for honesty and integrity, and he practiced in his daily life the high principles of morality of the faith he professed. He married Catharine Kalbach, daughter of John Kalbach and wife (whose maiden name was Ruth), of North Heidelberg township. To this marriage were born children as follows: John died aged sixty-seven years, leaving two sons, William and Samuel; William S., of Womelsdorf, had four children, John E., William D., Kate and Harry (deceased); Rebecca married Edward Killmer, of Stouchsburg, and had two children, Emma and John; George has been twice married, having four children by his first wife and two by his second; Sarah died in 1844; Maria married Jonathan Dundore, and had two children, Charles and Kate; Amelia married Albert Faust and had a son, William; Adam M., of Lebanon, had one son: Dr. Peter K. is a resident of Pottsville.

(V) Peter K. Filbert attended public school in Marion township. When he began to support himself he clerked in a general store at Womelsdorf, in his native county, for a short time, and then, in 1871, entered the Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in March, 1873. Immediately afterwards he established himself at Pottsville, where he has been successfully engaged in practice ever since. The large patronage he commands is sufficient evidence of the strong place he holds in the confidence of his patients. His standing with his professional brethren is equally good, and he is an honored member of the Lebanon Valley Dental Association, Schuylkill County Dental Society, Lackawanna Dental Society and the Pennsylvania State Dental Society (of which he has been president), having held office in all these organizations except the Lackawanna Society. His home and dental offices are at No. 206 West Market street, Pottsville. When the Schuylkill Trust Company was established he was one of the organizers, and he has maintained his connection with that concern ever since, being now the second vice president. Other business interests have also claimed

his attention. He is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, being a member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of which he has been master; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., which he served as captain general; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Miners' Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and Franklin Encampment, No. 4. Though independent in politics his principles are those of the Democratic party. His religious connection is with the Episcopal Church, and he is one of the vestrymen.

Dr. Filbert was married Feb. 25, 1875, to Julia M. Sell, daughter of John H. Sell, of Berks county, and they had a family of five children: Bertha A., Edward S., J. Catherine, Emily Elizabeth and Mary M. The son received his literary education in Pottsville high school, later taking a course in the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1907, since when he has practiced in association with his father.

JAMES B. REILLY, of Pottsville, has a record of professional success and public service equaled by few of his fellow members at the Schuylkill county bar. His legal patronage is not confined to his own county, but drawn from a wide territory, and he practices in all the State courts and the United States Supreme court.

Bernard Reilly, father of James B. Reilly, was a native of County Meath, Ireland, born in 1821, and spent his early life in that country. Coming to America in 1842, he was a resident of Schuylkill county, Pa., the remainder of his life, in 1850 making his home permanently in Pottsville, where he died in 1889. He had a successful business career as a railroad contractor, doing responsible work for the Canada & Atlantic, Schuylkill & Susquehanna and Philadelphia & Reading Railway Companies. A family of eleven children was born to him and his wife Margaret, nine daughters and two sons, James B. and Frank P. The latter, a telegraph operator, also made his home at Pottsville.

James B. Reilly was born Aug. 12, 1845, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and removing to Pottsville shortly before he became of school age, received his early education there. He attended high school, and though he was not permitted to take a college course, did not give up study, which indeed he has found very necessary to him all through life. His legal training was obtained under Hon. Francis Wade Hughes, association with whom would be a liberal education for any young man, and he was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar Jan. 11, 1869. In the forty-six years which have elapsed since he has combined professional work with public service most happily, in fact his legal experience has never been used to better purpose than in the discharge of his official duties. From the start he made so good an impression upon his fellow citizens in the county that in 1871 he was the successful candidate for district attorney, in which position he served three years. His election to Congress followed immediately, in 1874, from the Thirteenth district, and at the close of the term he had additional proof of the approval of his supporters in his reelection. With a record which bore favorable comparison with that of his colleagues he returned to Pottsville to devote all his time to practice, which came to him from many quarters, and the character of his clients was sufficient indication of the reputation he had established. After about ten years of private practice he was returned to Washington, being elected a member of the Fifty-first Congress in 1888 and retained for three

successive terms, until March 4, 1895. A pronounced Democrat, in a district where contests made on party lines are always close, his reelections were a frank tribute to the ability with which he was handling issues of importance to his locality as well as to his stand on national questions. There was never anything equivocal in his position on measures directly affecting his home county. He was absolutely loyal to the people who chose him to represent them, and in the larger affairs of government also expressed their wishes to their satisfaction, as an exponent of the most liberal progress of the day. His Congressional associates thought so highly of his talents that he was appointed to membership on a number of important committees, including the Pacific Railroad committee, the select committee on the Columbian Exposition and that on Mines and Mining. As a lawyer his services were invaluable in the framing of legislation. He was one of the authors of the law making it possible to grant a pension to a soldier's widow immediately upon his death, and sole author of that portion of the bankrupt law which relates to the preferred claims of workmen for their wages; it was incorporated into the law upon his amendment. In 1890 he advocated the enforcement of the eight-hour-day rule for manual laborers. He was one of the fourteen representatives who voted for the measure to afford government aid to bona fide settlers on the public lands under the homestead law, which at the time was considered a most effective means of developing and promoting the general prosperity and welfare of the country. The enumeration testifies abundantly to the fact that he has been ranged on the side of the most progressive legislation agitated in Congress during his terms, and moreover, that he was fearless in advocating a revolutionary course when it seemed necessary. At one time Mr. Reilly was in a fair way to become Democratic floor leader in the House, which circumstance alone stamped him as one of the strongest Congressmen of his party, who regarded his defeat in 1894 as a distinct loss. But he had held his seat long enough to complete a number of important undertakings he began, and made a name which reflected credit upon his district as well as himself. His work will stand with the best of its day. During Cleveland's second term Mr. Reilly was appointed United States marshal for the eastern district of Pennsylvania and had offices in the Federal building in Philadelphia, but continued to carry on practice at Pottsville.

As a Democrat Mr. Reilly has done notable work for his party from young manhood. While in the public service he was always true to the principles of Democracy, and he has given freely of his time and counsel to the management of the party organizations, in which his participation has been welcomed. He has served as permanent chairman of various State conventions, and was a delegate to the National convention of 1880, when Hancock was nominated for the presidency.

Mr. Reilly has been honored in his professional capacity on several occasions. In 1881 and 1882 he was chosen as candidate for additional law judge, and in the summer of 1913 as candidate for justice of the Superior court. Undoubtedly his association during the years he was preparing for his legal career, and in its early stages, with men whose greatness has reflected gloriously on Schuylkill county, fostered his ambition and set high standards for his guidance, and the hearty indorsement he has received from his professional associates is conclusive evidence that his knowledge of the law and ripe experience are recognized by the most competent judges. His vigorous mind has made him independent of conventional ideas on most subjects, broad-

mind and generous towards the opinions of others, yet a safe counselor and level headed thinker whose ability has been proved in many severe tests.

In business Mr. Reilly has been interested in the Schuylkill Real Estate, Title, Insurance & Trust Company, serving as member of its board of directors, and he is a member of the Board of Trade.

In 1868 Mr. Reilly married Mary A. M. Hoey, daughter of Owen Hoey, the latter born in Ireland, but a resident of Pottsville throughout his mature years. Frank X. Reilly, the eldest son of this union, has gained prominence as an architect, having his home and office at Pottsville; he drew the plans for the armory. Mr. Reilly is a Catholic in religious faith.

**HON. RICHARD HENRY KOCH.** The annals of Schuylkill county record the history of no name more prominently associated with the pioneer history of eastern Pennsylvania than that of the Koch family.

Henry Koch, the great-great-grandfather of Richard Henry Koch, took an active part as a soldier in the French and Indian war. He left a family of eight children, one of whom, William Koch, was the great-grandfather of Richard Henry Koch. He was born April 1, 1747, at New Hanover, near Philadelphia, where he spent his childhood and early youth. Later he lived in Oley township, Berks county. It was he who established the family name on the soil of Schuylkill county, by moving into Brunswick township (then in Berks county) about the year 1780 and locating near the present site of the village of McKeansburg, in East Brunswick township. William Koch was twice married, his second wife, Maria Margaret Neufang, being the mother of Henry Koch, the paternal grandfather of Judge Koch. Maria Neufang's father, Baltzer (Balthaser) Neufang, was twice married. On the 6th of March, 1756, the Indians murdered his first wife and their son on his plantation, which adjoined the one on a part of which the "Seven Stars Hotel" now stands. Maria sprang from the second marriage, and was born on the 27th of April, 1766. It thus appears that Judge Koch springs from an ancestry that had its abode here more than half a century before the erection of Schuylkill county. William Koch died on his farm in East Brunswick township, May 3, 1832.

Grandfather Henry Koch was born on the old homestead in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, Oct. 5, 1791, and died at New Ringgold March 19, 1867. He spent his life in the vicinity of his birthplace, and was a prosperous farmer, miller and merchant. He married Susanna Bock, the only daughter of Balthaser Bock, who came to this country from Prussia with his parents when he was a small boy. He was born on March 30, 1746, in Alde Hassen, in the Countship of Hanau. Balthaser Bock served with the Continental army in the Revolutionary war.

Henry Koch had ten children, of whom Daniel, Judge Koch's father, was the eldest. He was born at what is now known as Kunkle's Mill, which was erected by his father, his birth occurring on Dec. 24, 1816. On the 24th of October, 1830, he was united in marriage with Mary Ann Beck, who represented an old family in this section of Pennsylvania. Her grandfather was a gunsmith, by reason of which he was exempted from the performance of military duty during the Revolutionary war. Mary Ann Beck was born on Jan. 24, 1818, and died Aug. 26, 1888. Eleven children were born to the marriage of Daniel and Mary Ann Koch, namely: Harriet, Francis D., Allen, Jeremiah, Albert B., Sarah, Richard Henry, Emanuel, Arenius, Kate and





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Ambrose Ellsworth. Ten of the number lived to maturity, Albert having died in childhood. Francis, the eldest son, served throughout the Civil war, and Allen served more than three years. The father and his third son served together during the emergency call when the State was invaded by the Confederate army. Daniel Koch, with three of his sons and three of his brothers, volunteered and served in the Union armies in the Civil war.

Excepting about a year spent in a store in Philadelphia, when a boy of sixteen, Daniel Koch lived in the vicinity of his birthplace until 1844, when he removed to Middleport and engaged in the mercantile business. Prior to 1844 he was engaged in farming, milling, huckstering or the mercantile business. In 1857 he moved to Auburn and resumed farming operations, his earlier life work. In 1866 he purchased a flouring mill at Monocacy, Berks Co., Pa., but sold it soon afterwards, and the next year purchased a similar property at Fleetwood, in the same county, where he established the family home. He continued to operate his milling business until 1882, after which time he lived in retirement until his death, on Jan. 7, 1903. He was an ardent Republican and active in the councils of his party. He was the Whig candidate for the office of sheriff of Schuylkill county in 1854, but was defeated. He was elected as a representative in the State Legislature in 1860.

Richard Henry Koch was born at Middleport, Schuylkill Co., Pa., on April 2, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of the locality in which he lived, and prepared for his enrollment as a student at the State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., in the spring of 1868. He was graduated from that institution in 1871, with the first honors in his class. For two years he engaged in teaching in Schuylkill and Lehigh counties, and then returned to his alma mater, where he taught mathematics and civil government for six years. While thus employed he also turned his attention to institute work, and was engaged as instructor and lecturer at teachers' institute in a number of adjacent counties. In June, 1879, he resigned his chair at the normal school to take up the study of the law, becoming a student under the tutorship of the late Hon. Francis W. Hughes, of Pottsville. Mr. Hughes was then one of the leading lawyers in America. Mr. Koch was admitted to practice in the courts of Schuylkill county on the 2d of May, 1881, and was later admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the State, and, in 1890, to the Supreme court of the United States. He is a thorough lawyer, devoted to his profession, and maintains high standing in social and business circles. He is an active and earnest Republican, a talented and vigorous campaign orator, and a systematic political organizer. He was chairman of the Republican county committee in 1883 and 1884. Mr. Koch served three years as deputy district attorney, from 1887 to 1890, and in the fall of 1889 he was elected to that office. The election was a high compliment to his popularity, in that the county was considered hopelessly Democratic. He was the nominee of his party for the office of judge of the Common Pleas in 1892, but was defeated, Grover Cleveland, candidate for president, carrying the county by a plurality of 2,251 votes. In 1895 the Republican county convention of Berks county unanimously nominated him for judge of the Common Pleas in that county. He was earnestly solicited and urged to accept the nomination, and did so, notwithstanding the fact that the normal Democratic majority was from 9,000 to 10,000 in that Gibraltar of the Democracy. The majority of President Judge Ermentrout, his competitor, was less than 4,800.

He was appointed judge by Governor Hastings, on the death of Judge Weid-

man, in September, 1897, and was his party's candidate in 1898, but owing to the great anti-Quay fight that year the election resulted in favor of every Democratic candidate in Schuylkill county. In 1907 he was nominated for judge by the popular vote of his party in Schuylkill county, and it is widely believed that his defeat in the general election was encompassed by ballot box stuffing, the widespread existence of which was finally unearthed and perpetrators thereof prosecuted a few years later.

During his absence from home in the summer of 1911 certain lawyers circulated a petition to have his name placed on the primary ballot for the judicial nomination, and he was once more nominated by the popular vote of the Republicans. In the election that subsequently ensued he was elected by a large majority over his two competitors. And since the first day of January, 1912, when the oath of office was administered to him, he has been discharging the duties of his office in a highly acceptable manner.

Judge Koch was married Sept. 30, 1884, to Annie S. Phillips, whose father, Capt. William Phillips, was fatally wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor during the Civil war. Judge and Mrs. Koch have four children: Roscoe Richard, who is practicing law at Pottsville; Helen Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Joel T. Boone, an assistant surgeon in the United States navy; Marshall McKinley, a mechanical engineer at Denver, Colo.; and Mary Marjorie, at home.

The Judge is associated with a number of fraternal organizations. He has been a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America since 1871, is one of the charter members of the Pottsville lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a Mason of high standing. For more than eighteen years he was a director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, which was established for the purpose of preserving Washington's headquarters at this historically sacred spot. Upon the acquisition of the headquarters by the State the Association was dissolved. Judge Koch was for years a trustee of the Pottsville Hospital, and for a long time has been a member of the board of trustees of the Keystone State Normal School, located at Kutztown, Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the Pottsville Club since 1892, and was for more than six years its president. During his incumbency of said office the club acquired its present beautiful quarters on Mahantongo street. For more than a generation the famous Third Brigade Band of Pottsville has had its most ardent and persistent supporter in him. For some time he has been president of the board of trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Judge Koch's activities have not been confined to the law. During the years 1896 and 1897 he was president and general manager of the company operating the local trolley road, but relinquished this position in January, 1898, because of his judicial duties. It was during his administration that the line to Schuylkill Haven was built. He opened that road on the same day that he took his oath of office as judge, the 11th of October, 1897. For several years he was president of the Rapid Transit Company and of the Lookout Mountain Inclined Plane at Chattanooga, Tenn. He was the first president and general manager of the Cumberland & Westernport Electric Railway Company, and still continues one of its board of directors. He was also for a time connected with the Wilmington and New Castle trolley line. He financed the building of the Shamokin Extension Electric Railway, of which company he is the president. He was also president of the Danville & Bloomsburg Street Railway Company until its acquisition by another company.

COL. NICHOLAS SEITZINGER founded a family in Schuylkill county whose members were among the most potent forces for progress in the early days, and some of his posterity continue to reside here, ready to aid in every good cause and ranking with the most intelligent citizenship of the present as those of the race have always done.

Colonel Seitzinger was born in Reading, Berks Co., Pa. He had two brothers, Michael and Alexander, the latter dying unmarried. Nicholas Seitzinger married Barbara Setley, who died at Reading, after which the Colonel settled at what is now Fountain Springs, in Schuylkill county, Pa. He died there in 1835. He gave the land for the burial ground at that place and is interred there. His family consisted of eight sons and one daughter, namely: (1) Nicholas, who died at Reading, Pa., married Catharine Reese, and among their children were Alfred, Charles, Jacob, Harry, Amelia and Emma. (2) John, who died at Reading, married a Mrs. Brunn and had children: Henry, John, Amos, Rebecca and Sarah. (3) Daniel, who died in Iowa, married Mary Bean, and they became the parents of Edward, William, Jacob, Frank, Rebecca, Hester, Lavina, Heber, Mary and Jane. (4) Henry died at Pottsville. (5) Jacob is next in the line of descent, mentioned below. (6) Samuel, who died at Port Carbon, this county, married Anna Louisa Dreibelbis and (second) Hannah Reed. To the first union were born Charles, Augustus and Caroline. By the second there were Jeremiah, Samuel, Thomas, Charity Ann, Eliza, Matilda, and another whose name is not known. (7) Peter, who died at Fountain Springs, this county, married Catharine Shelly, by whom he had Joseph S., Charles L., Emmanuel, Peter W., Henry, Amanda, Barbara, Alice and Catharine. (8) George, born Jan. 8, 1781, died at Fountain Springs, April 1, 1862. He married Catharine Kantner, who was born May 13, 1777, and died June 20, 1860, and they had a family of nine children: Nicholas K., Peter K., William (born June 28, 1805, died July 21, 1851; his wife, Maria, born May 13, 1809, died June 5, 1890, and their son Erastus, born Sept. 17, 1829, died June 22, 1868), George, Harriet, Maria, Kittie, Barbara and Eliza. (9) Catharine married William Scott, and had the following family: William, John, James, Samuel, Barbara, Betsy and Catharine. James went West, to California.

Jacob Seitzinger, son of Nicholas, was one of the prominent business men of Pottsville in the early days, settling there in 1816. He was one of the leading capitalists of his day, conducted a sawmill, tannery and brickyard, making the first brick in this section, and built the first brick house in Pottsville. His progressive spirit drew him into many of the most ambitious undertakings of his time. He was one of the organizers of the old Miners' National Bank at Pottsville, and was its first notary. He was one of the owners of Penn Hall, built and owned the "Exchange" hotel, and also erected the old "Mortimer House." The only public position he held was that of justice of the peace. Few men of the borough were more intimately associated with its interests for the quarter of a century he resided there.

Mr. Seitzinger married Elizabeth Moyer, daughter of George Moyer, and she survived him many years, his death occurring at Pottsville, May 23, 1844, hers in 1888, at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Hippel, in Kansas. Eight children were born to this union: Jeremiah was a resident of Pottsville, but his death occurred in Denver, Colo.; Susanna married Joseph Kitchen, but had no children; Israel, who died at Gordon, Pa., married Margaret Heebner, of Port Carbon, who continued to make her home at Gordon

after his death (they had three children, John L., James and William); Isabella married Robert N. Palmer, of Pottsville; Lizzie married Washington Bigler; Sarah married J. K. Fernsler; Annetta married Joseph M. Schuyler; Adelia married Charles D. Hippel and (second) Henry Streiff, and now lives in Effingham, Kansas.

JOSEPH M. SCHUYLER was a native of Northumberland county, Pa., and settled at Pottsville, where he engaged in the manufacture of screens, following that business for many years. In his early manhood he taught school in his native county. His death occurred in Pottsville in 1880. His wife, Annetta (Seitzinger), died in 1911, and they are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Pottsville. Their family consisted of three children: Joseph M., deceased; Elmer, who lives at Pottsville; and Mary<sup>1</sup> Isabella, also of Pottsville, who is an active worker in all movements intended for the social and material betterment of the community, and highly esteemed among her neighbors and friends.

An interesting paper read before the Schuylkill County Historical Society Dec. 27, 1911, by Miss Elizabeth Eastman, contains so many items portraying life in Pottsville in the early days, and so much concerning the Seitzingers which should find a permanent place in their records, that we append most of it here:

"Annetta Seitzinger was born in September, 1828, and died in August, 1911, so that her life covered almost the entire period of the history of Pottsville. Her wonderfully keen and accurate memory was a treasure house of facts about the local history of the town, and even in her old age she retained this vivid recollection of persons, places and incidents of the old days. She was born in a house which stood where the Exchange Hotel now stands. When she was only six weeks of age the family moved into what is now the Spicker building, afterwards used as the post office. The lower floor of this building was then occupied by Trego & Leib, dealing in dry goods and groceries. Mr. Seitzinger began the building of the Exchange Hotel, which he completed in 1829. He was a contractor and builder, and built many houses in Pottsville, some of which are now standing. . . . Mrs. Schuyler (nee Seitzinger) said that her first clear recollection was of the farm at Bull's Head, which belonged to her father at that time, being part of the Seitzinger coal tract. She was taken out there with her mother, who was bringing dinner to the men working on the farm, and she remembered—as children often do remember little things—that each man was given a small rice pudding of his own.

"In those days the citizens of Pottsville lived closer to the wild life of the woods than we do today. One time Mrs. Seitzinger went out to the old Turnpike road in the afternoon to visit her friend, Mrs. Starr, and had to remain all night, because the wolves made it dangerous for her to come home. At another time Mrs. Schuyler's brother came into the house saying that there was a sort of cow on the street near their gate. It proved to be a deer running along on Centre street, and it soon was driven back up Sharp Mountain.

"The Seitzinger family came to Pottsville in 1816 and lived first on the site of the Merchants' bank, then on Union street opposite the old depot in a house which has now been moved back into the alley. Mr. Seitzinger had a brickyard where the Coal and Iron Company shops are now. He built the

Hause building with brick which he had manufactured himself, and brought the workmen from Reading. It was the first brick building in Pottsville.

"In a building on the site of the old Coal and Iron building on Centre street was a parochial school, kept by the Sisters of St. Anne, an Order that came here from Reading in 1837. There Mrs. Schuyler went to school. Although called the convent, this school never was a convent in the strict sense of the word. There never has been a convent in Pottsville, as there has not been a training school for novitiates here. In 1840 the present school building at the corner of Seventh and Mahantongo streets was erected, and the school moved there. So it occupied the Centre street building for only three years. This had a free and pay department both, and music and embroidery, as well as common branches, were taught. When Annetta Seitzinger was there, she embroidered a large and elaborate sampler, still in the possession of the family. The young student of embroidery did not lack ambition, for one of the most popular designs was 'The Last Supper,' a large and ambitious work, containing twelve figures, and involving a vast amount of painstaking effort. But we must not conclude that only these more feminine arts occupied the time of these little pupils at the convent so many years ago. Science was also included in the curriculum, and here, in a pink muslin cover, is a little volume inscribed on the fly leaf, 'Annetta Seitzinger's Book, Feb. 21st, 1839. This is First Lessons in Natural Philosophy for Children, by Miss Mary A. Swift, principal of the Litchfield Female Seminary, Second Edition, published in Hartford, by Belknap and Hamersly, in 1837.' The arrangement of the book would seem curious to us to-day. The first twelve chapters cover the following subjects: solids and fluids, elasticity, motion, attraction and gravitation, the lever, wheel and axle, inclined plane, wedge, screw, pulley, motive power and friction, and curious clocks. The chapter on natural forces contains the Biblical story of Samson. Then come several chapters on physical geography, about lakes and springs. In one chapter is an account of the Dead Sea, with the statement that it was caused by the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Then comes a chapter on specific gravity, and the barometer, section, sound, light and heat. The language is very simple and the lessons are all given in the form of question and answer. Another school book was called 'The Young Ladies' Class Book,' a selection of lessons for reading in prose and verse, by Ebenezer Bailey, principal of the Young Ladies' High School in Boston, published by Gould, Kendall and Lincoln, in Boston in 1840. Some of the subjects of these readings present a striking contrast to readings for children at the present time. One is 'On the relative Value of Good Sense and the Beauty in the Female Sex,' from an English paper—*The Literary Gazette*. It concludes with this ornate paragraph: 'The favored child of nature, who combines in herself these united perfections, may be justly considered as the masterpiece of the creation; as the most perfect image of the Divinity here below. Man, the proud lord of creation, bows willingly his haughty neck beneath her gentle rule. Exalted, tender, beneficent is the love that she inspires. Even time himself shall respect the all-powerful magic of her beauty. Her charms may fade, but they shall never wither and memory still, in the evening of life, hanging with foul affection over the blanched rose, shall view, through the vale of lapsed years the tender bud, the dawning promise, whose beauty once blushed before the beams of the morning sun.'

"In 1841 Mr. John M. Crosland and Mr. John T. Hazzard arranged for a funeral pageant to take place in Pottsville at the time of the funeral of Presi-

dent William Henry Harrison, on April 11th. Each State in the Union was represented by a young girl. Elizabeth Seitzinger (now Mrs. Bigler) represented the Goddess of Liberty, and the subject of this paper, Annetta Seitzinger, represented the State of Georgia."

Here follows the account of the pageant published in the *Pottsville Emporium* of May 1, 1841, from which we quote a couple of paragraphs of special interest in this connection.

"The Field and Staff Officers of the 30th Regiment P. M. looked unusually well, but their appearance was entirely eclipsed by the next body in the procession. They consisted of 32 young ladies, from the age of 8 to 16 years—the eldest representing the Genius of Liberty, the whole Union! while 26 represented the several states, one the District of Columbia, and four the Northwestern, Florida, Oregon and Iowa Territories.

"We do not flatter ourselves with the idea of doing justice to this interesting part of the procession, but we should be wanting in common justice and the parental feeling of our nature, were we to omit the acknowledgment of our thanks to those who were instrumental in its accomplishment, and our heartfelt satisfaction at the beauty, correct deportment and interesting appearance of the young daughters of our republic.

"The representative of our free and happy land deserves the most flattering encomiums of our citizens, for her maidenly reserve, her dignified deportment, and her able representation of the character throughout; which, with the appearance of the representative of New York and Pennsylvania on either side, in support of her, put all doubts of propriety and beautiful effect to flight.

"The representative of Ohio was in deep mourning, supported by Massachusetts and Kentucky. Next came Virginia and Maryland, with their little relative, the District of Columbia. The remainder of this interesting retinue followed, two and two, each bearing a small blue silk banner with the State designated in gilt letters. All were apparelled in white dresses with black caps and black crepe veils, and never have we seen a better behaved or more interesting assemblage in our mortal career. We expect to carry this impression with us to our graves; and while it is a source of proud satisfaction to the youthful hearts engaged in it, it leaves a lasting impress upon the reflective mind, of more value than all the idle pageantry attending the ceremonials of royalty.

"Each girl who took part in the procession was given a certificate bearing the following words: 'Reward of Merit. The Committee of Arrangements appointed by the Citizens of Schuylkill County to arrange the Funeral Procession in honor of the memory of the late President of the United States, William Henry Harrison, on the 26th of April, 1841, hereby tender their unfeigned thanks to the parents and relatives of Miss Annetta Seitzinger, who on that occasion, represented the State of Georgia in the procession, and this memorial is presented as a token of respect to the young lady for her deserved merit on that occasion.—John M. Crosland, Chairman of Committee; Jno. T. Hazzard, Secretary.'

"Mrs. Schuyler attended the Presbyterian Church, which stood where Mrs. A. M. Foster's house now stands, on Market street. The Rev. Joseph McCool was the first pastor of the church in her recollection, and a Mr. Swift was superintendent of the Sunday school. Miss Mary Moorehead was her Sunday school teacher, and Mary Beck, Mary McCool, and Tilly Beatty were



in the class. Every Fourth of July the Sunday school went up to Agricultural Park, heard the Declaration of Independence read and were served with lemonade. Mrs. Schuyler's mother used to come on horseback to attend a little red church, a Lutheran Church, which stood near where Colonel Hyde's house is now. This was before 1816. Mrs. Schuyler was a member of the Presbyterian choir, and others she remembered as fellow singers were Miss Mary Beck, Miss Mary McCool, and Mr. and Mrs. Gore. Mr. Gore played the flute and Mr. John Little was the leader of the choir.

"Among her memories of war times in Pottsville, Mrs. Schuyler recalled a song written by Mr. Crosland when the soldiers in the Mexican war returned home. It began 'When the war clouds were rising, sweet peace fled away,' and was sung to the tune of 'Home, Sweet Home.' An ox-roast was held in Market Square on the occasion of the soldiers' return.

"The social life of the early days was simpler than that of the present time. However, assemblies were held from time to time in the old Mansion House at Mount Carbon, and then in the old Town Hall. The singing school and the old Philharmonic Society existed for many years, and did much for the cultivation of music in the community. As to the drama, Mrs. Schuyler remembered attending a performance of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' in the room above the 'Pottsville House,' kept by Edward O'Connor, at the corner of Centre and Mahantongo streets, several years before the war. And at another time she saw 'Romeo and Juliet' performed there. Memories such as these help us materially in framing a picture of life in the early days of Pottsville, and it seems wise to write them down while they are accessible."

PETER C. DETWILER, D. D. S., the oldest living dentist in Schuylkill Haven, has been a resident of that borough since 1856, and though now in his eighty-second year is still practicing. His professional skill combined with conscientious work and honest advice to his patrons earned him a reputation years ago, and his wonderful vitality, enabling him to continue his career long beyond the ordinary limits, has made him a notable figure in the profession, as popular as he is widely known.

Dr. Detwiler is descended from Swiss ancestors who long ago established the family in America, the emigrant coming from Duefelft, Switzerland. Jacob Detwiler, grandfather of Dr. Detwiler, lived near Kutztown, in Berks county, Pa. By occupation he was a carpenter. He married Maria Rothermel, member of an old and prominent family of that county, and their children were: Daniel, John, Charles and Maria (who married and moved West). Jacob Detwiler died when fifty-six years old.

Charles Detwiler, son of Jacob, was born in Kutztown, Berks county, in 1805, and passed all his life there, dying in 1889. Like his father he followed the trade of carpenter. He took an interest in the local welfare, particularly in support of the public school system, which in his day was in great disfavor among most of the residents of this region. For a number of years he held the position of school director in Rockland township. Originally a Democrat in politics, he became a Republican at the time of the Civil war. He was long a member of the Reformed Church, and a hearty worker in the promotion of its various enterprises, giving liberally of both time and means to maintain them. Mr. Detwiler married Catherine Christman, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Barto) Christman, and they had a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, namely: Isaac C., deceased, graduated from the

Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, and was long a successful practitioner at Reading, Pa.; William C., who died at Easton, Pa., had followed the dentist's profession there for many years; Peter C. is mentioned below; Isabella, now living at Reading, Pa., is the widow of William Eckert, who was timekeeper in the Philadelphia & Reading shops there; Rosalind is the widow of John Sell, of Philadelphia, where she now lives; Charles C. entered the Civil war for the Union service, and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, dying from the effects of his injuries in the Chestnut Hill hospital, Philadelphia; Benjamin died when three years old; Washington C. graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and practiced his profession at Reading, Pa., until his death, July 6, 1884, he and his brother Aaron being drowned at the same time; Aaron C. was also a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and practiced at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Peter C. Detwiler was born July 23, 1833, at Kutztown, and received his early education in the public schools of that borough and at Reading. In his youth and young manhood he was employed at farm and carpenter work. When twenty-one years old he commenced to study dentistry, to which profession his life has since been devoted. Coming to Schuylkill Haven in October, 1856, he has resided there ever since, and his extensive popularity is shown in the loyal patronage of many of his patients, who still rely upon him for professional services. Dr. Detwiler has also been quite successful in his business ventures, having owned several ice dams in the vicinity of Schuylkill Haven, from which a large part of the trade in the borough has been supplied. As a citizen he has been one of the most useful members of the borough, his work as a member of the council and on the school board being highly appreciated by those who have had the best opportunity of judging its value. All local measures for the general good have had his sympathy and support. He has been a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for many years, and its enterprises as well as the broader religious movements have had the benefit of his financial and moral support. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; he also joined Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., of Pottsville, and was elected for membership in the commandery, but never took the degrees. He was originally a Republican in politics, but now supports the Prohibition party.

Dr. Detwiler married Rebecca Bowen, daughter of Samuel Bowen, and of the six children born to this union but one, Samuel B., survives. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College, and in practice with his father at Schuylkill Haven. He married Gussie Saylor, and they have two children, Charles and Bessie. Mrs. Rebecca Detwiler died in March, 1875, and the Doctor subsequently married Lucetta Horn, daughter of Jonathan Horn. Seven children have been born to this marriage, of whom one is deceased. Of the survivors, Aaron H. is a physician in successful practice at Schuylkill Haven; George H., a lawyer, is located in Philadelphia; Maria is a nurse in the navy; Lulu, formerly engaged as a nurse, is now the wife of Capt. James Goethe, of the United States army, now stationed in Texas, where he is also paymaster and land agent for the government; Mark is engaged in the butcher business at Schuylkill Haven; Ruth is a trained nurse.

WILLIAM LESLEY SHEAFER, son of Peter W. and Harriet N. Sheaffer, was born Feb. 19, 1859, at Pottsville, Pa. He was educated in the

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private and public schools of Pottsville, graduating from the high school in 1874. He then entered Lafayette College, and was graduated in 1878. For the rest of his life he served as permanent secretary of his class. Later he returned to college for a postgraduate course, and at the end of one year received the degree of Master of Science. Upon his return to Pottsville he received his introduction to business life in the office of his father, with whom he was associated until the elder man's death, in 1891. He then became one of the executors of the estate and continued to act in that capacity until his own death. A man of wide business ability, his cool, clear and farseeing judgment made him a most valuable acquisition to any extensive enterprise, not alone in its formation, but also after its organization. While he was largely engrossed in financial matters, as a director and second vice president of the Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville and in great business interests in behalf of the estate and privately, he at all times found leisure to devote to the welfare of his city, its public life, its churches, its schools and its charities. He served as a member of the council from the Second ward for two terms, and during part of that time was president of that body. As chairman of the highway committee he was an able pioneer in the good roads movement in Pottsville. He was very prominent in the organization of the Taxpayers' Association of Schuylkill County, serving as executive officer thereof until 1912, when forced to retire on account of ill health. When an emergency hospital was established at Mount Carbon during an epidemic of typhoid fever in 1894, he took a very active part in the enterprise, and continued his interest in such matters when the Pottsville Hospital was founded in the following year. The welfare and progress of this institution were very close to his heart, and as a member of the board of managers and its secretary for eighteen years he was untiring in his devotion to its administration and development. Mr. Sheaffer was a trustee of Lafayette College for almost twenty years and at one time served as president of the Alumni Association. For many years he was a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and other scientific and economic societies. Mr. Sheaffer died at his home, No. 430 South Centre street, Pottsville, April 24, 1913, after a long and brave battle with an illness that baffled the best medical skill. His death was a severe loss to the community, in the regard of which he held high place.

In 1884 Mr. Sheaffer was married (first) to Ada Green, daughter of the late Hon. Henry Green, Chief Justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Sheaffer died in 1905, and two sons of this union survive: Lesley G. and Clinton W., both of Pottsville. In 1910 Mr. Sheaffer was married (second) to Mrs. Phebe A. Lee, widow of the late John C. Lee and daughter of the late C. M. Atkins. Mr. Sheaffer is survived by his two sons, his widow, his sister, Miss E. Louise Sheaffer, and his two brothers, Arthur W. and Henry.

PETER W. SHEAFER was one of the foremost men of this part of Pennsylvania. His special interests were in the coal industry, but he was associated with so many other activities of value to his locality that his name was widely known among all classes. He was born March 31, 1819, in Halifax, Dauphin county, son of Henry Sheaffer, a leading pioneer citizen of that county, prominent as president of the Lykens Valley Railroad Company; he developed and superintended the Lykens valley coal mines at Wiconisco, and in 1834 introduced anthracite into the Susquehanna markets. Peter W. Sheaffer began his education in the home schools, later taking a course at Oxford

(N. Y.) academy. As his father's assistant from early life he had valuable business training. When still a young man he familiarized himself with the geological formation of the Lykens valley coal measures and pursued his investigations so thoroughly that he was eventually chosen as a member of the first geological survey of Pennsylvania, in 1836, when he became a member of Professor Rogers's corps. In this connection he was assigned to work with Professor Whelpley in 1837-38, surveying and mapping the southern and middle anthracite fields. It is noteworthy that the complex structure of these main basins was so accurately figured out at that time that the second survey, thirty to fifty years later, was simply an elaboration of the work then done. In 1839 Mr. Sheaffer gave up this work to become his father's assistant again, continuing with him until 1848, at which time he moved to Pottsville to devote himself to surveying and engineering, first as assistant to Samuel B. Fisher, whom he later succeeded. From this time to the close of his life his services were in constant demand by landowners and coal operators in the Schuylkill, Mahanoy and Beaver Meadow districts, his reports, of which there are hundreds, covering almost every tract in those regions. It was through his efforts, in cooperation with William P. Foulke and other Philadelphia men, that the State appropriation was obtained, in 1851, to complete the work of the first geological survey and give to the world the valuable work of Professor Rogers. When this work was resumed, in 1851, Mr. Sheaffer took charge of the underground portion, connecting every working mine with the surface survey carried on by other members of the corps. Professor Lesley accredited him with knowing more of the field "than all the rest combined," and there were a number who attained eminence. Among the many important undertakings which Mr. Sheaffer completed was the laying out of the towns of Ashland, Girardville, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Gilberton, Mahanoy Plane and other prosperous towns and villages in Schuylkill and adjoining counties. It was he who located the first mines in Shenandoah and Mahanoy valleys, and he lived to see that section developed from a wilderness to a prosperous mining community, whose coal production amounted to millions of tons. His scientific knowledge of the geological structure of the fields combined with business ability, skill as an examiner of coal lands, and accurate judgment as to the possibilities of development, brought demands for his services all over the United States and Canada, his reports covering investigations in Nova Scotia, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indian Territory, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Washington. In 1889 he was appointed a member of the coal waste commission, retaining his association with that body until his death. Its mission was to investigate the economical production of anthracite, and he was also called frequently to give expert testimony on coal and coal lands, being an important witness in the celebrated Coxe-Lehigh Valley case before the Interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Sheaffer compiled many maps and tables concerning the coal trade during his active connection therewith, one of his works being the historical map of Pennsylvania, published in 1875 by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Like all his other works it shows patient research and wonderful aptitude for statistical details, and in fact the statistics he accumulated would afford material for volumes of scientific literature. He contributed exhaustive articles on coal to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, published in the American supplement, delivered addresses before various scientific associations, read

papers before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he was an honored member, as he was of many other societies of a literary or scientific character, including the American Philosophical Society, the Academy of Natural Sciences, of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the American Institute of Mining Engineers. The only public office Mr. Sheaffer ever accepted, outside of his work already mentioned, was the honorary position of United States Assay commissioner, to which he was appointed in 1879.

Though his life work took him so much out of his home community, Mr. Sheaffer never lost his interest in its welfare, and he was foremost in encouraging and supporting local educational, religious and charitable movements. For a number of years he gave valuable service as a member of the Pottsville board of education, and during that time was instrumental in having a high school established. He was one of the promoters of the Pottsville Athenæum, was president of the literary society for several years, and donated many very valuable books to this institution from his private library. He was an original member of the Pottsville Benevolent Association, organized in 1877, and equally active in founding the Children's Home. His benevolence took the practical form of starting enterprises for giving employment to people, and he was always prominent in developing the best interests of Pottsville. Thus, though an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he did not confine his philanthropical activities to supporting that church and its enterprises. Politically he was a Republican and always actively interested in the success of his party; in 1884 he was a presidential elector.

In 1848 Mr. Sheaffer was married to Harriet N. Whitcomb, of Springfield, Vt. Three sons and one daughter survived him. He died March 26, 1891, at Brown's Mills-in-the-Pines, N. J., to which place he had gone to recuperate. Until the illness which caused his death, he had continued his active business career without interruption.

**WEISSINGER.** For almost sixty years the Weissingers, father and sons, have sustained very important relations to the commercial progress of Schuylkill county, particularly the borough of Pottsville. L. W. Weissinger made his way to a foremost place among the men of large interests in this section by sheer ability and the persevering methods characteristic of his race. A German by birth, he came to this country for the opportunities his native land did not afford. Here he found plenty of incentive for the energy and ambition within him, and if he achieved much more than he could have hoped for at an outset which held little promise, he proved himself equal to the high position he attained. He was one of the ablest men of his generation in Schuylkill county, and his work lives to the honor of a name so creditably associated with the advancement of this region.

**LEONARD WILLIAM WEISSINGER** was born April 29, 1837, in Wurtemberg, son of Casper and Catherine (Liegel) Weissinger, natives also of that kingdom. He lived there until sixteen years old, coming to America alone in 1853, in the fall of which year he was located at Reading, Pa. There he began work as a laborer on the canal, being employed for two weeks at eighty-one cents a day. Before long he came to Schuylkill county, arriving at Minersville on Thanksgiving Day, 1853, and entered the employ of Conrad Seltzer, butcher, for whom he worked four months. His next position was in the meat market of John Moser, in Pottsville, with whom he remained about two years, after

which for fifteen months he was in Louis Stoeffregen's market. Though capable and industrious, he had never received high pay, having earned but five dollars a month while with Mr. Seltzer, and his greatest wages were fourteen dollars a month. He was also employed fifteen months by Jacob Rhoads, a butcher in Schuylkill Haven, up to March, 1857, when he left to engage in business on his own account, as a member of the firm of Keifer & Weissinger, who opened a market in Schuylkill Haven in April of that year. They did a successful business together until Mr. Keifer withdrew, Nov. 1, 1859, after which Mr. Weissinger had a market of his own until 1865. That year Mr. Weissinger gave up butchering in order to give all his time to dealing in cattle, moving to Pottsville, where he established stockyards and feeding pens to accommodate his extensive trade. Although he was obliged, because of limited capital, to begin in a rather modest way, his good management and judicious dealing soon made it possible for him to engage in extensive transactions, and the business attained such proportions that it ranked with the most important of the kind in this part of Pennsylvania. It was nothing unusual for him to do a weekly business of ten thousand to fifteen thousand dollars. From this was developed the immense packing business now owned and conducted by his sons, George and Harry Weissinger, who are associated under the name of George Weissinger & Brother, and are engaged as wholesale beef and pork packers. They also deal largely in stock and butchers' supplies, but their principal attention is given to slaughtering and packing, and the sale and shipment of their products.

Meantime, other important projects had been claiming a share of Mr. Weissinger's attention. While in business at Schuylkill Haven he had invested heavily in the Schuylkill Haven Direct Iron Company, of which he became president in 1869, acting in that capacity until 1880. In 1873, in partnership with the late Gideon Bast, he rented the plant of that concern, improved it, and was interested in its operation as part owner until 1874, when he became sole proprietor. With the exception of one year's partnership (1874-75) with J. A. Medlar, Mr. Weissinger continued as sole owner until January, 1880, when he sold two-thirds of the interest to George R. Kaercher and C. F. Rahn. During this time he had enlarged the mill, which he ran with steadily increased business, and under the new organization it suffered no impairment of prosperity, never closing down for a day except for necessary repairs. When Mr. Rahn died, on Jan. 1, 1893, Mr. Weissinger succeeded him as president of the Cressona Powder Company. He was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Electric Railway Company, and became a member of its board of directors. Other enterprises had his encouragement and support from time to time, and his influence, in business or other circles, was always for all movements which promised benefit to the locality. Though conservative enough to be absolutely reliable, Mr. Weissinger had the foresight to appreciate projects in keeping with the advance of the times, and he showed remarkable judgment in appraising new ventures. His strong character, balance and courage in the face of obstacles made him a very valuable citizen in the early development of Pottsville. What he accomplished for himself was remarkable. The manner of its accomplishment none could question who knew the high estimate placed on his life and work by his associates everywhere.

Mr. Weissinger acquired large real estate holdings, in 1869 purchasing several tracts of land in the vicinity of Pottsville, one of which was the farm in the suburbs of the borough where he and his family resided for so many



years. Large and commodious buildings, and other improvements, made the place one of the most attractive homes in that part of the county. About one mile from Pottsville is the famous Tumbling Run resort, which to a large extent was developed by Mr. Weissinger. The grounds comprise nine acres, partly occupied by a fine natural grove of pines, and through which the beautiful stream runs. A large dam has been built across the water, where a boating and fishing resort has been established. In 1892 Mr. Weissinger erected a commodious hotel and a handsome carrousel. Though so importantly connected with many concerns affecting the welfare of his fellow men, Mr. Weissinger was modest and retiring in manner, and he had no aspirations for public honors or political power. He was a Democrat, but took no part in party affairs beyond casting his vote. His death occurred in May, 1903. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church.

On Aug. 26, 1858, Mr. Weissinger married Rebecca Moyer, of Schuylkill Haven, and twelve children were born to them, viz.: George is mentioned below; Annie C. is the wife of George G. Frick, and they live on South Centre street, Pottsville; Mary A., unmarried, is living on the old homestead farm in North Manheim township; Laura E. is married to Fred Reickley, a lumber dealer, of St. Clair, this county; Leonard William is engaged in the packing business at Mount Carmel, Pa.; Harry is mentioned below; Isaac Casper is also at Mount Carmel; Louis O. is deceased; Frederick A. is deceased; Emily R., who received her musical education in Boston, is now the wife of John Stouffer, an attorney practicing at Pottsville, though they make their home at Schuylkill Haven; Walter Edgar is in the packing business at Mount Carmel; a daughter, the youngest, died in infancy. The mother of this family died in March, 1897, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville.

GEORGE WEISSINGER was born Aug. 4, 1861, at Schuylkill Haven, where the family lived, however, for only a few years afterwards. His early education was obtained in North Manheim township, at the public school in the vicinity of the homestead, and he also attended public school in Pottsville. When sixteen years old he began to learn butchering with Henry Wagner, at Frackville, this county, with whom he remained a year and seven months, spending the following six months at Middleport, Schuylkill county. He was next at Pottsville for a time, and then for eight months at Reading, whence he went out to Fort Wayne, Ind. At that place he was employed seven months in a sawmill. For a few months he was engaged in shipping horses to Harrisburg, Pa., and on his return to Schuylkill county located at Tremont, where he carried on a butchering business of his own for four years. In 1887 he became interested with his father in the establishment at Pottsville, as a drover and on the farm, and after five years' association bought his father's interest as a dealer in live stock, at the same time leasing the Dolfinger packing house at Fishbach (Pottsville), engaging in the packing business on his own account, when in 1897 he and his brother Harry formed the partnership which still exists, under the name of George Weissinger & Brother. After three years of successful business at the Dolfinger plant the Weissinger Brothers purchased it, and under their control it is one of the most modernly equipped and conducted slaughtering establishments in this part of the State. From seventy-five to one hundred cattle are killed there weekly, besides a carload of hogs, and from fifteen to twenty men are employed regularly. Although the business is so extensive, the trade is practically local and the

patronage of the home market has always been catered to especially. The firm makes a specialty of Bologna and other sausage. George and Harry Weissinger bought half of their father's homestead farm of ninety-four acres, located near Pottsville, and during the winter fatten cattle there. After the death of his father George Weissinger bought the stockyards and hotel on North Coal street (the hotel was built in 1875), and a couple of years ago, in May, 1912, he purchased from the estate of Colonel Brown the well known "Penn Hall" hotel on Centre street, Pottsville, and very valuable property which he now owns in partnership with his brother Harry. His home at No. 801 West Market street was also at one time owned by Colonel Brown. As a man of diversified interests he is naturally concerned in banking facilities and the stability of financial operations in the borough. Since 1907 he has been a director of the Merchants' National Bank at Pottsville, and he was at one time a director of the Union Safe Deposit Bank of the borough, in which he is still a stockholder. He was one of the organizers and original directors of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, in whose transactions he still maintains an active interest. His share in the management of so many institutions whose prosperity is of vital significance to Schuylkill county makes him an important figure in the business world. He merits all the consideration his opinions receive. Public life has never attracted him. He is a Democrat but not active except as a voter. His church membership is with the Trinity Reformed congregation.

On Dec. 31, 1884, Mr. Weissinger married Philebena Korper, daughter of the late Peter and Margaret (Betz) Korper, natives of Germany, who lived at Middleport, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in the mercantile business. Three children have been born to this marriage: Florence Amelia, born Aug. 3, 1885, is the wife of Dr. Howard Berger, a physician of St. Clair, Schuylkill county; Leonard William, born Sept. 8, 1888, now employed with his father, married Esther Geary; Margaret Elizabeth, born Sept. 13, 1896, is at home.

HARRY WEISSINGER, partner with his brother George in the firm of George Weissinger & Brother, was born Dec. 20, 1870, in North Manheim township, where his early life was spent. He obtained a public school education there and at Pottsville, where he subsequently learned the trade of wheelwright. For two years he was employed by Samuel Aregood, a carpenter contractor, and then for three years he was at the plant of the Cressona Powder Company, having the contract to make the sheet-iron powder cans. Early in 1897 he entered into partnership with his brother George, in the slaughtering and packing business. They killed their first steer Feb. 22d of that year, and the business has continued since without interruption, expanding steadily as the trade has called for increased facilities of operation and justified new accommodations. The plant has been modernized in accordance with changing ideas and the better comprehension of sanitation and allied subjects, and it is a credit to the town as well as to the owners. Harry Weissinger is also associated with his brother George as owners of the "Penn Hall" hotel at Pottsville, where he enjoys the confidence and standing conceded to all the members of his family in the borough. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and socially is connected with the Odd Fellows, Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, and with the B. P. O. Elks, as a life member of Lodge No. 207.

On Oct. 4, 1899, Mr. Weissinger married Margaret Marie Scheerer, daughter of Peter and Bertha (Neisel) Scheerer, and of the three children

born to them two died in infancy, the survivor being Mildred Beatrice, born Aug. 27, 1902. The family home is at No. 305 North Second street.

The Moyer family, from which the Weissinger brothers are descended in the maternal line, is of old Berks county (Pa.) stock. We find the following in a recent publication of Berks county:

"Few families of Heidelberg township can trace more clearly an old and honorable ancestry than that of the Moyer, reaching away back to the days of religious persecution in 1708. The Moyer (Meyer or Mayer) family was one of the many German Palatinate families of immigrants who in 1708 and 1709 went to England, whence four thousand persons were given transportation, by Queen Anne, to New York, where they landed Dec. 25, 1709, and June 14, 1710. On the passage and immediately after landing one thousand and seven hundred of these immigrants died. The survivors camped in tents which they brought with them, on Governor's Island, and here they remained until autumn, when about one thousand and four hundred removed to Livingston Manor, one hundred miles up the Hudson river. Being unjustly oppressed by Governor Hunter, and seeing famine and starvation staring them in the face, one hundred and fifty settlers went to Schoharie valley, some sixty miles northwest of Livingston Manor, whither they traveled through three feet of snow, in the unbroken woods, hauling their baggage on rudely made sleds. At Schoharie they improved the lands which they had been granted by Queen Anne, but about ten years later, owing to a defect in their titles, they were deprived of the property which they had labored so hard to acquire.

"Having heard of the just and liberal treatment given to settlers in the Province of Pennsylvania, thirty-two families removed thereto in the spring of 1723, and settled in the 'Tulpahaca,' which was at that time the furthest inhabited part of the province, northwest from Philadelphia. In subsequent years more than one hundred other families followed them and settled in the northwestern part of Berks county, and among these were the Moyers, or Meyers. In 1759, when the first Federal tax was levied in Berks county, the following Meyers were taxables of Tulpehocken township, and paid their tax as follows: Rudolph Meyer, twelve pounds; John Meyer, eight pounds, and Philip Meyer, three pounds.

"In Heidelberg township was one John Moyer, who paid ten pounds tax that year. It is the family tradition that the ancestor of this particular branch of the family was John or Johannes Meyer, and that he had seven children. In the courthouse is his will, which was probated Dec. 28, 1765, the year of his death, he being then a resident of Tulpehocken township. The executors of his estate were his two sons, George and Henry, and in it were the following provisions: George was to receive the homestead of 120 acres, and the 'still,' and was to pay his brothers and sisters 200 pounds; Henry was given the mill and the house and 128 acres of land. The other children were: Anna Barbara, married to George Wolff; Eva Catherine, married to a Stetler; Gideon; Catherine, married to a Deissinger; and Valentine. By the testator, his beloved 'son-in-law, George Wolff,' was made guardian over the children of Catherine Deissinger and Valentine Moyer."

Among the children of George, son of Johannes, we find a Jacob, but whether he is the Jacob who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Rebecca (Moyer) Weissinger we do not know.

Jacob Moyer lived in Longswamp township, Berks county, where he was

a landowner and followed farming. He was one of the well known citizens of his day in that section. His death occurred in Berks county. Among his children were Jacob, Isaac and Daniel.

Isaac Moyer, son of Jacob, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, and coming to Schuylkill county when a young man settled at Pinedale, at one time owning the greater part of the site of that place; he had about 150 acres of valuable land, most of which he cleared and cultivated. He was active until his death, and prospered, building two farmhouses and two barns upon this property. Though he retired from regular business pursuits the last ten years of his life he relinquished none of his interest in his own or public affairs. He married Rebecca Ketner, of Pinedale, who survived him, his death occurring in 1870, hers in 1875. They are buried at the historic Red Church, of which both were members, Mr. Moyer being especially active in the furtherance of its work and a trusted official. The following children were born to this honored couple: Sarah married Andrew Boyer; Isaac is mentioned below; Abraham married Rebecca Cramer; Polly married Samuel Moyer; Rebecca married Charles Rhan; Maltida married Martin Hummel; Jackson married Mary Christ; Catherine was the wife of Moses Hoover; Morgan married Elizabeth Hill; Annie, who never married, took care of her parents in their declining years. Jackson Moyer, now (1914) in his eighty-fourth year, is living in the Blue Mountain valley, near Auburn, Schuylkill county.

Isaac Moyer was born May 10, 1815, at Pinedale, Schuylkill county, and learned the trade of tanner with Andrew Boyer at Schuylkill Haven. He also followed boating on the old Schuylkill canal until that industry died down, owning a line of boats and also teams. Most of his life was passed at Schuylkill Haven, where he ended his days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Murphy, dying March 25, 1898. He had lived retired for about fifteen years. He is buried at Schuylkill Haven. As a member of the German Reformed Church he was deeply interested in its welfare, and served as deacon. Politically he was a Democrat. At Schuylkill Haven he married Annetta Buzzard, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Derrick) Buzzard, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Minnich, a German Reformed minister. Mrs. Moyer was born at Reading, Berks county. Children as follows were born to this union: Rebecca, the eldest, became the wife of Leonard William Weissinger; George, a resident of Manayunk (Philadelphia), married Christine Hain; Mary, who died in 1908, was the wife of Gottlieb Berger; James, who married Mary Fisher, died at Schuylkill Haven and is buried there; John married Lucy Schrub, and died at Harrisburg, Pa.; Erma died when five years old; Charles, who died at the age of fifty years, was never married; Alice is the wife of John Murphy, and they reside at Schuylkill Haven; Catherine married Frank Hummel, and died in 1892 at Schuylkill Haven; William married Mary Boyer, and they are residents of Schuylkill Haven.

MAJOR HEBER SAMUEL THOMPSON, late of Pottsville, was for years one of the foremost citizens of Schuylkill county, where as manager of the vast Girard Estate he was associated with some of the most important business operations of this section of Pennsylvania. He was born at Pottsville Aug. 14, 1840, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Thompson.

The ancestors of this family in America came to this country from County Antrim, Ireland, about 1735. The family, however, is of Scotch lineage, of old Scotch Covenanter stock, which early in the eighteenth century moved from



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their home in Scotland to Ireland, residing temporarily in that country. John Thompson, Sr., and his brother James, upon their arrival in America, located at Cross Roads, Chester Co., Pa. Then they removed to Hanover township, in the same (now Lebanon) county, and later to a farm near Derry Church, about ten miles from Harrisburg. Here John Thompson married his second wife, whose maiden name was Slocum, and shortly afterwards removed to a farm three miles from Thompsonstown, which was inherited by his sons, Peter and Thomas, to whom he willed it; when Thomas died his interest went by bequest to Peter, who in turn left it to his son John Peter, who died in 1882. John Thompson, Sr., married for his third wife Sarah Patterson. By his first, whose maiden name was Greenleaf, he had four children, one of whom, William, was the grandfather of Heber S. Thompson.

William Thompson, grandfather of Heber S. Thompson, was born in 1754 in Thompsonstown, Cumberland (now Juniata) Co., Pa. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in the Colonial cause, and participated in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. By occupation he was a farmer and merchant. He married Jane Mitchell at Chambersburg, Pa., and they had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Samuel Thompson, son of William, was born in 1792, in Thompsonstown, and died March 7, 1851, in Pottsville, Schuylkill county. On Nov. 6, 1827, he married Ann Alricks, of Harrisburg, Pa., who died Aug. 27, 1828, less than a year after their marriage. On Aug. 6, 1833, he married Elizabeth Cunningham, of Newton Hamilton, Mifflin Co., Pa., who was born March 3, 1805, and died in her seventieth year, Oct. 5, 1874, at Pottsville. Four children were born to this union. Of these Col. William, born May 22, 1834, served through the Civil war in the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, being mustered out at its close as lieutenant colonel, and became a prominent business man of Pottsville, particularly in connection with the Miners' National Bank, of which he was president from 1894 until his death, on July 9, 1903. Lewis Cunningham, born Nov. 7, 1835, also a veteran of the Civil war, having served in Company A, 27th Pennsylvania Emergency Regiment, during the invasion of the State by Lee in 1863, is now a prominent merchant of Pottsville. The only daughter, Emily Jane, became the wife of Major Edward C. Baird, and both are deceased. Heber Samuel was the youngest of the family.

Heber S. Thompson received the foundation for his education in the schools of Pottsville and entered Yale College, graduating in 1861 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1871 receiving the honorary degree of Master of Arts from that institution. Just before graduation he enlisted for service in the Civil war, on April 16, 1861, becoming a private in the Washington Artillerists, later Company H, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who, with four other Pennsylvania companies, were the first troops to reach the national capital in response to the president's call for three months' volunteers. The members of these companies formed the Society of First Defenders, of which Major Thompson served as president and the history of which he compiled. His term of enlistment expired July 29, 1861, and he was honorably discharged, reenlisting on Oct. 22d, in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, becoming first lieutenant of Company F; on July 1, 1863, he was promoted to captain of Company I. On March 18, 1864, Captain Thompson was placed on detached service, being transferred to the position of acting inspector general of the 1st Brigade, 2d Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, and he served as such until captured, Aug. 20, 1864, at Lovejoy's Station, Ga. While in the

Army of the Cumberland, under Generals Buell and Rosecrans, he saw service in many battles and innumerable engagements, including Perryville or Chaplin Hills, Ky., Stone River or Murfreesboro, McMinnville and Shelbyville, Tenn., and Chickamauga, Georgia. At Shelbyville, June 27, 1863, although only a lieutenant, he was selected, because of his tried courage, coolness and judgment, to lead the regiment in the famous charge against Gen. Joseph Wheeler's command which practically annihilated it, and drove General Wheeler into the Duck river. Later, under General Sherman, he took part in the Atlanta campaign and in the engagements at Noonday Creek and Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro and Lovejoy's Station, where he was taken prisoner. He was taken to Macon and then to Augusta, Ga., later to Charleston, S. C., where as nurse for a wounded comrade he remained in the prisoners' hospital at Rikersville, a suburb of Charleston, until paroled, Dec. 18, 1864. Being unable to effect an exchange, he declined to accept a commission as major, which was tendered him, and resigned from the army, receiving his discharge Jan. 24, 1865. He was always active in all the veteran organizations, being a member of the First Defenders Association, Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R., Pottsville Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion, and the Loyal Legion of the United States.

After his return from the army Major Thompson entered actively into business life. In 1874 he became engineer and agent of the Girard Estate in Schuylkill and Columbia counties, continuing to hold that position until his death in 1911. He was also general manager of the Girard Water Company. Though the Girard Estate interests engaged most of his attention, he was also active in other business connections, being president of the Edison Illuminating Company until it was absorbed by the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, of which he became a director; a director and at one time president of the Miners' National Bank, and a director of the Schuylkill Valley Division of the Pennsylvania railroad. During 1908-09, in conjunction with the estate of his brother William, he erected at the corner of Centre and Market streets, Pottsville, the Thompson building, which is the largest office building in Schuylkill county. It is six stories in height and a notable addition to the business structures of the town. The wide range of his sympathies and interests is well indicated by his active association with numerous charitable enterprises. He was a member of the board of directors of the Pottsville Hospital; president of the board of trustees of the State Hospital at Fountain Springs, an institution for those injured in the anthracite coal regions; a member of the County Visiting Committee of the State Board of Charities, and a member of the State Committee on Lunacy. For many years he was a school director. He belonged to the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, to the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania and of Schuylkill County, to the American Institute of Mining Engineers and to the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia. His religious connection was with the First Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, which he served as elder, and for many years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Jan. 23, 1866, Major Thompson was married to Sarah E. Beck, daughter of Isaac and Margaretta (Pitman) Beck, of Pottsville. They had a family of five children: Emily Baird, widow of J. Parke Hood, of Philadelphia; Samuel Clifton, a graduate of Yale University, 1891, and of the School of Mines, Columbia University, 1893, for many years a prominent mining engineer in Johannesburg, South Africa, now a consulting engineer



in New York; Margaretta, wife of Colonel James Archbald, of Pottsville; Eleanor, deceased; and Heber Harris, agent of the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company at Tamaqua, Pa. Major Thompson died March 9, 1911, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery, Pottsville.

COLONEL JAMES ARCHBALD, of Pottsville, engineer and agent of the Girard Estate in Schuylkill and Columbia counties, in which he succeeded his father-in-law, the late Major Heber S. Thompson, has had a well rounded career, quite typical of all the members of this prominent family. For years the name has been well known among the leaders in the development of coal properties in Pennsylvania, and his talent for engineering has no doubt been inherited from his immediate ancestors, whose cleverness in that and similar lines has added prestige to the high reputation they have borne as business men and managers of large enterprises.

Colonel Archbald is of distinguished ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines. James Archbald, his grandfather, was the fourth of his name in direct descent and was also a descendant of Robert Wodrow, the Scotch historian. A native of Scotland, James Archbald came to this country with his parents when twelve years old. His life and work made him one of the most prominent men of this section of Pennsylvania in his day. The town of Archbald, Lackawanna county, above Scranton, was named in his honor. He planned, built and managed from 1829 the gravity railroad of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, from Carbondale to Honesdale, the first railroad to enter the Lackawanna region, and later planned the similar railroad of the Pennsylvania Coal Company from Scranton to Hawley. In 1858 he became chief engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. He married Sarah Augusta Temple Frothingham, a native of New England, and of old American ancestry, being a descendant in the fifth generation from William Frothingham, who came from England in 1630 and settled at Charlestown, Mass. Some of her ancestors served as officers in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war.

James Archbald, father of Colonel James Archbald, succeeded his father as chief engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad in 1870, and held that position for thirty years. At one time he was general manager of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, and in later years was engaged in railroad construction in Mississippi. During the Civil war he served as a captain in the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He died in Venice, Italy, on Oct. 4, 1910. His brother, Robert Wodrow Archbald, became a judge of the United States District court. James Archbald married Hannah M. Albright, daughter of Joseph J. Albright, the latter a native of Nazareth, Pa., and for many years general manager of the coal department of the Delaware & Hudson Company. Mr. Albright's early life was spent in the manufacture of iron in Pennsylvania and Virginia, where he owned and operated furnaces. The Albright Library in Scranton was erected as a memorial to him. He was a man of sterling character and strict attention to duty, and a worthy descendant of his Moravian ancestry. He married Elizabeth Sellers, whose family were Friends from near Philadelphia.

Colonel James Archbald was born Feb. 19, 1866, at Scranton, Pa. After a thorough preparatory education he entered Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass., and then Yale College, graduating in 1887. He began business life with the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, being employed in Scranton and

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and during the winters working with an engineer corps. For a short time he also studied law. After 1890 he was for two years manager of the Sterrick Creek Coal Co., at Peckville, Pa., and for six years manager of the Albright Coal Company at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county. In 1898 he became associated with his father-in-law, Major Heber S. Thompson, as a civil and mining engineer, and this connection lasted until Major Thompson's death in 1911, when Colonel Archbald succeeded him as engineer of the Girard Estate and general manager of the Girard Water Company, a responsibility for which he had been well fitted by his long association with his predecessor. Colonel Archbald has given a good account of himself as a professional man and in the conduct of his business affairs, and has measured up to the promise of his early career and to the unusual intellectual strength and moral fibre of his ancestry. In addition to his connection with the Girard Estate, he is a director and vice president of the Miners' National Bank of Pottsville, and consulting engineer for various coal interests. He is a member of the Pottsville Club, of the Outdoor Club of Pottsville, which he organized and of which he was president for ten years and is now a director, and of the Y. M. C. A., of which he has been a director and treasurer for twenty years. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and of the Engineers' Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church.

Special mention should be made of Colonel Archbald's military career. In 1880 he became a member of Company C, 13th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, serving under Colonel Henry M. Boies, commanding the regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick L. Hitchcock (later colonel), Major Ezra H. Ripple (later colonel and assistant adjutant general of the State), Captain Henry A. Coursen (later colonel) and Lieutenant Louis A. Watres (later lieutenant governor of the State and recently in command of the 13th Regiment), who was then second in the command of Company C. The regiment was noted for its efficiency under these capable disciplinarians and the training was unusually valuable. As a member of the 13th Regiment, Colonel Archbald attended the First Division encampment at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, in 1880. Three years later, when he entered college, he received an honorable discharge, but continued his interest in military matters and kept up his knowledge of the drill regulations, so that when the Spanish-American war broke out his services were sought as drill master for a battalion in Schuylkill county. Its services were not accepted, as the National Guard organizations filled up the State's quota, and at the request of the State authorities he organized Company M, 11th Infantry, of the Provisional National Guard, and commanded this company until the reorganization of the National Guard in 1899, when Company M was consolidated with Company F of the 4th Infantry, and Captain Archbald was chosen captain of the new organization. He at once instituted measures for the systematic training of the company, making it one of the best in the State, and rendered efficient service with it through the anthracite strike in 1900.

Because of business demands, however, he resigned on April 1, 1901, but has always maintained an active interest and close association with his old command, and has never relaxed his efforts for the promotion of its best interests. He resumed his connection with military service on Feb. 4, 1904, having been appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Pennypacker, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. On Feb. 14, 1907, he was reap-

pointed by Governor Stuart. He retired with the latter in 1911. Colonel Archbald has been a thorough and earnest student of military affairs, and by his ability and zeal has contributed much to the efficiency of the Pennsylvania National Guard. He is now treasurer of the local Armory board.

On Oct. 21, 1897, Colonel Archbald was married to Margaretta Thompson, daughter of Major Heber S. Thompson, and they have a family of four children, Margaretta Thompson, Sara Thompson, James 7th, and Wodrow.

DR. GEORGE DOUGLASS, late of Orwigsburg, established his residence in that borough over a quarter of a century before his death, and was one of its most estimable citizens. As a gentleman of broad education, cultivated tastes and unusual literary attainments, upholding high ideals in his own career, he quietly but effectively directed his influence to the betterment of social conditions and living standards in his adopted community. His position as a professional man of the highest repute made his opinions doubly respected. Dr. Douglass was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., born Aug. 8, 1796, and his father, Andrew Douglass, was a prominent merchant of that city, member of the firm of Douglass & Morgan. He also had business relations with Stephen Girard. His wife, whose maiden name was Morgan, was a daughter of General Morgan, of Revolutionary fame. Andrew Douglass died in Philadelphia and is buried there, in the Christ Church cemetery. Douglassville, in Berks county, Pa., was founded by this family and named in its honor.

George Douglass was reared in Philadelphia, and was carefully educated, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1823. Though only a boy when the war of 1812 broke out, he was a soldier in that struggle.

Dr. Douglass was married at Douglassville to Mary Bannan, who was born Jan. 3, 1795, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Bunn) Bannan, and not long afterwards, in 1830, they settled at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where they made their permanent home. Dr. Douglass was a man of means and in a position to indulge his literary tastes, and he led an enjoyable life of leisure, dying at his home in Orwigsburg Aug. 11, 1858. His wife survived him many years, passing away in 1888, and they are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery, at Pottsville, this county. To Dr. and Mrs. Douglass were born the following family: Elizabeth Borgia Sergeant, born in 1827; Andrew Jackson, born in 1828; Sarah Bunn, born in 1830, who makes her home at Pottsville, with the family of George D. Rosebury; John Bannan, born in 1832; Rachel Pearsol Morgan, born in 1833; George Washington, born in 1834; Victoria, born in 1837; and Rebecca Pearsol, born in 1839. The Misses Rachel, Victoria and Rebecca Douglass occupy the old homestead in Orwigsburg. The family are Episcopalians in religious connection. Dr. Douglass was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

HIRAM PARKER, JR., now living retired at Pottsville, was one of the influential figures in control of the industrial situation of that place for over thirty-five years and associated with an establishment which during more than half a century had a distinct place among the vital business forces of the borough. Other local enterprises have benefited by his cooperation, for he has been public-spirited in the very best sense, aiding every project which seemed to promise to advance the general welfare.

Mr. Parker was born in Pottsville Oct. 4, 1841, and belongs to a family

of English origin which has been on American soil from the Colonial period. We give some record of the earlier generations. His great-grandfather, born in February, 1711, took up a tract of land at Masonville, N. Y., where he did some clearing and erected a sawmill which he operated for many years. His death occurred there. His wife, Ruth, was born in February, 1712 (?). Their son, Josiah Parker, born Jan. 31, 1771, followed farming in New York State, and died Nov. 23, 1857. On June 6, 1796, he married Mary Haskill, who was born Sept. 2, 1774, and died Dec. 4, 1832, and their children were born as follows: Mary, Aug. 27, 1797; Josiah, Jr., June 16, 1799; Adolph, June 23, 1801; Rebecca, April 13, 1803; Hiram, Oct. 3, 1805; Erastus, June 4, 1808; Israel, Jan. 22, 1813; Ruth H., Jan. 22, 1815.

Hiram Parker, son of Josiah, was born Oct. 2, 1805, in Massachusetts. He first learned the trade of carpenter, but after following that occupation for a short time turned to tailoring, which continued to be his calling throughout his active years. He came to Schuylkill county, Pa., in young manhood, in 1830 locating at Port Carbon, where he lived in a log house, and under the primitive conditions characteristic of that day here. In 1831 he removed to Pottsville, and established himself in business as a merchant tailor, building up a large custom trade in the borough and vicinity, where his reliable workmanship and satisfactory service to all his customers kept him in popular esteem as long as he worked at his calling. He died in Pottsville March 8, 1891. Mr. Parker was an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, which he served many years as ruling elder. He married Sarah P. Craft, who was born Feb. 12, 1803, in Massachusetts, daughter of Joseph Craft, and died April 16, 1876. They had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters: Mary Elizabeth, born April 5, 1831, died young; Harriet Jane, born Jan. 26, 1836, died young; Samuel H., born Jan. 24, 1838, is a farmer of Maryville, Nodaway Co., Mo.; Hiram is mentioned below; Charles H., born May 6, 1844, died in 1905.

Hiram Parker was given a public school education at Pottsville, and for a year or two after leaving school clerked in a store. He then learned the trade of machinist, serving his apprenticeship in the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops, at Reading, Pa. The first year of the Civil war he enlisted in the navy, which he joined in 1861 as assistant engineer, assigned to the gunboat "Kanawha," in the Gulf squadron, under Farragut and Porter, being with the blockading squadron off Mobile and in the Gulf and lower Mississippi maneuvers. After one year of such service he was detailed to take a prize vessel from Mobile bay to New York, where he was examined and promoted, and assigned to the gunboat "Louisiana," in the North Atlantic squadron, with headquarters at Newbern, N. C. As the "Louisiana" was to be used as a floating mine at Fort Fisher he was detailed to another gunboat, the "Tacony," just before the action at Fort Fisher, which took part in the bombardment there and also in the second battle, when the fort was captured. He remained on the "Tacony" to the close of the war. During the Cuban filibustering which gave so much trouble at that period he was chief engineer on the monitor "Manhattan." He also saw three years' service on the "Dacotah," in the South Pacific squadron, and three years on the flagship "Lancaster," of the South Atlantic squadron, principally on South American coasts. With a year on shore duty his connection with the navy covered over twelve years, during which he visited nearly every port in the civilized world and had a wide experience which assisted him greatly in his subsequent business operations.

He resigned from the navy in 1876, and became associated with Jabez Sparks, his father-in-law, in the boiler and machine business. (The latter had begun it in 1855, on the site of the present Reading railroad station, with John Sparks, his brother, and Edward Greathead. It was started for the manufacture of steam boilers, smoke and ventilating stacks and ventilating mine fans, as well as general machine repairing. Mr. Greathead was killed in 1857, and John Sparks retired in 1860.) Jabez Sparks, William G. Sparks and Hiram Parker were members of the firm, which was organized in 1876 under the name of Sparks & Parker, and the plant was known as the Schuylkill County Machinery Depot, and operated under that name until the death of Jabez Sparks, after which William G. Sparks and Hiram Parker were the constituent members of the firm. The business prospered without interruption under the regime of Sparks & Parker until the death of W. G. Sparks, in 1898. It was then continued under the same name by Mr. Hiram Parker, who became sole owner. He retained his interest until his retirement from active business, in 1912. Mr. Parker has always been regarded as one of the foremost manufacturers in his line in the county, and his practical familiarity with machinery was not only a help in the management of the shop but gained confidence among its patrons, and made him a competent adviser.

Mr. Parker was married in 1871 to Mary E. Sparks, a daughter of Jabez Sparks, and she died in 1877, leaving three children: Jabez S., who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and is now a practicing physician in West Philadelphia, Pa.; Emily Y., now the wife of Otto E. Farquhar, attorney, of Pottsville (they have one daughter); and Jessie C., wife of W. T. Jennings, an electrical engineer in the employ of the Reading Company at Pottsville. On Sept. 4, 1885, Mr. Parker married Julia F. Sparks, sister of his first wife. She died May 14, 1912.

Mr. Parker continues to reside in Pottsville at No. 1707 West Mahantongo street. Like his father he has been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally he belongs to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of Pottsville, the chapter and commandery; and to Miners' Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Republican, and though he had no desire for the honors of office he has occupied the position of school director, serving as a member of the Pottsville school board for a number of years.

COL. THOMAS H. RICKERT, late of Pottsville, was one of the energetic spirits of his generation in this part of Pennsylvania, associated with its most ambitious projects. Particularly successful in the building of railroads, to which the later years of his business life were devoted, there are many evidences in existence of his competence and trustworthiness as a contractor. It was characteristic of him that his undertakings were all of the kind whose value is permanent, marking progress and leading it. This was true of his ideals as well as his material accomplishments, many of which were indeed the realization of visions long cherished. Colonel Rickert was a native of Schuylkill county, born April 8, 1834, near Schuylkill Haven, in North Manheim township. He was a son of George Rickert and grandson of Richard Rickert.

Richard Rickert was born in Bucks county, Pa., and his father dying when he was quite young came alone to Schuylkill county when a youth, settling near Orwigsburg. There he spent the remainder of his long life, which terminated about 1857, at the age of eighty-five years. He was prin-

cipally occupied in farming and mining, though he also did other work. In spite of his lack of early advantages he became a well informed man, and he was thoroughly respected for his substantial qualities and upright life. He was particularly well known as a zealous worker in the Evangelical Association, helping to found the church in his neighborhood and always giving his best efforts towards its successful maintenance. Politically he was a Whig and interested in the doings of the party, and he was remembered as an ardent admirer of Henry Clay. His wife's maiden name was Gilbert, and they were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters.

George Rickert, son of Richard, was born in November, 1810, at Orwigsburg, where he was reared. When but fourteen years old he began mining on his own account, at Minersville, hauling his coal to Mount Carbon, whence it was shipped to Philadelphia by way of the Philadelphia & Schuylkill canal. He was one of the first to ship coal from this section. He also built boats for transporting coal and other freight, at Landingville, Pa. He continued mining in Schuylkill county, at New Philadelphia and other points as well as his original location, until his retirement in 1872. Thereafter he lived at Pottsville until 1891, in which year he removed to Reading, and he died at Philadelphia, while on a visit to his daughter there. Like his father Mr. Rickert was an earnest member of the Evangelical Association, faithfully filling its important offices and doing all in his power to promote its welfare. He was a Republican in political sentiment, and did his duty as a citizen, having a high sense of his obligations to his fellow men. To his marriage with Amelia Hamner, whose family was at one time one of the most prominent in Schuylkill county, was born a family of five children: Mrs. Elizabeth Linder, of Orwigsburg; John R., of Reading, Pa.; Mrs. Emma Bohannon, of Philadelphia; George L., of Virginia; and Thomas H. The mother died in July, 1890, aged seventy-eight years.

Thomas H. Rickert received a public school education, attending at Norristown, Pa. He followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a coal operator, first in association with his father and later independently, and met with substantial success. Though it was not until 1881 that he began taking contracts for the construction of railroads, he did notable work in that line, assisting in laying the Buffalo extension of the Lehigh Valley road, besides work on the Cumberland Valley, Schuylkill Valley, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Reading, and other roads. His work has stood the test of time, a worthy monument to the mind that planned and executed it. As a man of capital Colonel Rickert was naturally concerned in having stable financial institutions in his section, and he was one of the directors of the Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville, and also of the Miners' Bank of that city. He was also a director of the Edison Illuminating Company and in other associations identified with the improvement of material conditions in his borough.

Colonel Rickert was a Republican, and although never a politician felt strongly on national questions. When the Civil war broke out his sympathies were with the Union, and he showed his convictions by enlisting for service early in the struggle. He was made quartermaster of the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and subsequently served in that capacity with different divisions and corps of the army of the Cumberland, remaining with the army until the spring of 1865, when he resigned. He saw active service in practically all the engagements of the Army of the Cumberland, including the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, and the Atlanta cam-

paign, after which he returned to Tennessee with General Thomas and fought at Franklin and Nashville. He kept up association with his fellow soldiers by his membership in Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R., the Loyal Legion, and Encampment No. 19, Union Veteran Legion. Colonel Rickert's fine appearance, attractive personality and friendly manner, his often proved public spirit, his kindness towards the unfortunate or lonely, and the cheer of his social qualities, will keep his memory alive for many years. His death, which occurred Nov. 19, 1899, was deeply mourned.

On Sept. 23, 1856, Colonel Rickert married Elizabeth Van Dusen, and they had a family of five children, two of whom survive: Anna T., wife of Dr. T. W. Swalm, of Pottsville; and G. Van Dusen, who married Allie McMurtrie, daughter of George K. McMurtrie, of Belvidere, N. J., and has three children, Thomas H., Van Dusen and Helen.

Colonel Rickert's widow continues to occupy the old homestead at No. 201 West Mahantongo street, Pottsville, beloved throughout the wide circle of her acquaintance.

The Van Dusen family is of Holland Dutch origin and has been settled in New England from early Colonial days. Mathew Van Dusen, Mrs. Rickert's grandfather, was born in Massachusetts. For a number of years he lived at Pottsville, Pa., returning to his native State, where he died. His son, Henry Van Dusen, Mrs. Rickert's father, was born also in Massachusetts, came to Pottsville in 1829 with his parents, and became one of the prominent citizens of this region. For a time he was engaged in the tanning business at Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., later retiring to Berwick, Columbia county, where his wife, Catherine (Boyd), died; but his death occurred in Pottsville. Of their nine children only three survive: Elizabeth, widow of Colonel Rickert; Catherine, and Henry J.

FRANCIS WADE HUGHES, in his day one of the most distinguished citizens of Pottsville, probably made his greatest reputation as a lawyer, yet the record of his activities in other fields would indicate that he could have been successful in any line. For years he looked after a large legal practice, took a prominent part in politics, and meantime carried on business concerns which would have been sufficient in themselves for the whole attention of the average man. That none of his interests was neglected emphasizes one particular trait of his character, his faculty for going directly to the heart of things without wasting any time in preliminaries. It was a great quality, and characterized everything he undertook to do.

Mr. Hughes was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., born Aug. 20, 1817, in Upper Marion township, son of John Hughes, a man of wealth for his generation and one of the important citizens of his locality. He had large agricultural interests, and was a gentleman farmer, leasing most of his land to tenants. The Hughes family had settled upon the estate before the time of William Penn, and in Colonial and Revolutionary days had held prominent positions of honor and trust. John Hughes married Hannah Bartholomew, eldest child of Benjamin Bartholomew, who was of French Huguenot stock, and served through the entire Revolutionary war as captain of a cavalry company.

Mr. Hughes in his early childhood gave evidence of the remarkable ability which rendered him so successful at the bar. Although he had the natural fondness of a boy for outdoor sports and exercise, he manifested an aptitude

for study which an intelligent father observed and encouraged. Rev. David Kirkpatrick, of Milton academy, at that time deservedly enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best teachers in the State. To his instruction young Hughes was confided. At this academy he acquired a good classical and mathematical education. In the fall of 1834 he commenced the study of law with the late George W. Farquhar, in Pottsville. The following winter he entered the law office of John B. Wallace, of Philadelphia, under whose able guidance a broad, practical knowledge of the law was acquired. The knowledge of pleading gained at that time Mr. Hughes often in the trial of causes displayed to the wonder and astonishment of the court and bar. After the death of Mr. Wallace, which occurred in the latter part of 1836, he entered the law school at Carlisle, then under the direction of Hon. John Reed, the president judge of that judicial district. Here he met a number of his old schoolmates at the Milton academy, among them Andrew G. Curtin, afterwards famous as the war governor of Pennsylvania. The same avidity of learning previously displayed Mr. Hughes manifested at the law school, and his fellow students testified to the extent of his learning, the facility with which it was acquired, and his brilliancy and clearness of expression. He was admitted as an attorney in August, 1837, and immediately commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Pottsville. His practice, which from its commencement was lucrative, became extremely varied, his business important as a class, and his suits in all of the courts. It is said he tried, probably, more causes than any other man in the State of Pennsylvania. He was familiar with, and at home in, all branches of the profession. In 1839 he was appointed deputy attorney general by Hon. Ovid F. Johnson, then attorney general, and though he resigned this office three several times he was subsequently reappointed, and held it altogether for eleven years. His knowledge of criminal law was consequently thorough, but his practice was mainly in the civil courts. He ranked among the first of the few great land lawyers of the country; was a fine equity practitioner; and understood, in all its branches, patent as well as commercial law. He had few equals as a *nisi prius* lawyer in the country. He prepared a case rapidly, but with great skill and accuracy; examined and cross-examined a witness with great ability; argued with force, law and fact to court and jury, and in the general management of his cause enlisted the admiration of all. Although naturally impulsive, he held himself under complete control during the trial of a cause, rarely lost his temper—never his balance. His most extended reputation, perhaps, was gained in the argument of cases in the superior courts on appeal. As a lawyer and a gentleman he was universally respected by bench and bar.

But while Mr. Hughes led a wonderfully busy life as an active practitioner at the bar, he always took a personal interest in politics, as well as in subjects pertaining to the general welfare. In 1843, when but twenty-six years of age, he was elected to the State Senate by the Democratic party, by a large majority, there being in this county only 149 votes against him. He resigned his office as senator in 1844, and returned to the practice of the law. Whilst in the Senate he formed close friendly relations with Hon. William Bigler, who when elected governor of Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1851, appointed him secretary of the Commonwealth. In March, 1853, he was appointed attorney general of the State, which office he filled until the early part of the year 1855. Although deeply interested in politics, Mr. Hughes's tastes and business cares prevented him from holding many political offices. He was



one of the presidential electors in 1856, and had been a delegate to many county, State and national conventions, over many of which he presided. He was, however, a politician of the old school; believed in the power of organization, and regarded parties as representatives of principles, not as mere machines for personal advancement. In February, 1861, he was a member of the State convention at Harrisburg, known as the Peace convention, and was a prominent member of the committee on resolutions. When the war broke out his support of the Union was prompt, energetic and valuable. He aided in fitting out one of the first five companies that reached Washington. He maintained, with voice and pen, the legal right of the government to put down rebellion with force of arms. He aided in the raising of regiments, and one regiment was familiarly known as his regiment. But he was a Democrat; was chairman of the Democratic State committee in 1862, and in the unreasoning political zeal of the times was denounced by his political opponents. Efforts were made by them to have him arrested, which would probably have been successful had it not been that Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, then secretary of war, was his personal friend. Secretary Stanton telegraphed him that there should be no order for his arrest without first granting him a hearing. As there were no charges affecting his loyalty to the government, except such as were manifestly founded on malice, no order was ever issued.

Eminent as Mr. Hughes was as a lawyer and politician, his operations as a business man were extensive. He originated and aided in many enterprises; in the purchase and improvement of lands; in the opening and working of coal and ore mines; in the establishment of factories and iron works. He was essentially a man of enterprise, and his county and his State have been enriched through his efforts. He embarked in a scheme for the reclamation of marsh lands about Long Island and Staten Island, and in this he lost many thousands of dollars. Eminent as a lawyer, disinterested and earnest as a politician, in his death, which occurred at Pottsville Oct. 22, 1885, the borough not only lost one of her most beloved citizens, but the State one of her most distinguished sons.

E. F. C. DAVIS was at the time of his death president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and one of the most deserving men ever chosen for that honor. That the greater part of his professional career was spent at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and some of his most important work executed in the improvement of her industrial plants, is a proper occasion for pride on the part of the community. Mr. Davis came here a young man, full of ambition and, as it proved, the practical ability to bring his plans to fulfillment. Here he remained, progressing steadily in the work of his choice, until a few years before his death, when he left to assume greater responsibilities. He had the most coveted reward of the true scientific man, the recognition of his fellow workers in the same field.

Mr. Davis was born in 1847 at Chestertown, Md., and was well educated, taking a classical course at Washington College, from which institution he was graduated in 1866. His parents intended him for the legal profession, but his tastes were all in the line of mechanics, for which, indeed, he showed great aptitude even in his early years. He was a mere boy when he constructed a small oscillating steam engine. For several years after his college days he was in the United States merchant marine service, which he left to enter upon an apprenticeship with Brinton & Henderson, machinists, of Phila-

delphia, Pa. His preparation included thorough training in both the machine and drafting departments. The first position that Mr. Davis held thereafter was with Hoy, Kennedy & Co., of New Castle, Del., and he assisted in transferring their plant from that city to the Atlantic Dock Iron Works, at South Brooklyn, N. Y. While with that concern he was engaged in making the drawings for the Mutual Gas Works of New York City. It was from there he came to Pottsville, Pa., to take a place in the drafting department of the Iron & Steel Company, and in the course of his connection therewith he worked out many improvements in the older machinery, and eventually designed the new plant of the company. He was next in the offices of the George W. Snyder foundry on Coal street, following with some experience as draftsman and assistant to S. B. Whiting, then superintendent of the Colliery Iron Works, at Pottsville. Meantime the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company came into existence, and Mr. Davis entered its service in 1879, in the capacity of mechanical draftsman. A year later he was made superintendent of the shops, filling that position for the ten years succeeding, during which the duties originally assigned him increased greatly in scope and importance. In 1883 the Colliery Iron Works were added to the plant, and their reorganization, to fit them into effective cooperation with the Philadelphia & Reading works, was manipulated principally by Mr. Davis. In 1887, when Mr. Whiting resigned as mechanical engineer, Mr. Davis succeeded him, and proved most capable in the discharge of his manifold responsibilities, which called for executive as well as mechanical ability. He was the pioneer in the introduction of electricity into Pottsville, and the first to apply it for use in the mines.

In 1890 Mr. Davis resigned his superintendency of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company to become the general manager of the Richmond Locomotive Works, of Richmond, Va. There his talent, employed in a special line, brought about some noteworthy improvements in railway locomotives. In April, 1895, he severed his connection with the Richmond works to take the presidency of the Hunt Iron Works, of New York, and at the time of his death he was also connected with the Brighton Iron Works on Staten-Island. His accomplishments in these various associations are known to mechanical engineers everywhere. In January, 1895, the dignity of president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was conferred upon him, and he was deeply appreciative of the significance of his election to that position, which he filled worthily.

Mr. Davis died Aug. 6, 1895, being instantly killed when thrown from his own horse, in Central Park, New York City. His remains were brought to Pottsville for interment in the Charles Baber cemetery. He married Joanna H., a daughter of the late Col. John Potts Hobart, of Pottsville, and she survives him with four children: John Hobart, George Lynn Lachlan, Meredith and Mary Clare.

JOHN POTTS HOBART, late of Pottsville, generally known as Colonel Hobart, was a citizen of that borough from the time it became the county seat of Schuylkill county. He was a lawyer, and made a distinguished record in his profession, and his citizenship was what might have been expected from a member of the Hobart and Potts families, for he was a son of the late Nathaniel Potts Hobart and his mother was a member of the Potts family,

after whom Pottstown was named. His grandfather was Robert Enoch Hobart and his uncle the well known Bishop Hobart of New York City.

Nathaniel Potts Hobart was born in Philadelphia, and became prominent as an attorney, being well known throughout the State of Pennsylvania. He practiced his profession in both Philadelphia and Pottstown, Pa., serving as auditor general under Governor Ritner, and was an old-line Whig in political connection. He died when past middle age in Schuylkill county, in the town of Pottsville. Mr. Hobart married Joanna Potts, of Alexandria, Va., who belonged to the family which founded Pottstown during the Revolutionary period. They were the first to engage in the iron industry in Pennsylvania. Seven children were born to Mr. Hobart and his wife, namely: John Potts, Sarah Potts, Eliza Ramsay, Anna Sophia, Robert Henry, Nathaniel Potts and Ellen Goodin.

John Potts Hobart was born Aug. 22, 1814, at Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa. His education was begun in the private schools there and at Reading, and he also attended a military school at Mount Airy. He read law with William Biddle at Carlisle, Pa., and was admitted to practice in the courts of Cumberland county. Settling at Orwigsburg, which was then the seat of Schuylkill county, Pa., he remained there until Pottsville became the county seat, moving to the latter place at that time. His professional ability gained him enviable standing in the law, and he became a prominent citizen in other associations also, serving one term, 1858-61, as sheriff of Schuylkill county. He was colonel of a regiment of militia and was generally known in his home community by that title. Mr. Hobart continued in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred on March 24, 1892, at Pottsville. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery there, formerly the old Mount Laurel cemetery. His religious connection was with the Episcopal Church, and he was a Republican in politics. A man of sterling personal qualities, strong and well-trained intellect, high principles and courageous in the expression of his opinion, he was admired and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

On April 5, 1838, Colonel Hobart was married in Philadelphia to Anne Amelia Smith, who was born March 13, 1816, at Huntingdon, Pa., daughter of William Rudolph Smith, and died July 4, 1890, at Pottsville. Of the ten children born to this union two died in infancy, the survivors being: Eliza Smith; Julia Biddle; Joanna Holland; Mary; Nathaniel Potts; John Potts; Cecil Willig, and David McKnight.

**WILLIAM SPENCER.** Through a period of seventy years and more there flourished at Minersville or in the nearby Pennsylvania coal territory George and William Spencer, father and son, who in turn held a prominent place among coal operators in this section, from the early thirties until after the opening of the present century. Many of the most profitable collieries in this region were opened and worked under their management. Each was counted among the ablest citizens of his generation, and William Spencer was influential in the commercial and municipal development of Minersville, where his name is held in honored memory by his contemporaries in every walk of life.

George Spencer, the father, was of English birth and ancestry, a son of George and Hannah (Hearst) Spencer. Born in 1806 in Yorkshire, he spent his early life there, coming to America in 1828. He was soon at work as a

miner in Schuylkill county, Pa., settling at the village of West West, near Minersville, was promoted to mine boss at the old North America mines near Pottsville, and in the early thirties began mining on his own account, being a successful operator until his death. Moving to Minersville in 1837, he acquired an interest in the Wadesville mines in that vicinity, and was later associated with others in the operation of a colliery at Beaver Meadow and the opening of a new one in Carbon county, where they founded the village of Jeanesville, located over the line in Luzerne county. For a few years Mr. Spencer was located at Jersey City, N. J., removing there in 1850 to take charge of the coal shipments for the mines in which he held interests, returning to Minersville in 1853. After that he opened the Peach Orchard colliery and subsequently the Oak Hill colliery, in the southern part of Cass township, this county. Following this he leased the Harper colliery at Minersville, operating it until his death, Jan. 4, 1862, caused by a gas explosion there. He had also operated the old Spohn vein, at Fishbach, where the Williams colliery is now located. A pioneer in the Schuylkill county anthracite fields, he was one of its most prosperous operators, the mines he started and worked comparing well with the best producers in the territory. Mr. Spencer showed the same good judgment in the conduct of all his affairs that he did in business, and though he acquired ample means retained always the good will and confidence of his fellow men, a tribute to his upright character which gratified him greatly. As a member of the community he was progressive, ready to give his encouragement to local movements and liberal in his support of worthy enterprises of all kinds.

By his marriage to Mary Williams, daughter of John and Mary Williams, Mr. Spencer had a family of seven children who reached maturity: William; Thomas, deceased; Hannah, widow of Edward Cooke, of West Bethlehem; John, deceased; George, agent for the Dupont Powder Company at Ashland, Pa.; Rachel, widow of Dr. Thomas Patterson, of Mahanoy City; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of William Taylor, manager of the stores of the Forest Improvement Company at Heckscherville and Forestville, Schuylkill county.

Mr. Spencer was a Whig in politics until the organization of the Republican party, which he supported during his last years. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and took a sincere interest in its work, which he assisted generously.

William Spencer was born Aug. 7, 1830, at West West, in Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, and received his early education in convenient academies, later attending Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1847. When ready to commence work he joined his father, for whom as soon as able he acted as superintendent at the Oak Hill collieries, and later at Buck Mountain, near Hazleton. His career as a coal operator had two interruptions, the first in 1849, when he joined the rush to California in search of gold. He made the voyage around the Horn to San Francisco, but did not spend much time in the coast region. On his return to the East he was located for a time at Paterson, N. J., conducting coal yards run in connection with his father's mining business in Schuylkill county. Later he was out of the coal business again during the Civil war, in which he served under two enlistments. He first entered the 5th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Benjamin C. Christ, the regiment spending most of its three months' term in camp duty at Harrisburg, Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Va., and

never coming into direct contact with the enemy. After being mustered out, July 25, 1861, Mr. Spencer reenlisted at once, in the Pennsylvania cavalry service, in which he served honorably to the end of the war, attaining the rank of major.

The war over, Mr. Spencer resumed his old calling, being superintendent and general manager of the Buck Mountain colliery and company store, near Hazleton, where he continued for a period of eighteen years, returning to Minersville to live in the fall of 1885. Though particularly well experienced in anthracite mining he joined Andrew Robertson, of Pottsville, about 1881-82, in the development of bituminous coal fields in West Virginia, under the name of the Bottom Creek Coal and Coke Company, and retained his interests there to the close of his life. The property increased in value under their efficient management and intelligent exploitation, and as president, corresponding secretary and general manager Mr. Spencer took an active part in superintending the operation of the mines, which are located near Vivian, McDowell county. He was there attending to business while stricken with pneumonia, dying Dec. 13, 1904, after a brief illness. His remains were brought back to Minersville and interred in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Spencer's experience in mining, begun in boyhood, and varied by the different operations he superintended, was so extensive and intelligently applied that he was looked upon as an authority in the business. But he was not so thoroughly wrapped up in it as to ignore other interests or neglect his duties of citizenship, and he assisted in the establishment of business institutions and public utilities which were necessary to stimulate the growth of his town and county, or whose support seemed assured by their advancement. He was one of the organizers of the Minersville Electric Light Company, a director of the Minersville Water Company, and connected with the First National Bank. He was also interested in the manufacture of sewer pipes in Alabama. The ability so admirably demonstrated in the direction of his private concerns gained all his opinions the respectful consideration of his associates in every relation, and was never turned to any but the most commendable use. His name and reputation live on in the good movements which received their impetus largely through his encouragement. The large numbers who turned out to pay their last respects at his funeral showed how generally he was beloved in the community where he had been known from boyhood.

On Nov. 3, 1853, Mr. Spencer was married to Amelia J. Prevost, daughter of John Prevost, and they had one child, Mary E., who died in infancy. Mrs. Spencer continues to occupy the fine old home on Front street where she and her husband spent so many happy years, and where cordial hospitality has always been assured their many friends. She is now one of the oldest residents of the town, and deservedly held in tender regard by a wide acquaintance-ship.

JOHN PREVOST, in his day a citizen of note at Minersville, was a native of Pennsylvania, born about 1788 near Phoenixville, Chester county, where his parents settled on their removal from Canada. They came to America from France. In his early life Mr. Prevost learned the saddler's trade. About 1828 he settled at Minersville, where he made a permanent home, dying in 1863, at the age of seventy-five years. For several years previously he had lived retired, but during the greater part of his residence at Minersville he was in the hotel business, and his strong character and uprightness made him very influential in local affairs, in which he took a leading part. He served a long

term as postmaster, was school director and treasurer of the borough, and officially and unofficially did his share towards its advancement. Politically he was an old-line Whig.

At Phoenixville Mr. Prevost married Mary Jones, a native of Wales, by whom he had eight children, namely: Etta died when twenty years old; Susanna died at the age of five years; Louis W., a prominent physician for many years at Tremont, died at Minersville in 1900; Charles C., who was employed in various stores at Minersville, died at the age of thirty-one years; Hiram W., a druggist at Minersville, died at the age of sixty-eight years; Amelia J. is the widow of William Spencer; Elizabeth married Dr. L. J. Hale and lived in Minersville for some time after her marriage, and then removed to the vicinity of Jenkintown, where she still resides; Mary P. is now Mrs. Jacob Serrill, of Philadelphia, where her husband is a coal operator.

JUDGE GEORGE J. WADLINGER, who died a few months after his election as judge of the courts of Schuylkill county, was a man of such unusual attainments that although he barely lived to reach his prime his name will have a permanent place in the records of this bar. In the few months of his service on the bench he gave every indication of the possession of true judicial qualities, and though he interpreted the law with the utmost fidelity his strong personality injected itself into all his decisions with a tone of sincerity which he could not disguise. Keenly alive to his obligations in the administration of the law, and yet with a sensitive comprehension of a strong man's sense of responsibility towards his fellows, he had a proper conception of the duties of his office which with his legal fitness made him highly competent for their performance.

Judge Wadlinger was a native of Schuylkill county, of German descent. His grandfather, George J. Wadlinger, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and passed all his life in that country. Francis Wadlinger, the Judge's father, was born in Germany in 1836 and spent his early years there. He lived in Schuylkill county, Pa., from the time of his immigration to America, in 1854, first settling at Minersville, where he lived until 1865. Thereafter he resided at Mahanoy City, where he was engaged in the mercantile business until his death, which occurred there in 1879. During his later years he was associated with the operation of various collieries, as superintendent, acting in that capacity at the Diamond colliery, at Forestville, and the Anchor colliery, at Heckscherville. It was while thus occupied that he received the injuries which eventually caused his death. With his brother John he was interested in the Phoenix Park colliery, as F. Wadlinger & Co. Though an ardent Democrat and active in politics he never had any aspirations for office. He married Anna M. Schaub, and of the children born to them the following lived to maturity: Frank, John A., Jacob, Michael M. and George J.

George J. Wadlinger was born July 10, 1857, at Minersville, began his education there, and continued it in the public schools at Mahanoy City. After clerking in his father's store for a time he became a student in St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he obtained the degree of master of accounts, in 1873. Then for a time he was in the mercantile business at Mahanoy City, meantime engaging also in newspaper work and beginning his preparation for the legal profession. In 1879 he gave up merchandising and entered the office of Hon. Charles N. Brumm, at Pottsville, where he carried on his law studies until admitted to the bar, March 4, 1881. From that time until his death he devoted practically all his time to practice. Recognition of



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his abilities and the confidence he inspired came early. In 1891, when but thirty-four years of age, he was nominated for the position of additional law judge of Schuylkill county, but was defeated by his opponent, David B. Green. On July 10, 1899, he received the nomination for judge of the court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill county, and was elected the November following with a majority of 1,872 over Judge D. C. Henning, the Republican candidate. He presided over the January and March terms, 1900, and although very ill during the latter obeyed his stern sense of duty rather than the advice of his physician, attending to his work at the expense of his health. His death, which occurred May 16th following (1900), at his home, No. 514 Mahantongo street, Pottsville, showed how serious the need for rest was.

Though he had been on the bench but a few months Judge Wadlinger had begun to "do things" in dispatching the business of the court as well as in dispensing justice, inaugurating changes of great importance in the economical administration of his office. He had delivered several opinions in important cases which drew favorable comments from all interested by reason of the exceptional ability they showed. All his work on the bench was done in the clearest and most concise manner. In his action in the case of the Culm damage suits he blazed a new path, and his utterances in this connection have since been quoted as the clearest exposition of the law upon the subject rendered up to date. Twelve hundred actions were to be disposed of at one time by his decision in this case, with the cost to the public of one suit—an immense saving to the county. Judge Wadlinger's conduct of the whole affair was characteristic of his attitude towards the possibilities he could see for efficient service to his community. He had decided to attempt to put an end to petty litigation with which the court had been burdened and hampered in its operations, and in all such cases tried before him indicated his position clearly and followed with an opinion. His charges to the jurymen were models, clear and urgent, and left no room for doubt in their minds as to their duty so far as the law was concerned. His judgment upon questions of the law was admired by all his associates in the profession, and he had every prospect of a brilliant career of usefulness when death took him. There was unanimous expression of sorrow at his untimely demise, which left a vacancy in many circles and was regarded as a loss to the whole county.

Judge Wadlinger was secretary of the Schuylkill County Bar Association for about fourteen years, from the time of its organization in 1887 until the close of his life, and kept closely in touch with its various activities, serving six years as member of the committee for the examination of students for admission to the bar, and as one of the staff of reporters for the District Reports, a series of legal records which since 1891 have had a very important place in the law literature of the State. In 1889 he published his treatise on the "Law of Costs in Pennsylvania," a creditable work on one of his favorite themes and well received by lawyers and judges all over the State. At the time of his death he was preparing another work, on "Fraudulent Debtors," and had mapped out one on "The Law of Libel." Judge Wadlinger made a study of the finer points of jurisprudence, and his painstaking investigations showed conscientious research and an earnest desire to master fundamentals in all proceedings. He was thoroughly familiar with court routine, a fact which gave his clients a distinct advantage over those who had less accomplished counsel, and his unimpeachable integrity was too well understood to need comment. His whole life was ordered on a high plane, and though he

gave his best to the community while he lived his friends generally shared the opinion of his fellow lawyers that he had not gained the summit of his powers. His name will live among the leaders of the Schuylkill County Bar.

Judge Wadlinger was one of the original stockholders and organizers of the Union National Bank of Mahanoy City, now the leading financial institution of that place. He was at one time president of the American Democratic Club (now out of existence) and always a valued and influential worker in the Democratic party, consulted as one of its ablest advisers. In 1883, the first time he had the honor of being a delegate to the State convention, he presented the name of B. B. McCool as nominee for State treasurer. He was a delegate to several subsequent State conventions. Though often urged to accept candidacy for office he invariably declined except in the instances already cited, which were in the line of his chosen work. Socially he belonged to the Alumni association of St. Vincent's College, and served as president of that organization.

On Aug. 29, 1882, Judge Wadlinger married Margaret D. Jones, daughter of David N. Jones, a native of Wales, who resided in Luzerne county, Pa. They had children as follows: (1) Mary Louise, born June 5, 1883, died Dec. 25, 1884. (2) Charles Vincent, born Dec. 5, 1885, attended public school at Pottsville, and after graduating from high school, in 1904, entered the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, graduating in 1908. He was then located at St. Agnes hospital, Phoenix, for ten weeks, and at the Pottsville hospital seven months. He practiced at Tower City, Pa., for twenty-two months, and on Sept. 25, 1911, located at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, where he is now engaged at his profession. He married Jan. 12, 1910, Edyth May Moore, daughter of Peter F. J. Moore. The Doctor is a member of Pottsville lodge of Elks, No. 207, the Loyal Order of Moose (No. 411) and the I. O. O. F. lodge at Port Carbon. (3) George William, twin of Dr. Charles V. Wadlinger, was born Dec. 5, 1885, and received his early education in the public schools of Pottsville, graduating from high school in the class of 1904. He then entered the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he graduated with honors in 1907, and is now practicing his profession at Pottsville, having his office in Market street. On Sept. 22, 1915, he married Maude Elizabeth Muehlhof, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muehlhof. (4) Francis Raymond, born Sept. 12, 1890, began his education in the public schools of Pottsville, graduated from the high school, and then entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., where he graduated with honors after studying there only one year. Then he took a course in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, graduating in 1912 with honors, and became associated with T. D. Finletter, Esq., of Philadelphia (now Common Pleas judge). When a student of the University of Pennsylvania he was a member of the Mask and Wig Club and of the Glee Club, having a fine tenor voice which is in great demand. (5) Herman David, born May 14, 1893, was educated in the public schools of Pottsville and Bellefonte Academy. He resides at home. (6) Helen Margaret, born Feb. 22, 1896, is at home.

PATRICK J. FERGUSON is remembered in Shenandoah as one of the most notable characters among its early citizens. He settled there about two years before the town was incorporated as a borough, and continued to live there for fifty years, during most of which time he exercised great influence in the direction of business activities and the establishment of public institutions. With an original mind and unlimited enterprise, though he began with

limited means, he worked his way to prosperity. His faith in the future of the town, as indicated by his investments and even by his losses, was a strong factor in its development. The fact that he was known as the "iron man" evidences the unusual strength of character he displayed in so many ways. He was an excellent judge of men, and never hesitated to show his confidence in the worthy. His own early struggles made him sympathetic with the efforts of others, and he aided many to turn failure into success by timely and liberal loans, in several instances without security. Plain and unassuming in manner and dress, he was approachable and loved by all, and his name will endure in the hearts of many who knew and admired him.

Mr. Ferguson was of Irish extraction, though his branch of the family was formerly established in Scotland and a distinguished clan in that country, of ancient and noble ancestry. But they have always been staunch Catholics, and because of their refusal to support the Church of England lost their lands in Scotland, hence the emigration to Ireland. John O'Hart, in his *Irish Pedigrees*, mentions the Fergusons among the leading families descended from Heremon, the youngest of the three sons of Milesius of Spain who left issue. According to this author the name has been Anglicized to Ferguson from MacFergus. Fergus is derived from "fear," a man, and "gus," strength, and signifies strong warrior. It is a very ancient Pictish Irish name, handed down from the early Pictish Irish and the Scoti. On page 206, in Hanna's *Scotch-Irish*, we find the following, which shows that the family name is very old: "King Alpin-Nechtan, who resigned his rule to Druxot in order that he himself might experiment with monastic life, now returned to contest the claims of Alpin, the Dalriadic aspirant who had driven out Nechtan's legates. Angus of Forlrenn, son of Fergus, also appeared as a claimant; Alpin was defeated by Angus in a battle fought in 728 at Monash-Cracbi (now Moncrieff), and the territory west of the river Tay was lost to him in consequence. Not long afterward Nechtan met Alpin in battle at Scone, completely overthrew his forces, and partially recovered the Pictish (Irish) and title for himself. In 729 Angus and Nechtan met and contested for supreme leadership, which resulted in the defeat and rout of Nechtan's forces and the assumption of kingly authority and title by Angus. Angus ruled Pictland for thirty years. In 730 Angus destroyed the Scots city of Creic. Angus died in 734."

Thomas Ferguson, father of the late Patrick J. Ferguson, had a history of the family and a representation of the family arms in his fine library, which was burned many years ago. The crest of several of the Irish Fergusons and Scotch Fergusons is given thus: On a thistle, leaved and flowered, proper, a bee, or. Several other Scotch and Irish Ferguson crests show enough similarity to indicate that the branches had a common origin, viz.: A dexter hand grasping a broken spear in bend, all proper. A naked hand couped below the elbow, holding the upper part of a broken lance proper, headed or. An arm in armor, grasping a broken spear. A dexter hand issuing from a cloud, grasping a broken spear in bend proper. A dexter hand grasping a broken spear bendways proper. The motto, "Vi et arte," is also common to several branches.

On page 141, "Handbook of Heraldry," by John E. Cussans (third edition, London, England), we find: "About the time of Queen Elizabeth, the custom of wearing badges began to fall into disuse: there are at the present time but few of our noble families which retain it. In Scotland, however, the custom

still in a great measure survives; a branch of a tree, a sprig, or a flower, in every instance constituting the distinguishing badge of the various clans, as exemplified by the following list: Buccleuch—Heather; Grant—Cranberry Heath; Gordon—Ivy; MacDonald—Bell Heath; MacDougal—Cypress; MacDonell—Mountain Heath; Ferguson—Poplar; Campbell—Myrtle; Stewart—Thistle; Murray—Juniper;" etc. "The last personal royal badge was that devised by Queen Anne, in which the Rose of England and the Thistle of Scotland appeared growing from one stem imperially crowned. The Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, however, still constitute the national emblems of England, Scotland and Ireland."

The Ferguson coat of arms of Ulster: Azure, a fess, between a star of eight rays in chief and a lion rampant in base, all or.

In Irish Pedigrees (by O'Hart), No. 27 among the chiefs and clans of Breifney (comprising the present Counties of Cavan and Leitrim) and the territories they possessed in the twelfth century: Several clans in the County Leitrim, not mentioned by O'Dugan; the MacGloin of Rossinver; the MacFerguses, who were hereditary "erenachs" of the churches of Rossinver, and whose name has been Anglicized Ferguson, etc. On page 189, Hanna's Scotch-Irish, we find: "The district comprising the Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Dumfries, Wigtown, Kirkcudbright and Dumbarton, an area about the same as the State of Connecticut, and the most of which was formerly included in the Celto-British kingdom of Strathclyde, has produced a very large proportion of the men and families who have made the name of Scotland famous in the world's history. Elderslie in Renfrewshire is said to be the birthplace of Scotland's hero, William Wallace. Robert Bruce, also, son of Marjory, Countess of Carrick, daughter of Neal (or Niall, who was himself the Celtic Earl of Carrick and the grandson of Fergus, Lord of Galloway), was according to popular belief born at his mother's castle of Turnberry, in Ayrshire." Dumbartonshire is the reputed birthplace of St. Patrick, Ireland's teacher and patron saint.

On page 84, in Hanna's Scotch-Irish: "Among the British and Tory leaders during the war of the Revolution there was Col. Patrick Ferguson." Page 194: "A. D. 592, Feargus mac Farca the Great held a part of Britain with the Dalriadic tribe and died there." Page 532: "Robert Ferguson, tenant to John Hamilton in 1617, County Armagh." Page 145, Vol. I, under the heading "Scottish Achievements": "The only poets that Ulster can boast of are Samuel Ferguson, the author of 'Forging the Anchor,' William Allingham, the author of 'Lawrence Bloomfield,' and two or three of lesser note."

Patrick Ferguson, grandfather of Patrick J. Ferguson, had a blacksmith shop at Ballyhain (or Ballyhane), in County Mayo, four miles from Castlebar. He was a gentleman of fine appearance, and wore knee breeches and silver shoe buckles. One of his brothers was an officer in Napoleon's army. His wife was a Walsh, and they had five children, Thomas, Rev. Stephen, Nellie, Kitty and Bridget. As it is known that Thomas Ferguson had sisters who left the old country and settled in Canada, all or most of this family came to America.

Thomas and Bridget (Christopher) Ferguson, parents of Patrick J. Ferguson, were natives of County Mayo, in the Province of Connaught, Ireland. She was a daughter of Michael and Bridget (Flannery) Christopher, the former an innkeeper at Ballyhain, having an inn noted to this day. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson were well educated, not only in English, but able to

read and write Irish as well. Thomas Ferguson wrote a beautiful hand, and his writings show evidence of culture. Indeed, he and his brother Stephen, who accompanied him and his wife to America in 1842, were among the privileged few allowed in their day the advantages of a university training. This alone would indicate that the family was influential, and it is known that they stood in favor because of distinguished services their military grandfather rendered to the crown. The Fergusons were fourteen weeks on their voyage across the Atlantic, a storm driving the vessel into Nova Scotia. While she was at anchor off that place there was a request for a priest, to baptize a child, and Stephen Ferguson, who had taken orders, responded, going ashore, with several others, among them Thomas Ferguson and wife, who left their children aboard. A favorable wind arising the ship sailed away, and when the father of the child who had been baptized learned that she had left he took the Fergusons in a swift sailing vessel and followed, overtaking the larger boat after a day and a night of skillful sailing and tacking. Mrs. Ferguson was nearly frantic, fearing that she would never see her children again, and indeed when they boarded the ship she found they had been adopted by people whom they had met coming over, and who like themselves had left Ireland for Canada. Father Stephen Ferguson had an appointment as priest in Canada, but on leaving Nova Scotia they went to New York City, whence the Father proceeded to his church. At New York they met Mrs. Ferguson's brother, Henry Christopher, and brother-in-law, James Quinn (who had married her sister Margaret), both of whom were settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Mrs. Ferguson persuaded her husband to locate, instead of accompanying his brother to Canada. Another sister, Julia, wife of Michael Bradigan, lived in the nearby village of Jonestown. Henry Christopher was tax collector at Minersville; James Quinn was a butcher.

Thomas Ferguson was possessed of some means, a fortune for his day, but he lost his money by going security for a friend. Fortunately he had learned a trade in Ireland, but he never followed it until after meeting with this reverse at Minersville. His home was the favorite rendezvous for the most excellent of his countrymen here in the early days, and his descendants have so carried themselves as to merit the same degree of esteem. It was said that those who came from County Mayo would invariably ask where Thomas Ferguson lived. He and his wife were devout members of the Catholic Church. They were the parents of the following children: Stephen, who was a soldier in the Civil war, married Mary Birne, and died in Mexico (he left no children); Mary, who died at the age of sixteen years; Patrick J.; Margaret, who died when four years old; Henry J., who married a Miss Gillespie, and lived at Tamaqua, Pa. (no family); Thomas J., who married Theresa Tobin, of Shenandoah (three of their children are living, Thomas, John and Theresa); Christopher P.; Mary Ellen, born in February, 1856, who died in 1863; and Bridget, who married James J. Franey, a business man of Shenandoah, engaged in the furniture trade and undertaking. Mr. Franey died in 1913, and his widow is living in Shenandoah. They had children as follows: Martin J., Martha, Ella, Fergus (deceased), Irene, one that died in infancy, James J. and Agnes C. Mrs. Franey and her brother Christopher are the only surviving members of the family of Thomas Ferguson. He is buried at Minersville.

Patrick J. Ferguson was born in 1842 in County Mayo, and was a child in arms when the family arrived at Minersville, where he was reared and

received his early education in the common schools. Later he had a course in the normal school at Port Carbon, under County Superintendent Newlin, and completed a course in the Quaker City business college at Philadelphia. When a boy he did breaker work at Minersville, but his ambitious spirit was even then active, and he decided to get away from that occupation as soon as possible. So for a time he clerked evenings in a grocery, before long was employed as a regular clerk, and meantime continued his studies with his father's assistance. During his early manhood Mr. Ferguson taught school for three years in Cass township and Minersville, but though his labors in the profession were appreciated he soon found the possibilities of a business career more attractive. John Anspach & Company, of Philadelphia, were then operating a colliery near Ashland, this county, and the young man found a position to his liking there, remaining at the colliery two years. At the end of that connection, in 1864, he settled at Shenandoah, which though but a small town seemed to him to have so promising a future that he was encouraged to start business there for himself, as a merchant. He was not mistaken about the possibilities of the place, and continued his store for five years, throughout which period he did well. Meantime Shenandoah had become incorporated as a borough, and the advantages of the new form of government drew men looking for business opportunities. Foreseeing the advancement in property values, Mr. Ferguson bought considerable town property in the early years of his residence here, and set the pace for enterprise in improving it. It took a number of years for local development to get far enough to help him realize his ambitions in this line, but he held on, and time showed that his estimate of the future of Shenandoah was correct. He not only advocated the erection of substantial and adequate business structures, but put up a number himself, content to wait for his profits as long as he knew that the foundations of prosperity were wisely laid.

Mr. Ferguson's services with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company began when he was a young man. He was one of the early telegraph operators, and in 1868 was appointed ticket agent of the railroad company and Adams Express agent at Shenandoah, and held both positions for nearly forty years, during the latter part of that period also acting as claim agent for the railroad company. He resigned in 1910 because of poor health. As claim agent he settled some of the largest accident claims ever preferred against the Lehigh Company, including those occasioned by the Mud Run catastrophe, in which almost one hundred people lost their lives. These claims were all adjusted without a single lawsuit. Meantime Mr. Ferguson continued his independent business operations, and a number of business blocks (including the "Hotel Ferguson") and residences remain at Shenandoah to show the extent of his activities during those years, as well as the high standards he set and maintained in the matter of local improvements. He filled a number of public offices, borough and county, but in this line was particularly prominent as a friend of popular educational facilities, co-operating with the best element in this section in securing a school system for Shenandoah which is considered model in every respect and superior to that enjoyed in most towns in the county. He was chosen a school director two years after he settled at Shenandoah, as one of the first board when the district was organized, and continued to hold the position for twenty-two years. Much of the credit for the high standing of its schools is attributed to his intelligent and zealous efforts and those of the progressive men with whom he was associated.

Mr. Ferguson had valuable holdings of railroad and bank stocks. When the First National Bank of Shenandoah was organized, in 1884, he became its vice president, and upon the retirement of its first president, John R. Leisenring, succeeded him, about twenty years ago, and filled the office from that time until his death. Though of recent years he did not take so active a part in business as formerly, he continued to look after his interests personally and kept in close touch with current operations. To the end of his days he kept large real estate holdings at Shenandoah and also at Pottsville. In his home town, the many structures which testify to his faith in the endurance of local prosperity, as well as his willingness to aid in sustaining it, include the first theatre in Shenandoah. It was he who introduced electric lighting there, long before Reading had that convenience. Committees, in fact, were sent to Shenandoah from various other towns for information regarding the system he installed. The construction of the first electric car line in this part of the State, that laid between Shenandoah and Mahanoy City, was brought about by his efforts. Gas, also, was brought into the town through his exertions, and he was largely instrumental in having the supply furnished to surrounding cities from a central plant at Harwood, near Hazleton. Many other worthy enterprises were made possible by his co-operation and encouragement.

Throughout his career Mr. Ferguson held the unqualified respect of the community. His transactions were above reproach, his citizenship unselfish, his dealings with all men characterized by scrupulous honesty and regard for the rights of others. His likable personality made him popular and trusted, and his spirit of good fellowship inspired confidence in all. Devoid of pretense, and courageous in advocating what he considered right, he commanded a following large enough to insure the success of anything in which he developed a real interest. He was a Democrat in political allegiance.

Among Mr. Ferguson's properties at Pottsville was the Woolworth building, which was burned Dec. 17, 1914. The illness which ended in his death really began with the trip he made to the county seat to look over the ruins. He would never wear an overcoat, and the severe cold he contracted on that occasion aggravated an ailment of long standing. On Jan. 2d he took to his bed, his physical constitution no longer able to withstand the terrible strain which his strong and active mind imposed upon it. With characteristic vigor he rallied, and his mind was as clear as ever during the three remaining months of his life. He directed all the details of his private business affairs and the conduct of the bank after his partial recovery, bearing his physical sufferings with fortitude and never wavering in cheerfulness and resignation. He passed away April 6, 1915, at his home on the corner of White and Oak streets, Shenandoah, and is buried in the Annunciation cemetery there.

Mr. Ferguson's work will live in the community whose interests were always nearest his heart. His memory will be gratefully cherished by the many whom he aided on life's journey, whether with advice, or encouragement, or pecuniary assistance. Having himself started out as a poor boy, he learned the value of money and its proper use. With remarkable ability and inherited mental qualities of a high order, backed by the physical endurance which enabled him to handle many responsibilities, he made his way by sheer force of character, showing the trust in his own powers which is a true mark of greatness. He had the faculty of communicating this feeling to others, and his sincere confidence in his fellow men attracted friends among all classes.

His early experience, never forgotten, kept him in sympathy with those who were honestly trying to get on in the world and willing to work for their advancement, and to all such he was a ready and willing adviser. When he is spoken of as the best citizen Shenandoah ever had, the praise has as much reference to the high example he set as to his actual accomplishments.

In 1874 Mr. Ferguson married Mary Agnes O'Connor, who died in October, 1889, and Daniel J. is the only child of this union surviving. Two daughters died in infancy. Mrs. Ferguson's brother, Father Daniel O'Connor, who died in June, 1911, in Philadelphia, while rector of St. Agatha's parish there, was very well known both in church circles and in this section, having been pastor at Mahanoy Plane and Girardville for many years. On Sept. 6, 1894, Mr. Ferguson married (second) Mary A. Dillon, of Mahanoy City, daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Conry) Dillon, who had a family of three children that lived to maturity: Gertrude, who died unmarried June 30, 1915; Margaret, wife of James O'Hara, undertaker and liveryman at Mahanoy City; and Mary A., Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. Dillon died July 19, 1905, and Mr. Dillon and his daughter, Mrs. O'Hara, live together. Four children were born to Mr. Ferguson's second marriage: Joseph T. died when ten months old; Thomas, born Sept. 11, 1897, is attending school; Harry died when six months old; James, born May 10, 1903, is attending grammar school in Shenandoah. In religion Mr. Ferguson was a Catholic, he and all the family belonging to the Church of the Annunciation, of which he was one of the oldest members, and all the activities of the church and parish benefited by his generous support.

DANIEL J. FERGUSON was born at Shenandoah Sept. 15, 1877. He acquired his early education in the public schools, graduating from the grammar school and then attending high school one year, after which he became a student in the Georgetown (D. C.) University, where he took his college course, graduating in 1898 with the degree of bachelor of arts. He then entered the law department of Columbia University, New York City, and on the completion of his course there returned to Shenandoah, where he was occupied as agent of the Adams Express Company for one year and as manager of the Ferguson opera house for one year. For a time thereafter he read law with Guy E. Farquhar, Esq., of Pottsville, and on Oct. 10, 1904, he was admitted to the bar of the State of Pennsylvania, by the Supreme Court. He has since had a law office in Shenandoah. Mr. Ferguson had unusual preparation for his profession, in the way of general education as well as legal tuition. He traveled in Europe for four months before entering college, visiting the British Isles and Continent of Europe, and besides the instruction already mentioned had the privilege of study under Hon. John A. McCarthy, of the Philadelphia bar, in 1904. As an independent practitioner he has had the patronage of the most exacting element in the community, and the fact that his business has increased steadily shows how well he has served his clients. He is a past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge at Shenandoah, and a Catholic in religious connection. In public matters he gives his support where he thinks it is best deserved, regardless of party.

On Aug. 18, 1915, Mr. Ferguson was married to Joanna D. Reese, daughter of Isaiah (Jr.) and Anna Mary (Snodgrass) Reese, who reside in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. P. J. Ferguson was the first vice president of the First National Bank of Shenandoah, which began business April 14, 1884, and is the oldest banking



institution in that city. With him were associated as incorporators men of prominence all along the Lehigh Valley, such as the Leisenrings, Wentzs, William Lilly, T. M. Righter, Charles Kaier and others. The bank had almost instantaneous success. On Jan. 15, 1894, Mr. Ferguson was elected president, and served as such until the time of his death. Under his guidance it reached a high standing, and it ranks among the strongest financial organizations in Pennsylvania, having a capital of \$100,000 and surplus and profits of over \$270,000. Upon his demise, his son Daniel J. Ferguson was elected president to succeed him.

CHRISTOPHER P. FERGUSON was born in Minersville March 15, 1851, and began his education in the public schools there. He later attended at Shenandoah, and had high school privileges. He commenced work in the employ of his brother, as a clerk in the mercantile business. Then he was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for a time as telegrapher, first learning the use of the machine and later becoming a sound operator. Following that he went to learn boilermaking and the machinist's trade, and preferring the former served three years, during which period he became a competent workman. He went as a journeyman to Centralia, Pa., and there became agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. A year later he had the western fever and went out to Illinois, living for a year at Peru, Lasalle county. Then he traveled down into Texas and New Mexico for a month, and contracted ague. Returning to Peru for a short time, he came home, and soon afterwards found employment at his trade in Delano, Schuylkill county, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time he went to Albany, N. Y., and enlisted in the regular army, in March, 1882. He was ordered to join the company at Fort Sisseton, in Dakota Territory, where four companies were maintained, and during the two years of his service there had a few skirmishes. He was next stationed at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory, on Devil's Lake, and after another two years was transferred to Fort D. A. Russell, near Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, where the company took part in the operations against Sitting Bull, in 1890, at the time he was killed. Prior to this, in 1883, Mr. Ferguson had met and become acquainted with the old chief personally. From Cheyenne he came home after an absence of thirteen years, during which time his family did not know where he was. He has lived at Shenandoah since March, 1893. For a time after his return he clerked with his brother Patrick in the Lehigh Valley railroad office. After three years he gave up these duties to assist his brother in looking after his property and other interests, and he now devotes all his time to caring for the family property. Like all of the Fergusons he is a Catholic, belonging to the Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah.

JOHN D. BERGER, manufacturer and financier, is at the head of two of the leading concerns in Schuylkill Haven, and in his executive capacity has been instrumental in promoting the fortunes of both to an appreciable degree. He has been associated with the factory now conducted by Berger Brothers since its foundation, in 1889, and with the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company as president throughout the four years of its existence. His operations in these connections have been always open to the closest scrutiny, his position among the foremost men of the day being established on a foundation of honor and substantial business qualities which fully entitle him to the esteem and

confidence of his fellow men. He is a native of Schuylkill county, born Oct. 17, 1865, at Cressona, son of the late Harrison Berger, and though the family has been in this section for three quarters of a century it is of old Berks county stock.

Heber Berger, the first ancestor of this line in America, came to this country from Germany in company with a brother, and settled among the Blue mountains in upper Berks county, Pa. The brother died unmarried, and both are buried at the Blue Mountain Church. Heber Berger had the following children: Elizabeth, born Feb. 8, 1760; George W., Sept. 20, 1761; Tobias, Jan. 21, 1765; Catherine, July 9, 1766; Maria B., April 8, 1768; Johannes, June 24, 1769; Maria M., June 9, 1771; Diana Maria, April 27, 1773; Maria Magdalena, Sept. 18, 1774; John Christian, Nov. 5, 1777; Johan Ludwig, Jan. 28, 1779; Johan Philip, June 3, 1782.

Tobias Berger, son of Heber, married Catherine Shoemaker, and they lived in the Tulpehocken section of Berks county, where he died when a comparatively young man. His widow later came to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, where she passed the remainder of her days, and she is buried in the old cemetery of that borough.

John Berger, son of Tobias, was born at the homestead in Berks county and was reared in the environments of the farm. Coming to Schuylkill Haven shortly after his marriage, he did hauling for the Mine Hill Railroad Company, having a four-horse team, was also a boatman on the old Schuylkill canal, and later engaged in hauling coal between Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven. He married Hannah Bellman, daughter of Jacob Bellman, of Berks county, and they had a family of five sons, namely: Samuel, Harrison, John (who died at the age of fifty-four years, unmarried), Daniel (who married Matilda Schappell and resides at Cressona) and Jacob. Mr. Berger died at Schuylkill Haven when seventy-nine years old, his wife passing away there at the age of eighty-one years, and they are buried in the Union cemetery at the borough. They were members of the Reformed Church.

Jacob Berger, son of John, was born June 28, 1844, and is still a resident of Schuylkill Haven. On March 18, 1876, he married Louisa Buehler, and six children have been born to them: Mamie, who died when twenty-one years old, was the wife of Joseph Michel; Harry died when five and a half years old; Alma married Arthur Gerber; Walter died when three and a half years old; Laura is unmarried; a son died in infancy.

Samuel Berger, son of John, was born Dec. 24, 1835, in Upper Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., and came with his parents to Schuylkill Haven when but three years old. He has since made his home in the borough. On Jan. 29, 1862, he married Christy Buehler, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Gretzinger) Buehler, and of the seven children born to their union six died young, the only survivor being Alice Amanda, now the wife of George H. Michel, a well known shoe manufacturer of Schuylkill Haven.

Harrison Berger, son of John, was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, and was a small boy when the family settled at Schuylkill Haven. During his young manhood he was engaged in boating on the Schuylkill canal, following this occupation until about 1867, and then engaging in the general mercantile business at Cressona. He returned to Schuylkill Haven in 1870, and continued in the general store business, on Dock street. On March 4, 1880, in company with his brother Daniel Berger, and his brother-in-law, Elvin Deibert, he organized the Spring Garden Knitting Mills, for the manufacture of hosiery. Two years later Daniel Berger withdrew, his interest

being taken by John D. Berger, son of Harrison Berger. Another three years and Mr. Deibert sold his interest to the Bergers, who then continued it under the name of H. Berger & Son. In the year 1899 the manufacture of underwear was added to the original line, the manufacture of hosiery being discontinued in 1903 to give increased facilities for the later departure, which had proved a complete success. Harrison Berger retained his association with the business until 1907, when he retired from active pursuits, and two of his younger sons then joined John D. Berger, taking an interest in the company, which has since been known as Berger Brothers. John D. Berger is manager, Harry L. and Thomas B. Berger looking after important details of the operation of the factory and the disposal of its product. Harrison Berger died, June 4, 1913, and until then served as a trustee of St. John's Reformed Church of Schuylkill Haven. He was always considered a trustworthy and estimable citizen, and at one time filled the office of councilman. To his marriage with Amanda Deibert, daughter of George and Susan (Reed) Deibert, were born nine children, three of whom died young; Sallie A. is the widow of Milton Butz; John D. is mentioned below; George A., of Schuylkill Haven, is engaged in the general mercantile business at his father's old stand; Tillie is the wife of Edward H. Borda, of Schuylkill Haven; Harry L. and Thomas B. are members of the firm of Berger Brothers; the deceased were Hannah, Gertrude and Helen.

John D. Berger attended public school at Schuylkill Haven until sixteen years old. There he clerked in his father's store for several years, at the age of twenty-three joining him in the manufacturing business, with which he has since maintained active connection. Since the present organization, under the name of Berger Brothers, he has been general manager, and under his guidance the trade has grown steadily, the output of ladies' and children's underwear having a regular demand in the market. The concern is now the largest of its kind in the borough, employing at times as many as one hundred and fifty hands, over one hundred regularly. Its expansion has called for increased and improved facilities, economizing time and facilitating operations, and the plant has been altered as necessary, being thoroughly up-to-date in every particular. The Bergers have demonstrated their public spirit and interest in the welfare of the town as well as in the development of their own affairs, which have been conducted along solid lines, having a permanent influence on commercial conditions in the locality.

When the matter of establishing the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company was broached Mr. John D. Berger took a live interest in its promotion, served on the organization committee, and was elected first president after the bank obtained its charter, May 19, 1910. It opened for business June 6th, and has a fine banking house on Main street. Though a comparatively new institution it has inspired deserved confidence by the stability of its backers and the conservative business methods followed. Mr. Berger has usually limited his part in the public affairs of the town and county to exerting his influence in favor of good men and measures, but he served a short time as councilman to complete the unexpired term of Robert Jones. Politically he is a Republican. He is a Mason, belonging to Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, is also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and in religious connection adheres to the church of his forefathers, belonging to St. John's Reformed congregation at Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Berger married Alice E. Palsgrove, a daughter of C. B. Palsgrove, of

Schuykill Haven, and they are the parents of four children: Eugenia A., Clift P., Alice E. and Mary Charlotte.

JAMES KELLER SILLIMAN, late of Mahanoy City, exhibited in his career the distinctive characteristics of a race whose members have been foremost in the general progress as well as in the development of the material resources of Schuykill county. The Sillimans came to this section from Berks county, where the early generations were prominent, James Silliman, the grandfather of James K. Silliman, serving as sheriff of that county, to which office he was elected in 1832.

Edward S. Silliman, father of James K. Silliman, was born June 20, 1820, at Bern, Berks Co., Pa., and received a common school education. He spent all his life in this part of the State, coming to Pottsville in young manhood and residing there for a time. His observations and investigations led him to believe that there were rich coal deposits in the Mahanoy valley which could be profitably developed, and he determined to test his ideas. Accordingly he purchased a large tract of land in the vicinity of Mahanoy City from Biddle, Troutman & Dundas, of Philadelphia, and coming to Mahanoy City about the beginning of the Civil war undertook operations on his own account, being one of the first to start mining in this part of the anthracite district. In all he operated seven collieries in this section. In 1861 he sank the first shaft and built the first breaker in the Mahanoy valley, opening what was then known as the Silliman colliery—now the North Mahanoy colliery, and the property of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. The nearest coal operators at that time were ten miles away, at Girardville. The first shipment of coal for the new breaker was made Jan. 14, 1862, and it was also the first shipment sent from the territory within a radius of eight miles around Mahanoy City. The annual production of this mine was 100,000 tons, and three hundred and fifty men were employed; and Mr. Silliman and his father were profitably engaged in its operation for a period of eight years, selling out then to the Crane Iron Company, of Catasauqua, Pa. A little later a strike occurred among the workmen and the breaker was burned, and not long afterwards the present owners acquired the property, which became one of the best paying collieries in the region.

Mr. Silliman's next venture was the construction of an iron furnace at New Ringgold, but the time was not auspicious, there being a general depression in the iron market at the time which accounts for the fact that the industry did not prosper. The coal fields offered the best promise for the employment of his enterprise and capital, and he began operating in soft coal, having a large mine at Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., in that district, as at Mahanoy City, being one of the first to engage in the development of coal properties. But his main interests were always in Schuykill county, where in time he became owner of 1,600 acres of valuable coal lands near Sheppton. Though so thoroughly interested in exploiting one of the most important of the natural resources of this region, Mr. Silliman did not neglect its incidental commercial and financial activities, and he allied himself with many of the most ambitious projects undertaken for material betterment, and exercised a friendly influence in the aid of every movement in that direction. Through his efforts the First National Bank of Mahanoy City was established Sept. 27, 1864, and he was one of the most active members of its board of directors until within a few months of his death, serving as president of the institution from 1866 to the close of his life—a period of nearly forty years. It is situated at the

northeast corner of Main and Centre streets. He organized the Mahanoy City Water Company, which furnishes the water supply for many neighboring collieries as well as for the city, and served as president of the concern from the beginning, until his death; he was one of the incorporators of the Mahanoy City Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and of the Mahanoy City Gas Company (serving as president of both)—all enterprises which needed men of courage and administrative skill to launch them into successful operation. Moreover, his character and judgment attracted local capital, and he never betrayed the confidence thus shown. Even as a young man he showed the traits which when developed made him a trusted leader, and he was taken seriously as one of the forces which were to mold the destiny of the county.

Though practical by nature Mr. Silliman did not narrow his interests to the accumulation of the profits of his industrial operations. While promoting business schemes he did not overlook the importance of establishing high standards of community life, and helped plan its educational and moral institutions, the conservation and protection of all those interests which affected the everyday life of his fellow citizens. He used his large means wisely in his liberal support of public enterprises and his generosity to those less fortunately situated than himself. Without vanity or undue pride in his personal achievement, he was easily approached and kindly in manner, with no disposition to hold himself aloof from men in any walk of life.

Mr. Silliman was a charter member of the Humane Hose Company, and the organizer, in 1875, of the Silliman Guards (mustered in Nov. 27th of that year), which still continue their existence as Company E, 8th Regiment, P. N. G. He belonged to the Episcopal Church, and on political questions supported the Republican party.

In 1858 Mr. Silliman married Siraha Keller, a native of Berks county, who died in 1894 at Mahanoy City. His death occurred May 1, 1904, and they are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. Six children were born to this marriage: Mary Ellen, who married George H. Jackson, of Philadelphia; Edward S.; Howard, who died in infancy; James Keller; Emily A., deceased in infancy; and Charles, of Mahanoy City.

James Keller Silliman was born March 29, 1869, in Mahanoy City, where he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools. Except for a brief residence in Reading, Pa., he was a lifelong resident of his native borough, where he attained a position in business and social circles to which he was fully entitled by his personal qualities, irrespective of any advantages attaching to the prominence of the gifted family to which he belonged. He was a worthy representative of the name, and though a man of retiring disposition and unassuming habits was thoroughly appreciated by those who had the privilege of familiar acquaintance. His business connections' were principally with the institutions his father established, he and his brothers continuing the work which Edward S. Silliman, Sr., laid out so well. When a young man he became a clerk in the First National Bank, and after nine years' service in that capacity became paying teller, in 1896, filling the position until obliged to resign, Aug. 1, 1903, because of impaired sight. He was a director of the bank, and a stockholder in the Mahanoy City Water Company. Mr. Silliman died June 26, 1914, in his forty-sixth year, after a brief illness. Though modest and devoid of pretense in any relation of life, his straightforwardness and sincerity made so deep an impression that he was regarded with feelings of genuine friendship by all who came into personal contact with him, and his death drew impressions of honest regret from every quarter. Sympathetic and

helpful in his dealings with all his fellows, ideal in his family life, he is held in loving memory in every circle in which he moved. He was laid to rest in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. He was a member of the Church of Faith, Episcopal.

Mr. Silliman married Catharine Morscher, daughter of Jacob and Christina (Scherr) Morscher, and they occupied a beautiful home at No. 37 North Main street. The three children of this union survive and reside with their mother in Mahanoy City, viz.: Florence, Edward and Kathryn.

Jacob Morscher, father of Mrs. Silliman, was born June 5, 1844, in Austria, came to America in young manhood, and settled at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died Feb. 5, 1911. He is buried there. Mr. Morscher followed mining, and became very well known. He married Mrs. Christina (Scherr) Weber, a native of Baden, Germany, who was born March 3, 1839, in Baden, Germany, daughter of John and Catherine (Bobarker) Scherr. When seven years old she came to America with her parents, the family settling at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Mr. Scherr found employment at the mines. He was killed at the powder works in St. Clair. George Weber, Mrs. Morscher's first husband, was a miner; he died in 1874, and is buried at Mahanoy City. To this union were born ten children: Catherine died when eleven months old; Mary died when eleven months old; a son died in infancy; Lewis died when six weeks old; Peter lives in Philadelphia; Lena married Valentine Krauter; Joseph was killed in the mines at Mahanoy City when forty-eight years old; Elizabeth is the wife of Albert Heberley, and resides in Philadelphia; Frances, wife of Michael Cahill, lives in Mahanoy City; Christina, wife of Henry Kneib, lives in Mahanoy City. After Mr. Weber's death Mrs. Weber married Jacob Morscher, whom she survives, still making her home in Mahanoy City, at No. 228 East Mahanoy avenue. Though advanced in years, she is very bright. Seven children were born to her second union: Philip, who died when four years old; Barbara, who died when four months old; Catharine, widow of James K. Silliman; Mary; Jacob; a son that died in infancy; and Michael.

GEORGE W. BROWN, M. D., was a resident of Port Carbon for over forty-five years, and throughout that period a force for progress in the community. Best known in his professional capacity, he also took considerable part in public affairs, and in business as founder of what is still known as the leading drug store at Port Carbon, now conducted by his son, John K. Brown, under the name of the Brown Drug Store Company.

The branch of the Brown family to which he belonged has had a line of professional men who have been noted for intelligence and high citizenship in every generation. The Doctor's grandfather, John Brown, known as Elder John Brown, died in 1818, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Margaret, died Jan. 24, 1801, aged forty-nine years. They are buried at the Old Stone Church in White Deer valley, Union county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. George W. Brown, son of John and Margaret Brown, was born in 1784, and died at the early age of thirty-five years, April 19, 1819. He was reared on a farm at Allenwood, Union county, and highly educated, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of M. D. and from Princeton Theological Seminary. He preached his trial sermon, but because of ill health he never followed either of the professions for which he prepared. Owning a large quantity of land, he was engaged in general farming. At the time of his death he was prothonotary of Northumberland county, at Sunbury, and was

buried at Milton. For a time he was tutor in the family of Dr. James Dougal, at Milton, and he married the Doctor's daughter Margaret, by whom he had three children: John, who married Lucy Ludwig and had children, Jane, Helen, John, Abram, James and Charles; James, who was married three times, to Helen Wright (by whom he had two children, Lizzie and Margaret), Ann Walker and Mary Groves (by whom he had one daughter, Helen); and George W., the father of John K. Brown. Dr. Brown, the father of this family, was a Presbyterian and a Whig. Dr. James Dougal and his wife, Jane (Starrett), were from Ireland.

Dr. George W. Brown, son of Dr. George W. Brown and his wife Margaret (Dougal), was born July 2, 1818, at Sunbury, Pa., and received his early education in the common schools. In his boyhood and youth he lived and worked upon his father's large farm at Allenwood, Union county, later began the study of medicine with Dr. David Hunter, at Tamaqua, and finished the course at Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated. In the spring of 1844 he settled at Port Carbon, where he practiced medicine and carried on a drug store the remainder of his life. In the year 1847 he built the Brown mansion, now one of the landmarks of the borough, and at this home his death occurred in 1890. Dr. Brown became a Republican on political questions, and in his close connection with public affairs exercised an appreciable influence in the community, leaving a permanent impress for good in the wide circle of his acquaintance. For many years he was a member of the council, and president of that body during most of that time. At one time he was a member of the school board. He founded what is now known as the Midvale cemetery at Port Carbon, and is buried there. Like his father he was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and he filled the office of elder in his church.

Dr. Brown married Rebecca Tindall, daughter of Elijah and Rachel Tindall, of near Mount Holly, N. J., in which State the Tindalls were landowners; the family came to this country from England. Six children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Brown: Annie S. married Dr. W. T. Beach, who was born in Wales about 1840 and died some years ago (they had two children, George B., who married a Miss Uhler, of Gordon, Pa., and William Starrett, who died young); Margaret married Dr. T. J. Birch, who was born in Ohio in 1838, and died in June, 1912, aged seventy-four years (they had no children; she resides at Port Carbon); Emily W. married Edmund Erdman; George W. married Mary Knittle; Maria H. married T. R. Beddall; John K. married Minnie A. Weaklim.

JOHN K. BROWN was born April 27, 1856, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, which has always been his home. He attended school there, and had one winter's tuition at Media, Pa., after which he learned the drug business under his father's instruction. At the time of his father's death he was thirty-four years old, and he then succeeded to the business, which he has continued on his own account for the last twenty-five years. His business and private life has been such as to make him an honored representative of the name he bears, and to maintain the high standards of citizenship it has upheld for the last seventy years in the town. He is a Presbyterian and a Republican, as the members of the family generally have been.

Mr. Brown married Minnie A. Weaklim, daughter of William T. and Caroline (Davenport) Weaklim, and to them have been born two children: David B., Sept. 19, 1893, and Margaret D., July 23, 1903.

William T. Weaklim, father of Mrs. John K. Brown, was born on ship-

board when his parents were coming to America. He settled at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and for many years was engaged in the paperhanging and painting business. He was elected justice of the peace at St. Clair, and filled that office several years. His death occurred at St. Clair in September, 1914, and he is buried there, in the Odd Fellows cemetery. He married Caroline Davenport, who now resides at Pottsville. They had the following children: Laura, Minnie A. (Mrs. John K. Brown), William T., George, Carrie, May, Oscar, Bertha, and Harry (who died young).

COL. DANIEL NAGLE, a venerable resident of Pottsville, has the distinction of being one of the few surviving veterans whose military experience included service in both the Mexican and Civil wars. A youth of eighteen when the Mexican war broke out, he entered the service as a member of a company commanded by his brother James, and subsequently he served over two years in the Civil war.

Colonel Nagle was born April 1, 1828, in Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and his ancestors were among the early residents of that county. His grandfather, Philip Nagle, was a native of Reading, Berks county, where he died in 1840, at the age of eighty-four years. He served as a drummer in the Revolutionary war. By occupation he was a stonemason.

Daniel Nagle, son of Philip, was born in 1803, and before he reached his majority removed to Womelsdorf, Berks county, and thence in 1830 to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county. Five years later he removed to Pottsville, where he died in 1851. By trade he was a cabinetmaker, and in connection with that work did painting of various kinds. He voted with the Whig party, and in his religious belief adhered to the doctrines of the Lutheran Church. He married Mary Rorig, and they had eight children who grew to maturity, three daughters and five sons: James, Eliza, Daniel, Ellen, Mary, Philip, Levi and Abraham. Philip enlisted in Capt. D. A. Smith's company for a term of three months, becoming first lieutenant. This company was among the first at Washington, and belonged to the troops known as the "First Defenders." At the expiration of this term of enlistment he was promoted to the captaincy of Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was stationed at Hatteras Island. He died in March, 1891, at the age of fifty-three years. Levi enlisted as a musician in the 48th Regiment band, and after his term of service remained in Washington as a clerk in the pension bureau. Abraham served in Company D, 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, for three months, and afterwards in Company D, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a term of three years; he is now deceased.

Daniel Nagle, second son of Daniel and Mary (Rorig) Nagle, was educated in the public schools of Pottsville, Pa., where his father settled, and learned the painting and paper hanging trade with his father. At this he continued to work until the year 1846, when he enlisted, on Dec. 5th, in Company B (his brother's company), 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. F. M. Wynkoop commanding. He originally entered the service as a drummer, but carried a musket through the siege of Vera Cruz, at Atlixco, Huamantla, Natural Bridge and LaJoya Pass; was in the battle of Cerro Gordo, and on the march to Puebla, and then returned to headquarters at Perote Castle. At this juncture he was compelled to return home on account of some imperative business and family affairs; not, however, until the city of Mexico had been taken and hostilities ceased. He received his discharge at Perote Castle, Mexico, Oct. 30, 1847. During this service he won the





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esteem and regard of his officers, and in the engagements in which he carried a musket bore himself bravely. After his return he resumed his former business, which he continued until the beginning of the Civil war. Again he went into the service of his country, enlisting April 18, 1861, at Pottsville, in Captain Tower's company. Upon their arrival at Harrisburg he was appointed second lieutenant. The company, having more than the legal number of men, was then divided, and Daniel Nagle was elected captain of one of the two companies formed. This "Nagle Guard of Pottsville" was Company D, 6th Regiment, under the command of Col. James Nagle. During the first three months he served in the Cumberland valley, and took part in the skirmishes of that campaign. After the reorganization of the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment by Colonel Nagle, his brother, he was elected captain of Company D, of that regiment. He first proceeded to Fortress Monroe, Va., under General Wool, and thence to Hatteras Inlet, N. C., where they relieved an Indiana regiment, there garrisoned, until General Burnside organized an army corps. Daniel Nagle then took part in the capture and reduction of Newbern, having some time prior been promoted to the rank of major of his regiment. The troops remained there until General McClellan arrived in front of Richmond, when they were ordered to reinforce him. Before they reached him hostilities there had ceased, and his command was stationed at Newport News, where he resigned in July, 1862, and returned home on account of sickness and death in his family. During the invasion of Pennsylvania by General Lee he reenlisted, in September, 1862, and was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 19th Emergency Regiment. He was out two weeks in service when he was appointed by Governor Curtin as colonel of the 173d Regiment, drafted militia. In this capacity he served the full term of nine months. His command was first ordered to Norfolk, Va., where it was used to guard the approaches to the city—Kempville, Intrenched Lines, Sewell's Point, Indian Pole Bridge, Great Bridge, Cape Henry Lighthouse, Fort Norfolk and Tanners' Creek. Their headquarters were at Camp Viele. In May, 1863, he was ordered to Norfolk to relieve a Wisconsin regiment, and then performed provost duty in the city and suburbs. On July 10, 1863, he received orders from General Viele to report to General Meade at Gettysburg, but meeting General Meade at Boonsboro, Md., was sent by him to the 11th Army Corps, under charge of Gen. O. O. Howard. His regiment reached the corps at Berlin, and was assigned to service in Virginia on the Orange & Alexandria railway, with headquarters at Manassas Junction. While stationed here he guarded this road from Broad Run to Manassas Junction. He was stationed at Kettle Run and other points until Aug. 18, 1863, when he was discharged from further duty, his term of service having expired.

After his return to Schuylkill county Colonel Nagle became a coal agent for a short time and then engaged in the flouring business for a few years. In 1876 he retired from that line of work, and returned to his original business of painting and paper hanging, which he carried on very successfully until his retirement, in 1890.

Colonel Nagle has always been a Republican in politics, and at the breaking out of the Civil war was a member of the borough council, which office he filled until the expiration of his three months' service, but resigned when he reenlisted. He is a prominent member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of the Mexican Veteran Association, and of the Schuylkill County Historical Society. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Though in his eighty-eighth

year, he is in excellent health and continues his interest in the affairs of the day. He is well known in the borough and has the affection and esteem of a wide circle.

On July 6, 1848, Colonel Nagle was united in marriage with Hannah Kantner, a daughter of John Kantner, of Pottsville, Pa., and their union was blessed with eight children: Edwin Seculas, who died in Massachusetts, married Nellie Sicerott, and was chief clerk for Riley & Company, importers of machinery, of Boston, Mass.; Daniel Winfield, who married Valeria Koons, was formerly head bookkeeper in the Lutheran Publication House, of Philadelphia, and is now living at Auburn, Schuylkill county, with his only daughter; Millard Fillmore, who married Jennie Meck, is in the wholesale lumber business at Shamokin, Pa.; Harry Clay, deceased, married Katie Sterner, and was a clerk in the Lutheran Publication House, of Philadelphia; George W. was next in the family; Bessie is deceased; two died in childhood. The mother died Jan. 8, 1877, aged forty-six years, and Colonel Nagle was again married, on July 20, 1880, to Mrs. Rebecca Loose, of Pottsville, Pa., daughter of Joseph Muthard, of Berks county, Pa., and widow of Nathaniel Loose, by whom she had four daughters. Mrs. Nagle died Feb. 14, 1911.

GEN. JAMES NAGLE, eldest son of Daniel and Mary (Rorig) Nagle, was born April 5, 1822, at Reading, Pa. He was given a few years in the public schools at Reading, but most of his education was obtained in the school of experience and through self effort. He usually worked during the day and went to school at night. In his youth he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger, which he followed throughout his active business life, taking his father's business after the latter's death. He showed decided military talent from early manhood, and became a member and later captain of a company of Pennsylvania State militia. In 1844 he organized the Washington Artillery, of which he was captain, and left Pottsville on Dec. 5, 1846, to enter the Mexican war. This company was known as Company B, 1st Regiment, P. V. I., Col. F. M. Wynkoop commanding. During the course of the war he took part in the siege of Vera Cruz, and at the battle of Cerro Gordo was acting major of his regiment. On Jan. 20, 1847, his command routed a force of guerrillas at LaJoya, and on Oct. 14th and 19th he took part in engagements at Huamantla, Puebla, and Atlixco, each of which resulted in an overwhelming victory for the United States troops. Subsequently he was with his regiment in the triumphal entry into the city of Mexico and was finally stationed at San Angle until the war formally closed. He was mustered out of the service with his company at Philadelphia, July 27, 1848.

After his return to Pottsville he was, in 1852, elected sheriff of Schuylkill county, and shortly thereafter was appointed brigade inspector of Pennsylvania, with the rank of colonel. He remained closely identified with the military affairs of the county and State until 1861, when, at the beginning of the Civil war, he was commissioned colonel of the 6th Pennsylvania, and ordered out for service, taking part in the skirmish at Falling Water. In August, 1861, he organized the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, with a view to serving three years, and commanded same. His regiment did service at Fortress Monroe, Hatteras Inlet and Newbern, and at the second battle of Bull Run General Nagle commanded with gallantry and judgment the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, of the 9th Army Corps. Soon after the battle he was recommended for promotion by General Reno, and was subsequently com-

missioned by President Lincoln as brigadier general. In this capacity he commanded at the battles of Chantilly, South Mountain and Antietam, in each of which engagements his brigade bore itself with credit and distinction. At Antietam his command took an important part in carrying the Antietam bridge, which was considered by General McClellan as the one event that saved the day. For this service General Nagle received the highest compliments. At Annisville and Fredericksburg his brigade was in the thickest of the fight and sustained heavy losses in both killed and wounded. From this time until 1863 he was stationed in Kentucky. In consequence of heart disease he was compelled to resign his command, much to the regret of his men and General Sturgis, who was chief in authority. While at home, rest and absence from the excitement and arduous duty of war soon acted as a restorative, and his general health improved to such an extent that when General Lee began his invasion of Pennsylvania he organized the 39th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, for the emergency, and was placed in command. The troops were mustered out Aug. 2, 1863, and the next year he organized the 194th Pennsylvania for one hundred days' service, was commissioned commanding colonel July 21, 1864, and ordered to Baltimore, Md., where he was placed in command of eight thousand troops at Monkin's Woods, to guard the approach to the city. On Nov. 5, 1864, he was finally dismissed, and on Aug. 22, 1866, died of heart disease at his home in Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

General Nagle was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Catharine Kaercher, of Pottsville, Dec. 15, 1852. To them were born nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Emma is the widow of James A. Bowen, former superintendent of the Pottsville Gas Works; James W., of Philadelphia, married to Josephine Hutchinson, is at present advertising agent for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*; John D., who died in 1911, was secretary and treasurer of the *Textile Record*, Philadelphia, and was married to Mary Crosland; Laura was the wife of John Dooley, conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and both are deceased; Marcus H., of Pottsville, married Sallie Helms, of Pottsville; Frank L., of Boston, Mass., connected with the *Textile Record* of Philadelphia, and principal agent, married Laura Rosengarten, of Pottsville, Pa.; Kate A. is the wife of Lincoln Phillips, a jeweler of Jamestown, N. Y. The mother of this family died Aug. 17, 1900.

In politics General Nagle, in the earlier part of his life, supported the Whig party, and upon the organization of the Republican party transferred his allegiance to the same. At the time of his death he was a member of the borough council of Pottsville. He held membership in the Lutheran Church.

General Nagle was preeminently a military man, and a patriot. His life was permeated with the military spirit, and broadened and devoted citizenship. After his return from the Mexican war the citizens of Schuylkill county, in token of his eminent services and the good will they bore him, presented him a valuable sword. He is still remembered by many of his townsmen, and will ever occupy a place in their affections and esteem.

EDWARD S. SILLIMAN, without question the foremost citizen of Mahanoy City, has been prominent in every avenue of local progress since he entered business life. But it is as the chief promoter of important public utilities in the borough that he has been most helpful to his fellow citizens. In this field his influence and large means have been employed to the best advantage, affording benefits to all in the community and enabling it to maintain success-

ful rivalry with others in this section. In this regard Mr. Silliman has lived up to the traditions of a name associated with the forward march of Schuylkill county ever since its earlier members came here.

The Silliman family has an interesting history, the members of its several branches in this locality showing characteristics of mental and moral strength which have come to be expected of them. The original spelling of the name, Sillyman, has been changed by some of the family to Silliman, and it is also found in the form "Selliman." The Schuylkill county family here treated is allied with several others of the locality, and they are descended from a Berks county family of honorable standing. James Sillyman, great-grandfather of the present Edward S. Silliman, lived at Hamburg, in Bern township, Berks county, where he spent all his active years. His sons having established themselves at Pottsville, he removed to that place late in life and ended his days there. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married Susanna Hughes, of Bucks county, Pa., and children as follows were born to them: Alexander, who served in the war of 1812; Thomas, who was the first postmaster of Pottsville, appointed Jan. 11, 1825, served until succeeded by George Snyder, who was appointed June 7, 1825, and died there (at one time he owned most of the land upon which the borough of Cressona now stands, and he sold a valuable farm there to the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company); James, who died in Pottsville; Samuel, late of Pottsville, mentioned elsewhere in this work; John, deceased at Pottsville, who was the grandfather of H. I. Silliman, well known in the borough and Schuylkill county as editor of the Tamaqua *Evening Courier*; Mary, who married Jeremiah Kirk, and died at Pottsville; Susan, Mrs. Fister; and Jane, who died unmarried.

James Silliman, son of James and Susanna (Hughes) Silliman, lived at Bern, Berks county, and at one time served as sheriff of that county, to which office he was elected in 1832. Later in life he removed from Berks county to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in the coal business, being one of the early operators. He also carried on a general store in the borough, where he died. His wife's maiden name was Schotz, and they had children as follows: Alexander; Eliza, Mrs. Henderson; Morgan; Edward S.; and five daughters who died unmarried, Mary, Amanda, Sarah, Ellen and Matilda.

Edward S. Silliman, son of James, above, was born June 20, 1820, at Bern, Berks Co., Pa., and received a common school education. He spent all his life in this part of the State, coming to Pottsville in young manhood and residing there for a time. His observations and investigations led him to believe that there were rich coal deposits in the Mahanoy valley which could be profitably developed, and he determined to test his ideas. Accordingly he purchased a large tract of land in the vicinity of Mahanoy City from Biddle, Troutman & Dundas, of Philadelphia, and coming to Mahanoy City about the beginning of the Civil war undertook operations on his own account, being one of the first to start mining in this part of the anthracite district. In all he operated seven collieries in this section. In 1861 he sank the first shaft and built the first breaker in the Mahanoy valley, opening what was then known as the Silliman colliery—now the North Mahanoy colliery, and the property of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. The nearest coal operators at that time were ten miles away, at Girardville. The first shipment of coal for the new breaker was made Jan. 14, 1862, and it was also the first shipment sent from the territory within a radius of eight miles around Mahanoy City. The

annual production of this mine was 100,000 tons, and three hundred and fifty men were employed, and Mr. Silliman and his father were profitably engaged in its operation for a period of eight years, selling out then to the Crane Iron Company, of Catasauqua, Pa. A little later a strike occurred among the workmen and the breaker was burned, and not long afterward the present owners acquired the property, which became one of the best paying collieries in the region. Mr. Silliman leased this land, the company leasing the land to individual operators with the understanding that each was to mine and ship a certain amount of coal during the year, and "E. S. Silliman was the only one of the lessees that carried out his contract in full." Some houses were built about this time down Spruce street, and Silliman's men lived in them. They are still known as "company houses," the Silliman houses at the North Mahanoy colliery.

Mr. Silliman's next venture was the construction of an iron furnace at New Ringgold, but the time was not auspicious, there being a general depression in the iron market at the time which accounts for the fact that the industry did not prosper. The coal fields offered the best promise for the employment of his enterprise and capital, and he began operating in soft coal, having a large mine at Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., in that district, as at Mahanoy City, being one of the first to engage in the development of coal properties. But his main interests were always in Schuylkill county, where in time he became owner of 1,600 acres of valuable coal lands near Sheppton. Though so thoroughly interested in exploiting one of the most important of the natural resources of this region, Mr. Silliman did not neglect its incidental commercial and financial activities, and he allied himself with many of the most ambitious projects undertaken for material betterment, and exercised a friendly influence in the aid of every movement in that direction. Through his efforts the First National Bank of Mahanoy City was established Sept. 27, 1864, and he was one of the most active members of its board of directors until within a few months of his death, serving as president of the institution from 1866 to the close of his life—a period of nearly forty years. It is situated at the northeast corner of Main and Centre streets. He organized the Mahanoy City Water Company, which furnishes the water supply for many neighboring collieries as well as for the city, and served as president of the concern from the beginning, until his death; he was one of the incorporators of the Mahanoy City Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and of the Mahanoy City Gas Company (serving as president of both)—all enterprises which needed men of courage and administrative skill to launch them into successful operation. Moreover, his character and judgment attracted local capital, and he never betrayed the confidence thus shown. Even as a young man he showed the traits which when developed made him a trusted leader, and he was taken seriously as one of the forces which were to mold the destiny of the county.

Though practical by nature Mr. Silliman did not narrow his interests to the accumulation of the profits of his industrial operations. While promoting business schemes he did not overlook the importance of establishing high standards of community life, and helped plan its educational and moral institutions, the conservation and protection of all these interests which affected the every-day life of his fellow citizens. He used his large means wisely in his liberal support of public enterprises and his generosity to those less fortunately situated than himself. Without vanity or undue pride in his personal achieve-

ments, he was easily approached and kindly in manner, with no disposition to hold himself aloof from men in any walk of life.

Mr. Silliman was a charter member of the Humane Hose Company, and the organizer, in 1875, of the Silliman Guards (mustered in Nov. 27th of that year), which still continue their existence as Company E, 8th Regiment, P. N. G. He belonged to the Episcopal Church, and on political questions supported the Republican party.

In 1858 Mr. Silliman married Siraha Keller, a native of Berks county, who died in 1894 at Mahanoy City. His death occurred May 1, 1904, and they are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. Six children were born to this marriage: Ellen, who married George H. Jackson, of Philadelphia; Edward S.; Howard, who died in infancy; James Keller; Emily A., deceased in infancy; and Charles, of Mahanoy City.

Edward S. Silliman, son of the late Edward S. Silliman, was born Nov. 4, 1864, at Mahanoy City, where his education was acquired in the public schools. In early manhood he manifested an interest in business and other activities, and an intelligent comprehension of their relative importance which foretold the leading part he was to play in the development of local resources and the introduction of the conveniences which are the feature of modern municipal life. His large investments in home enterprises have not only indicated his own faith in their paying qualities and the cooperation to be expected from the community, but have had the effect of keeping other capital in use here instead of seeking attractive propositions elsewhere. For several years he was the owner of the gas works. He was interested in the establishment of the electric light plant, and also of the water company, and is still president of the latter, succeeding his father in that position, as also in the presidency of the First National Bank. This is the oldest national bank in Schuylkill county. Every good cause can count upon him for friendly assistance and substantial encouragement when needed. The various social organizations of the borough and county have had his loyal support. He is a member of the Pottsville Club; Outdoor Club; Central Republican Club of Pottsville; Washington Hook and Ladder Club of Mahanoy City; of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia and the Union Republican Club of Philadelphia; of the Schuylkill County Historical Society; was a charter member of the Pottsville lodge of B. P. O. Elks, and now affiliated with the Elks lodge at Mahanoy City; and he is a vestryman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On Dec. 7, 1905, Mr. Silliman married Mabel S. Beck, daughter of William and Matilda (Strauch) Beck, of Beckville, North Manheim township, this county. They have had four children: Mary B., born in September, 1906; Sarah, who died in infancy; Edward S. 3d; and Jane. The family home is one of the most modern and conveniently appointed to be found in Schuylkill county.

GEORGE ROBERT PATTERSON, at the time of his death Member of Congress representing the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania, was a resident of Ashland, Schuylkill county, for twenty years. His achievements during that period have a place in the history of the city and county. But however important his public work, whatever he accomplished in business, it would seem to be his sterling character and sympathetic attitude towards his fellow men which have left the deepest impression. Among his colleagues in all the associations of life appreciation of his abilities went hand in hand with admira-



tion for his personal traits. Mr. Patterson was a native-born Pennsylvanian, the only child of Rev. James A. Patterson, a Presbyterian minister. The father was born in Juniata county, this State, and from an early age lived at Lewistown, in Mifflin county. He graduated from Princeton University, and for a time had charge of a parish at Lewistown, his first regular charge being at Lawrenceville, where he died in 1864. He married Anna G. Patton, who survived her son as well as her husband, living in Washington (D. C.) for a number of years. The Patterson family is of Revolutionary stock.

George Robert Patterson was born Nov. 9, 1863, in Lewistown, Mifflin county, where he was reared, receiving all his education in the public schools and academy there. Leaving school in 1880, he entered the employ of a large hardware house, and continued in that line of business until 1894. After several years' employment in his first association, during which time he had risen to the responsibility of traveling salesman, he came to Ashland in March, 1886, and formed a connection with the wholesale and retail hardware concern of Peter E. Buck & Sons, with whom he remained for several years. The last twelve years of his life he traveled as flour and feed salesman, first for a large firm at Lewistown and later for one of the big Minneapolis mills, covering territory in central Pennsylvania. Such is a brief record of his business career. It was prosperous and had greater possibilities for him. But he had lived a broader life than the routine of his business afforded.

Always a Republican, Mr. Patterson was actively interested in politics from young manhood, served a number of times as delegate to local and State conventions, and during his Congressional career as delegate to the National convention, held in Chicago, in June, 1904. Meantime, in 1900, he was elected to represent his district (the Twelfth) in the Fifty-seventh Congress, where his services met with such popular favor that he was reelected in 1902 and again in 1904, filling his third successive term at the time of his sudden death, the election statistics showing that he was chosen each time with increased support, on the last occasion by the largest plurality (5,414 votes) ever given to any candidate for any office on any ticket in the district, where Democratic officials have always been the rule. Such records tell more forcibly than words how much general approval his actions had won. On March 20, 1906, Mr. Patterson returned to Washington—after a visit home to Ashland—in response to a call from the speaker to be present at the next day's session. Arriving at the capital shortly after nine o'clock, he went direct to his mother's home at No. 1745 Q street, N. W., where he met his private secretary, Burd W. Payne, with whom he spent a couple of hours going over the mail and talking on business matters. Beyond being tired after his long trip he was apparently in his usual health and spirits, and his mother was surprised to hear him astir about five the next morning. On going to his room she found him taking a dose of medicine, as he was not feeling well, but it seemed to be nothing alarming, and she left him after a few moments. Half an hour later she heard him moaning, and hurrying to his room found him in so serious condition that she summoned medical aid at once. Mr. Patterson passed away within a few moments, taken thus suddenly in his forty-third year and at the very height of his usefulness.

The outpouring of sympathy and grief which Mr. Patterson's unexpected demise occasioned, in Washington as well as in his home place, was the sincere expression of regret that one so beloved, so useful, so anxious to serve, should be cut off in the midst of a busy career, whose possibilities were only beginning

to be realized. Mr. Patterson's remains were taken back to Ashland for burial, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Francis S. Hort, formerly of Ashland, at that time pastor of the Presbyterian Church of South Bethlehem, Pa. The services were simple, in accordance with Mr. Patterson's known tastes, and the profusion of beautiful floral tributes brought kindly messages of sympathy from his associates in all the walks of life—the various fraternal bodies to which he belonged, social, business and political friends in many parts of Pennsylvania, Washington and elsewhere. Hundreds of citizens of Ashland and other sections of Schuylkill county turned out to pay the last tribute of respect. Senator Penrose, and a number of members of the lower house, besides those appointed, came on a special train from Washington to attend the services. His colleague in Congress, Mr. Samuel, expressed the general feeling of the district in his address at the memorial services of the House of Representatives when he said:

"The Twelfth Congressional district of Pennsylvania has no more popular and respected citizen than George R. Patterson. His long residence there has made him known to all the people. He was the kind of a man whom people liked. His good nature was spontaneous and always put those about him in good humor. He was very bright and cheerful, and gloom never had a part in his composition. He always had a good story and he knew how to tell it. And he was always a gentleman, ever courteous and agreeable. Kindness was one of his marked traits. It was never too much trouble for him to do a favor for a friend, and no one will ever know of his innumerable acts of kindness, both in his political and private life. Wherever he was he was the life of the party. His goodness of heart and mind fully covered any fault, if there was any fault in him. George R. Patterson was a clean man. There was no blot or stain on his character, private or public."

It was Mr. Samuel who announced to the House the death of Mr. Patterson on the morning of March 21, 1906, and offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. George R. Patterson, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of thirteen Members of the House, with such members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions; and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

After agreeing to the resolutions and appointing a committee the House adjourned until the next day as a mark of respect. On March 27th it was ordered that Sunday, April 15th, be set aside for "addresses on the life, character and public services of Hon. George R. Patterson," but on April 5th this was amended, appointing April 22d for said services, which were accordingly held, the House meeting at twelve o'clock, noon. Mr. Cannon designated Hon. John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, as speaker pro tempore, and resolutions were at once offered and adopted suspending the business of the House, to make opportunity for the services, and to adjourn immediately at their close. Mr. Samuel spoke fittingly of the work and worth of his distinguished colleague, of his signal fidelity and loyalty, of the honored respect in which he was held in his home community, and of his last hours and the many marks of

esteem shown at the obsequies. "It is a great pleasure to-day to hear the candid and sincere praise bestowed upon our departed friend, even by those who sometimes differed with his judgment and convictions. He always fought a fair fight in the battle of life. It is not a difficult task to speak of him on this occasion, but he deserves a better eulogium than the writer is able to pronounce. We can comfort ourselves, however, with the fact that his life and character speak forcibly and eloquently for him. Death has made more vivid that which we felt was strong and symmetrical in him. It throws sunlight in among the shadows, so that we now appreciate him the more thoroughly."

The address of Mr. Kline, of Pennsylvania, touched on so many points of Mr. Patterson's character with sympathetic understanding that we quote it in full:

Mr. Speaker: I had not designed to take any part in these proceedings, but upon reflection I have thought that by reason of the contiguity of the respective districts represented by the deceased and myself it was due to the memory of the gentleman who has so recently and unexpectedly died that I should make a few observations.

I had no acquaintance with George R. Patterson, who formerly represented the Twelfth Congressional district of Pennsylvania, known as the "Schuylkill district," until a considerable period after my election to the Fifty-eighth Congress. The intercourse I had with him from and after my first introduction in Congress and outside of these walls was of a most agreeable and delightful character. In coming to and returning from Washington I frequently met him on the train, and found him to be a frank, hospitable, happy, and open-hearted gentleman. I found him to be a good companion, genial, and of high and fascinating social qualities.

His sudden and unexpected demise was a surprise and shock to every member of the House, and the great esteem in which he was held was evidenced by an adjournment immediately after the reading of the Journal and announcement of his death. To know him was to love him.

Chosen to fill the honorable public position as a Representative in Congress for three consecutive terms, which he held at the time of his decease, he continued to discharge the obligations imposed with firmness and fidelity to the last, ever enjoying the confidence, esteem, and affection of his constituency.

He represented a district in the heart of the anthracite coal region. His constituency represented numerous nationalities, engaged in numerous and diversified kinds of trade, occupation, and business, and by reason thereof the political sentiment of his people had been for many years of a fluctuating character. Whilst a large majority of the county offices of his district, including the judges of the several courts, are now and have been filled by men of Democratic faith, the popularity and esteem of the deceased was so great and manifest that he was for three consecutive terms elected over his Democratic competitors by increasing majorities.

His death was mourned by a large circle of friends, as was evidenced by the large number in attendance at his funeral, coming in from all stations in life and from all parts of his district, in friendship's tribute to the memory of their deceased friend, neighbor and Representative. Had you been in attendance at his funeral, in his home town of Ashland, in a mining locality, and witnessed the throng of thousands of his friends, neighbors, and those bound by fraternal union, who came from far and near to pay the last mark of respect to their deceased Representative; had you observed the profound impression which the recollection of his life and many good traits and virtues left upon an entire community, you would have concluded that there was something to live for beyond the attainment of political position. You would have realized that it is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die.

The deceased was engaged in business before his entrance in public life and election to Congress. He did not make any pretense of oratory, leadership, or statesmanship. He was faithful and diligent in committee work, conscientious and active in the performance of the work assigned to him. He was always ready to help a friend or colleague if it was right and consistent and the request was just and reasonable. He would never consent to become compromised or commit an act of which he couldn't approve at the time or ratify in the future. Neither the railings of a partisan press nor the taunts of political opponents could swerve or deter him from the performance of such official duty as conscience told him he ought to do, nor could such influences

compel him to the performance of what conscience taught him ought not to be done. He was a man of most kind and generous impulses, firmly and warmly attached to his family, friends, and acquaintances; he was not vindictive, and these qualities combined to render him a most faithful Representative.

It is true, as was said by a gentleman on the floor of this House a few days ago, that "experience teaches us that the most effective work is done, not upon the floor of the House by the perpetual talkers, but by the quiet, active, and earnest members who attend strictly to their committee work and give their thought and time to such legislation as properly comes before the committees to which they are assigned." Such a member was the deceased. He was not a perpetual talker in the House, but did his most effective work in the committee room and in attending faithfully and promptly to the demands and requests of his constituents. In this manner he gained his popularity among the membership of the House.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it has frequently, through the later series of years, occurred to my mind that the man who is acknowledged by the community in which he lives to be an upright, conscientious, liberal and honest man, enjoys the best reputation that a man can have. A man who has qualifications and ability may connect himself with public life; he may come into your legislative halls and establish a reputation as an orator or a statesman; he may pursue some literary calling; he may win a reputation that is coextensive with the world; but after all, when you come to form your estimate of the man, you must rely upon the character that he has established about his own threshold, at his own hearth, in his own family, and among his own neighbors. There is the standard by which we must measure a man after all is said and done. That is the cornerstone of his building; that is the groundwork of his fame, let it be what it may, and no fame is worth having that is not based upon a reputation for social and moral virtue, in the community where it is the man's destiny to live and perhaps his destiny to die. In his home, in his own community, among his neighbors and friends, George R. Patterson acquired and enjoyed his first fame and great popularity. There the foundations were laid for his entrance into public life, where he equally acquired and enjoyed the confidence and good will of all who knew him. He was strong and robust, active, busy, and energetic in life, but, like all who have preceded him, he, too, was mortal.

We who survive the deceased and who for a brief hour continue to strut upon this our public stage find it hard to stop and think, to realize that we, too, are mortal, and that our hearts

"Like muffled drums, are beating  
Funeral marches to the grave."

It is but a bubble we are blowing. No matter how largely we swell in our conceit, how magnificent we expand our proportions, the bubble will finally burst for us, as it has done in the case of our illustrious predecessors, and we shall return to the obscurity from which we came, unhonored and unsung. And even if we succeed in securing public attention for more than one or two or three or more terms of our Congressional life, by a most persistent effort or efforts in blowing our bubble, others will soon crowd us off the scene of action and strut their brief hour of fancied greatness and renown.

"This is the state of man: to-day he puts forth  
The tender leaves of hope; to-morrow blossoms,  
And hears his blushing honors thick upon him;  
The third day comes a frost, a killing frost,  
And when he thinks, good easy man, full surely  
His greatness is a-ripening, nips its root."

My object has been accomplished if I have succeeded in arresting the attention of my fellow-members by this brief contemplation of the life and death of our late friend and colleague. Let us emulate his good qualities and realize that it is not all of life to reach public station, nor all of duty to distinguish oneself in the fitful notoriety of the passing hour.

Following Mr. Kline's address were the tributes from Mr. Hogg, of Colorado; Mr. Dale, Mr. Lafean and Mr. Schneebeli, all of Pennsylvania; Mr. Aiken, of South Carolina; and Mr. Goulden, of New York. It is remarkable that his personality, viewed from so many different angles, made at least one impression common to all—the kindness of nature of which his courtesy, his helpfulness to new members, and his willingness to do a favor at whatever

sacrifice of his own time and interests, were but the everyday expressions. We have not space for all, but some remarks typical of the animating spirit of all deserve a place here.

Mr. Hogg: "He came from the field at noontime, and did not return to his task. The plow was left in the furrow when the darkness came . . . and he left his work unfinished, as we would measure it. I had not known him long, but I knew him well, all that was worth knowing—the soul of him—and admired him much. Our view of him was not obscured, for it was a pleasing landscape, with the sunshine resting on it. His nature was so open, generous, and manly that we instinctively gave him our tribute of sincerest friendship. . . . Honest, just, and generous, with a great heart overflowing with warm human sympathy, George Patterson left the only fortune worth while, the memory of his kindness."

Mr. Dale, after speaking of his love for his native State, referred particularly to his unselfishness: "For his friends, no task was too heavy for him to attempt, no work too onerous for him to perform, no favor too great for his generous heart to grant. Surely his unselfish devotion to others, his ready willingness to sacrifice his own time and his own pleasure in the interest of others, entitled him to wear the princely motto, 'Ich dien'—I serve."

Mr. Lafean: "He carried sunshine with him wherever he went and always had a good word for everybody. His genial disposition made him popular at home and in Washington, particularly among the Members of the House. At the time of his death he was one of the dominant forces of the Pennsylvania delegation. To know him intimately as I knew him was a privilege which I shall always treasure. Association with him was a pleasure, not only because of the brilliancy of his wit and statesmanship, but for the mellowing and gladdening influence of his kindly geniality. . . .

"During the latter part of last fall I invited Mr. Patterson to meet me at Gettysburg for the purpose of going over several tracts of land owned by the Gettysburg Springs and Hotel Company, which the Gettysburg Battlefield Commission was desirous of purchasing. Notwithstanding the fact that he was exceedingly busy shaping up his private business affairs in order that he might assume the more active of his Congressional duties, and that his time was more than occupied in his endeavor to retain a friend in office whose removal was urged by others, he kindly came and spent two days in going over that famous field, in order that he might assist in bringing the matter of that purchase of this property before the House Committee on Military Affairs, of which he was a member. Self-sacrifice such as this is what has endeared Mr. Patterson not only to his constituents, but to his many friends and colleagues. . . .

"While a Republican, and a staunch one, Mr. Patterson was by no means a bitter partisan. His first thought was for his constituency and the welfare of the country. On all public questions he took lofty grounds and was liberal in his views. I could go on extolling his good qualities, but in my opinion they can be summed up in a few words: He was a man and a friend."

Mr. Schneebeli: "His dear family has reason to be proud of his achievements in Congress, and his name will be handed down to his posterity enshrined in honor. Yet, aside from all the glamour of temporary greatness, we revere the memory of George Patterson as a man whom we admired, respected, and loved."

Mr. Aiken: "The deceased came not from the ranks of the professional

class, so overwhelmingly represented in Congress, but he came from the people, elevated from amongst them, with the glow of popular demands fresh upon his mind and with a sympathy of interest that the formalism of professional life would almost make impossible. In this day of action rather than words, even in the American Congress, his usefulness may not be discounted by the most profound constitutional lawyer of this body. Legislation is as much the result of the hand touch of the committee as the hair splitting of the forum. We recognize the general proposition that education gives its possessor an advantage over illiteracy, and professional education tends to emphasize that advantage. But he who, with a simple English education, in a body largely dominated by professional men, can set at naught legal quibblings and fully maintain the rights of his constituents, must possess those qualities of mind less lustrous, but no less valuable in the attainment of results, than polished oratory. Such were the qualities of mind and heart with which our friend was endowed. Genial always, he was aggressive, yet unobtrusive; quiet, yet ever alert and untiring in the discharge of his duty to his constituents; a strict party man in so far as that obligation bound in reason, yet tolerant and reasonable in his dealings with the opposition."

Mr. Goulden: "A Pennsylvanian by birth, he was thoroughly American in education and training, a product of the school system which is so distinctive a mark of our civilization. If in these days it be a reproach to be rich, then he was free from taint, for the worldly goods he possessed were obtained by hard work, by a strict attention to duty, and by honesty and fair dealing. He was a typical American business man, and was a valiant soldier in the ranks of that army which has won such creditable victories for American prosperity. That he was respected by his friends and neighbors is attested by their selection of him to represent them in party councils and the nation's legislative halls; and as it is safe to say that the most reliable testimony to any man's worth is that of the people who live closest to him, then he needs no greater eulogy than the record of his three successive elections to Congress, the last by the greatest majority ever given to a candidate for any office in the district. . . . He had been long enough in Congress to have thoroughly mastered its traditions, its intricate machinery, and its possibilities, and was therefore in a fair way to become one of its leaders and a credit to his State and the nation. He was constantly growing in power and influence, but used it in the simple, old-fashioned American way which endeared so many of our elder statesmen to the hearts of their followers."

Resolutions were also passed by the Senate, which adjourned for the day, March 21st.

Besides the duties referred to Mr. Patterson served as member of the House committee on Pensions.

Mr. Patterson was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Ashland and especially interested in its Sunday school, which he served as librarian. He was prominent in the local fraternal organizations, belonging to Ashland Lodge, No. 384, B. P. O. Elks; Shenandoah Aerie, No. 129, F. O. E.; Sheridan Council, No. 128, R. A.; and Washington Camp No. 84, P. O. S. of A.

On Oct. 27, 1892, Mr. Patterson was married in Philadelphia to Mary A. Cleaver, a native of Ashland, daughter of James R. and Adeline (Clayton) Cleaver, of Ashland, and they had two children, Granville P. and Esther M. The son is now taking a course at Bucknell University, Lewistown, Pa.; the daughter is at home with her mother. The family home was at No. 119 Centre

street, Ashland. After the death of her husband Mrs. Patterson was appointed postmistress at Ashland, and she continued to hold the position until the early part of 1914, discharging its important duties with intelligent appreciation of the requirements.

Jesse B. Cleaver, Mrs. Patterson's grandfather, was an early settler in Columbia county, Pa., where he ended his days. By occupation he was a farmer. His son, James R. Cleaver, born in Columbia county in 1820, came to Ashland when quite young, and learning the trade of carpenter followed it for some time. Later, however, he became interested as a coal operator and developed the business until he ranked among the most extensive operators of his day in the State, becoming quite wealthy. This was during the period that the Molly Maguires were active. He was prominent in public affairs in the city and county and active in politics, being the first treasurer of Schuylkill county. In 1877 he removed with his family to Kansas, but returned to Ashland in 1880. Then he engaged in the lumber business, on an extensive scale, carrying it on until his removal to Philadelphia in 1892. In that city he passed away May 20, 1898. His wife, Adeline (Clayton), survived until Jan. 20, 1909. Her parents, William and Elizabeth (Metz) Clayton, were natives of Columbia county, Pa., and farming people. Six children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Cleaver: Emma C. is deceased; Harriet is the wife of I. R. Reifsnnyder, of Philadelphia; Henry is deceased; Clara, deceased, was the wife of George M. Krause, of Milton, Pa.; Mary A. is the widow of George Robert Patterson; Edith is engaged in teaching in Philadelphia.

DANIEL FRACK, the first settler at what is now the borough of Frackville, Schuylkill county, was deservedly honored in having the place named for him, and though a quarter of a century has elapsed since his death his memory is still cherished by many of its residents. A man of enterprise, energy and progressive nature, he had a long and successful business career in Schuylkill county, and in the pursuit of his private interests also gave valuable assistance to the advancement of the community wherever he was situated. His activities during almost forty years were centered at Frackville, in whose present prosperity may still be found traces of his influence.

Mr. Frack was born Sept. 23, 1803, in Northampton county, Pa., of which county his father, Michael Frack, was also a native. Michael Frack was a farmer and passed his life in Northampton and Lehigh counties, Pa., dying in the latter county. By his marriage to Hannah Ruch he had eight children, four sons and four daughters. Daniel, the eldest son, was a boy when the family settled in Lehigh county in 1810, and he worked on his father's farm there throughout his boyhood, in fact until he was almost twenty-five years old. The only schooling he had was obtained in three months' attendance at the small county school near home, and he did not have this privilege until just after he was twenty-one. He continued to reside in Lehigh county until 1832. In 1825 he married, and three years thereafter lived on the home farm, which was near Ironton. In 1828 he became interested in the hotel business at Ruchville, being engaged there for three years, and in the spring of 1832 he brought his family to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, where he kept hotel for the next twenty years. Meantime, in 1836, he and Michael Seltzer, under the firm name of Seltzer & Frack, had started a powder mill at St. Clair, the first one above Pottsville, for the manufacture of blasting powder. In 1838 he was a member of the firm of Frack, Schaeffer & Co., of St. Clair, who

embarked in the coal business that year, his partners being Daniel Schaeffer and Frederick Frey, and they operated a colliery at Wadesville, this county. Mr. Frack also kept a general store at St. Clair. In 1849 he bought a tract of 166 acres from James C. Stephens, part of which is now included in the borough of Frackville, and moved his family thereon from St. Clair in the year 1852. The only building on the place was a sawmill, which Mr. Frack converted in 1852 into a dwelling and hotel, conducting the same himself until 1861. In the latter year he laid off part of his land into town lots, including all that part of the present borough lying east of the north and south alley between Balliet and Nice streets, and at once opened up all the streets now in that portion of the borough. It was known from the beginning as Frackville. For a few years after his removal to this locality he engaged in farming, but he retired from arduous labor in 1861, and spent the rest of his life at Frackville in comparative leisure. He died there Nov. 7, 1890. From early boyhood Mr. Frack was a member of the Lutheran Church, and he was a leader in religious activities as in everything else which interested him, being a prominent worker in Zion's German Lutheran congregation at Frackville, serving as elder and trustee.

On Aug. 21, 1825, Mr. Frack married Mary M. Balliet, who was born Aug. 2, 1803, daughter of Joseph and Margaretta (Burger) Balliet, and died Jan. 23, 1886. They had three children: Leonora, born Oct. 26, 1828, who married John S. Meredith; Samuel, born July 22, 1832; and Daniel B., born March 13, 1842. Samuel was born in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, and married Mary Harriet Welker, of Oil City, Pa. Daniel B. Frack, born at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, began his education there, and came to Frackville with his parents in 1852. He was twice married, his first wife being Elisabeth Seitzinger, after whose death he married her sister, Sarah A. Seitzinger.

JOHN S. MEREDITH was born April 7, 1826, at Thompsettown, Juniata Co., Pa., eldest of the family of John and Elisabeth (Stauffer) Meredith. He spent his mature life in Schuylkill county, worked at Derr's foundry at Pottsville, and was recruiting officer at Pottsville and St. Clair during the Mexican war. In 1852 he moved with the Fracks to Frackville. In 1862 he joined the 137th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, belonging to Company K, of Ashland, Schuylkill county. He died of typhoid fever in the Emery hospital, at Washington, D. C., on March 11, 1863.

On April 8, 1848, Mr. Meredith was married, at Pottsville, Pa., to Leonora Frack, and they had a family of seven children, born as follows: Mary Elizabeth, Sept. 13, 1849; Samuel Frack, Dec. 3, 1850; James C. S., Aug. 2, 1852; Joseph Balliet, June 28, 1854; John Gilbert, May 14, 1856; Asa Balliet, Sept. 28, 1860; Margueretta Caroline, Jan. 11, 1863. Mary E. is unmarried and lives with her mother at Frackville. Samuel Frack Meredith married Mrs. Emma Flynn, at South Easton, Pa., Dec. 22, 1878; he died Nov. 15, 1896, in Colorado. James C. S. Meredith was married Aug. 25, 1871, to Lena Miller, who died Feb. 13, 1890; he lives in Jersey City, N. J. Joseph Balliet Meredith married Mary Ann Curtis on May 6, 1882, and they live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. John Gilbert married Margaret Augusta Merkert on Oct. 30, 1890; he died Dec. 19, 1901. Asa Balliet Meredith married Mayme Riley, and they live in Jersey City, N. J. Margueretta Caroline Meredith married Aaron W.



Houtz on Jan. 23, 1887; they live in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD K. LEVAN, though one of the older citizens of Minersville, is still taking a leading part in the administration of municipal affairs there, being at present the chief burgess. He is a native of Minersville, born Nov. 26, 1838, son of Joseph Levan, through whom he traces his descent from one of the very oldest families of this Commonwealth.

The Levans are of French Huguenot ancestry. Daniel Levan, the first ancestor of whom we have record, fled from Picardy, France, to Amsterdam during the Huguenot persecution. He was married in France to Marie Beau. The family in America of which we write was founded by three of his sons, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham. A fourth brother accompanied them when they started for this country, one, however, dying before their arrival. The other three settled in Berks county, Pa., one in Oley township, one in Maxatawny, and one in Exeter.

Records show that Isaac Levan, the brother who settled in Exeter, came to that section about 1730, this fact being established by the dates on the land grants made to him—1731, 1734 and 1737-38—there, as well as grants made him along the Schuylkill river, aggregating in all over one thousand acres, most of which was in Exeter township. Some of the property has remained in the family ever since. He built a tannery on the second land grant, on the site of Brumbach Brothers woolen mill in St. Lawrence, and in 1758 sold it with nine acres to John Fisher, and afterwards conveyed the first grant and the remaining 123 acres of the second grant to his son Jacob. He was engaged in farming until the latter part of his life, in 1770 moving to Reading, Pa., where he died in August, 1786. He was born in Holland in 1700. To him and his wife, Mary Margaret, were born the following children: Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, Jacob, Mary (wife of Peter Feathers), and Judith (wife of Samuel Weiser).

Jacob Levan, another of the three brothers, is said to have come to America in 1717 with his two brothers. He became the owner of large tracts of land in and around Kutztown, his residence being at the old Levan mill, near Eagle Point. He was a man of great prominence, was a judge of Berks county for ten years, and during the French and Indian war was directed by the English to provision Fort Allen. In 1742 he was visited by Count Zinzendorf, the distinguished Lutheran missionary, who preached from the balcony of the old mill to a large concourse of people. Sebastian Levan, elder son of this immigrant, was the most distinguished man in all northeastern Berks, serving as a colonel in the Revolutionary war, and as a member of the Committee of Safety, and of the Executive Council. He lived on the old mill homestead. It is known he had a son Jacob.

Joseph Levan, father of Richard K. Levan, was born in Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa. He followed farming in his native county. Coming to Minersville in 1828 he was one of the pioneers of that town, which then consisted of only a few houses, and wolves were still plentiful in the region. Here he engaged in the butcher business, being the first in that line at the place, and he continued it for several years. For some time he was employed at the foundry located on the site where the residence of his son, Capt. James H. Levan, afterwards stood, and he also followed various other occupations. He had the misfortune to injure one of his knee caps in an accident, having had a fall at the corner

of Second and Sunbury streets, Minersville, and he was always lame afterwards. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, dying at Minersville, and he is buried in the Minersville cemetery. His wife, Martha (Russell), a native of England, died two years later, at the age of eighty-four years. Of the seven children born to them, four grew to maturity, namely: Richard K.; James H., born Feb. 1, 1841, a well known resident of Minersville, now deceased; Addie, widow of Theodore Roerigh, residing at Minersville; and George, living at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Richard K. Levan was reared at Minersville, and in his boyhood had the advantages of the local schools, later attending the military school at Reading for two terms, 1850-51. Returning to Minersville, he taught school one term in Mahanoy Valley, and then began an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, which he followed in all for the long period of thirty-eight years, for twenty-two years in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Pottsville, this county.

Mr. Levan has been a trusted worker among the borough officials. He served one term as a member of the borough council, and a few years ago was appointed chief burgess by the courts of Schuylkill county. He was then elected to succeed himself, receiving a large majority, and his conscientious service in the furtherance of the best interests of the community has made him deserving of the confidence which his fellow citizens have shown in him. When a young man Mr. Levan served three months as drum major of the 5th Pennsylvania Infantry, and during the Civil war he served as drum major of the 129th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was one of the organizers of George J. Lawrence Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of which he has been adjutant for the last twenty-eight years; he has also been post commander. Mr. Levan was one of the organizers of the Sons of Veterans Camp at Minersville, and he is an honored member of same. For a number of years he was active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past officer. Mr. Levan has led a life of unquestioned probity, and he holds the unqualified esteem of his fellow citizens in and around Minersville.

Mr. Levan married Hannah Reed, daughter of Alexander Reed, and she is deceased. Of the six children born to this union three survive: Willard, now located at Shamokin, Pa., as assistant master mechanic for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Richard L., at home; and Sadie, the wife of Harry Atkinson, living at Minersville.

**DILLMAN FAMILY.** ELIAS DIHLMANN was born in 1686 in the town of Nussdorf, Wurtemberg, Germany. In the early part of the eighteenth century he moved to Illingen, Germany—two miles from Nussdorf. He died there in 1756. Elias Dihlmann or Diehlmann had a son Jacob Dihlmann, who in turn had three sons, namely, Jacob Dillman, Jr., Andrew Dillmann, and Elias Dillmann, Jr. These sons changed the spelling of the name to Dillmann and after their emigration to America they dropped the final "n."

In 1725 Jacob Dillman, Jr., and Andrew, his brother, came to the English colonies in America, Jacob settling in Virginia and Andrew in Western Pennsylvania, in what is now Adams county. Louis M. Dillman, of New York City (who is president of the American Book Company), and his son Louis C. Dillman, of Chicago (secretary of the Dillman Family Association of the United States), are descended from Jacob Dillman, Jr.

On Sept. 24, 1737, the sons of Elias Dillman, Jr., Hans George Dillman



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and Heinrich Jacob Dillman, landed in Philadelphia, having crossed the Atlantic in the ship "Virginius Grace." On a September day fourteen years later (Sept. 16, 1751) Hans George Dillman, Jr., sailed on the ship "Brothers," presumably with his widowed mother and younger brother Anthony. They settled in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa. Having heard of the successes of his relatives in the Colonies, George Frederick Dillman set sail in the ship "Neptune" Oct. 7, 1755, to try his fortunes in the New World. He settled in what is now known as Northumberland county, Pa. Hans George Dillman, Jr., eventually settled in what is now known as Perry county, Pa. His great-great-grandson is Prof. A. D. T. Dillman, of Antis township, Blair Co., Pennsylvania.

The Dillmans were represented in the Fatherland by Dr. Theodore Dillmann, of Berlin, Germany; and by Dr. Christian Frederick August Dillmann (a German Orientalist), who was born at Illingen, Wurtemberg, April 25, 1823. He became a Protestant Theologian and Orientalist, and an authority on the Ethiopian Language and Literature and Old Testament Criticism. He was professor at the Berlin University from 1869 until the time of his death, in 1894.

The branch of the family known to Schuylkill countians are descended from Anthony Dillman, who came to this country with his widowed mother in 1751. He married Susanna Kalbach, of Berks county, and had the following children: Anthony Dillman, Jr., Susanna Dillman (married a Mr. Ball), Sabilla Dillman (married a Mr. Koch, of Schuylkill Haven), Peter Dillman (married Susanna Krause), Barbara Dillman (married a Mr. Saltzer, of Lykens), and Adam Dillman (married Katherine Krause). Not much is known of Anthony Dillman, Sr., except that he was an ardent patriot, aiding the Continental soldiers when they passed his home on their march to relieve the distress of those who had suffered during the Wyoming massacre. He was a farmer and a trapper.

Peter Dillman was the fourth child of Anthony Dillman. He was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, in 1781, and followed the occupations of farming, lumbering, fishing and trapping. He married Susanna Krause in 1807, and they had seventeen children, eight of whom grew to maturity. We have mention of: Margaret Dillman (married Jacob Kruger, of Ringtown), Daniel Krause Dillman (married Katherine Dunkelberger), Mary Dillman (married John Schneider, of Ashland), George Dillman (died young), James Dillman (married Agnes Brocius, of Shenandoah), Lucyanna Dillman (married thrice—Jeremiah James, James Boyle, Philip Powell), Sarah Dillman (married James Connelly, of Barry), Charles Dillman (married Elizabeth Rice, of Ashland) and Peter Dillman, Jr. (married Lydia Neff, of Tamaqua).

After his marriage in 1807 Peter Dillman, Sr., and his wife came to the site where Pottsville now stands to make their home; but his wife, feeling too lonely so far from kindred and friends, persuaded her husband to sell their land to John Pott (who subsequently founded Pottsville in 1809), and they moved to Fountain Springs. The ground upon which the present State Hospital now stands was the site of the Dillman homestead. Here he reared his large family and spent his declining years, which were years of affliction. Having been struck in the eye by a piece of timber in his young manhood, his sight became impaired, so the last ten years of his life were spent in total blindness. He served his country bravely in the second war with England and received an honorable discharge. He died in 1858 at the old homestead at

Fountain Springs. His wife Susanna (Krause) Dillman was born in Chester county in 1786 and came to Berks county in 1800 with her father, George Krause. She was a woman of superior ability and attainments, noted for her straight-forward and outspoken manner—a quality inherited by many of her descendants. Her advantages for educational and social culture were limited in her day by the condition of the country when she was a girl, born with the generation immediately succeeding the Revolutionary war in America, when the land was impoverished in resource, and no schools had been established. If it was a period of poverty then, it was one of energy and heroism, when men and women were struggling into prosperity. She had the ordinary acquirements of a rudimentary education, but was especially gifted in needle and embroidery work—accomplishments of high order in that day. She lived to the age of ninety-three years, dying in November, 1879. Her pastor at her funeral services stated that she had been the mother of seventeen children and at the time of her death she had one hundred and seventy-two grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. She is buried in the Barry Evangelical Church yard.

DANIEL KRAUSE DILLMAN, the eldest son of Peter Dillman, Sr., was born at Fountain Springs in 1809. He received his education in the district schools. Inheriting the self-reliance and fortitude of his mother, Susanna (Krause) Dillman, he early learned to work and toil, finally attaining success in the battle of life. He taught school at Fountain Springs, Wadesville and Port Carbon in their early days. When he was not employed at teaching, he followed the occupations of farming and lumbering in the thickly wooded sections of Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. In 1833 he became captain of the canalboat which plied its way between Mount Carbon and Philadelphia. It was at this time that he met Katherine Dunkelberger, as his boat passed her home on the canal. They were married in 1835, living for a while in Maiden-creek township, Berks county (at the Dunkelberger homestead). They then took up their residence in Schuylkill county, residing at Wadesville and Port Carbon. In 1848 Daniel K. Dillman became outside foreman at the Phoenix Park colliery, and was employed there until 1859. At this time he purchased a farm at Llewellyn, where he continued to live until 1890. The last two years of his life were spent with his daughter, Catherine (Dillman) Starr. He was a tall man, strong both mentally and physically, stern—one of the old school. His motto seemed to be:

“But to him who bareth his arm to the strife,  
Firm at his post in the battle of life,  
The victory faileth never.”

He died Sept. 1, 1892, and is buried at Clouser's Church, by the side of his wife. Mrs. Katherine (Dunkelberger) Dillman was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, in 1814, and died in 1888. She was endowed with superior mental abilities. In her day the advantages for educational and social culture were limited, but she was fond of reading on all subjects. She was an adept with the needle and embroidery—accomplishments of high order in her time. Her tenderness and self-sacrificing spirit were beautiful, and all the motherly instincts of a noble woman were developed in her character. She was a member of the Reformed Church. There were ten children born to Daniel K. and Katherine (Dunkelberger) Dillman, six girls and four boys, as follows: Amelia J. Dillman (1835-1914) married John Hubler, of Barry,

Schuylkill county; Daniel Dunkelberger Dillman (1836-1872), a lawyer of Pottsville, married Isabel Catherine Bowman; Susanna Dillman (1840-1908) married David Johnathan Evans, of Gilberton, formerly of Minersville, Pa., and Ithaca, N. Y.; William Dillman (1842-1912), of New Brunswick, N. J., married Marietta Purnell; Henry Clay Dillman (1844), of Parkersburg, W. Va., married Mrs. Mary O'Donnell; Catherine Magdalena Dillman (1846), of Llewellyn, Pa., married Jacob Starr; Emma Mary Dillman (1848-1849) died of croup; Elizabeth Anna Dillman (1851) married Henry Christ, of Pine Grove; John Dillman (1855-1856) died of croup at the village of Phoenix Park; Mary Anne Dillman (1857) married Joseph Boden, mine superintendent at Donaldson, and later moved to Shamokin.

DANIEL D. DILLMAN, the eldest son of Daniel K. Dillman and Katherine (Dunkelberger) Dillman, was born in Maiden-creek township, east of Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa., Dec. 26, 1836. When six years old he attended his father's school at Fountain Springs, and later went to the schools at Wadesville and Phoenix Park, also taught by his father. At the age of twelve he entered the company store at Phoenix Park (Schuylkill county). During the winter months he taught school, studying at night in the store room loft where he slept. He entered the Poughkeepsie Law School in 1859 and graduated with merit. After leaving college he taught school, and was admitted to practice at the Schuylkill county bar in 1860. At the outbreak of the Rebellion he responded to the call of Abraham Lincoln for the first 75,000 troops to serve for three months. He enlisted April 22, 1861, becoming a private in Company H under Capt. Charlemagne Tower, of the 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. James Nagle commanding. Some of the companies of this regiment were the first troops at the capital, immediately entering into active and strenuous service. At the expiration of the term of service the regiment was mustered out, on July 22, 1861. The regiment was complimented by the brigadier general for their excellent and gallant service. He also served in the 2d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, in 1862, and the 27th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, in 1863, during the Emergency. In 1864 he sailed around Cape Horn, South America, and located in San Francisco, practicing law there and in the vicinity for several years. Returning to Schuylkill county, he located in Mahanoy City in 1867, and in 1868 he went to Pottsville and formed the law firm of Dillman and Seltzer. He also engaged in the coal business near Llewellyn in 1871.

Daniel D. Dillman was a charter member of Camp No. 72, P. O. S. of A., of Mahanoy City, and also a charter member of Camp No. 36, P. O. S. of A., of Pottsville. He also was a charter member of the Humane Fire Company and Severn Post, G. A. R., of Mahanoy City; was a member of Pulaski Lodge, F. & A. M., Pottsville, and General Grant Lodge, I. O. O. F., Mahanoy City. He was an attendant of the Episcopal Church, although leaning towards Universalism. In politics he was a Republican, and the year he died he was chairman of the Republican county committee.

On March 4, 1869, Daniel D. Dillman was united in marriage to Miss Isabel C. Bowman, daughter of Peter Bowman, coal operator of Mahanoy City. Three children were born to them: Daniel Walter Dillman, civil engineer, of Altoona, Pa.; Robert John Dillman (died 1876); Anna Augusta Dillman (Mrs. T. L. Thomas), of Mahanoy City. Daniel D. Dillman died Sept. 7, 1872, of smallpox contracted during the epidemic of that year, and is buried in the Charles Baber Cemetery at Pottsville.

D. WALTER DILLMAN, eldest son of Daniel D. Dillman, is a civil and mining engineer, located at Altoona, Pa. He was born at Pottsville Dec. 9, 1869. After his father's death he came with his mother to Mahanoy City, where he received his education in the public schools, graduating in the class of 1887. He entered the Lehigh Valley engineer corps at Lost Creek, and afterwards was located at Mauch Chunk, Sayre (Pa.), Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. He then went with the Harbison-Walker Company, of Lock Haven, afterwards locating at Altoona. He is borough engineer for Lilly, Cresson, Mount Union and Gallitzin, Pa. He was the surveyor that constructed the sanatorium for tubercular patients at Cresson, Pa. Fraternally he belongs to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., and Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A., Mahanoy City.

AUGUSTA A. DILLMAN, only daughter of Daniel D. Dillman, Esq., was born in Pottsville, but with the exception of the first three months of her life has lived in Mahanoy City. She graduated from the Mahanoy City high school in the class of 1891, and from the West Chester State Normal School in the class of 1893, having taught one year before going to Normal School. She taught for a number of years in the grammar grades of Mahanoy City. She is a Chautauqua graduate of the class of 1898, having sixteen Chautauqua seals attached to her diploma. She is a member of the board of directors of the Visiting Nurses' Association of Mahanoy City, a member of the Geographic Society at Washington, D. C., first treasurer of the Equal Franchise Party of Mahanoy City, member of Liberty Bell Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, at Philadelphia, also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington, D. C., and is historian for the Dillman, Bowman and Thomas families. She has traveled extensively in the United States and Canada, having been in twenty-seven States of the Union. On Feb. 21, 1901, she was united in marriage to Thomas Lewis Thomas, a wholesale grocer of Mahanoy City. Three daughters and one son were born to them, two of whom survive, Muriel Isabel and Vivian Mary Thomas; both are members of the Junior Daughters of the Revolution.

AMELIA J. DILLMAN, eldest daughter of Daniel K. Dillman, was born Oct. 30, 1835, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county. She married John Hubler May 29, 1852. They were among the first settlers at Barry (near Gordon), owned 132 acres of farming land there, and built a fine homestead on it. She was a charter member of the Barry Evangelical Church and was of a faithful, kind, cheerful and generous nature. Her children are: Howard H. Hubler, of Gordon; Esther A. Hübler (1854-1880), who married John Weiss; Daniel O. Hubler (1856-1882); Emma M. Hubler, who married Oliver I. Frey; Silvester J. Hubler (1861-1909); William Ellsworth Hubler (1863-1863); Edgar D. Hubler; Arthur S. Hubler (1867-1871); Uphama A. Hubler, who married William P. Eifert; Charles W. Hubler, of Barry; Laura A. Hubler, married to William Hunter; and Allen E. Hubler, of Barry.

*Howard H. Hubler* was born in Branch township, Schuylkill county, Nov. 8, 1852. He attended the schools in Butler township, and started to work as errand boy with his father on the train at the age of twelve. He was promoted to brakeman in 1872, and then to conductor in 1875. On June 4, 1878, he was promoted to the position of fireman, and on Jan. 23, 1882, he became engineer, which position he has held ever since. He is a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 294, of Ashland, Griscom Chapter, R. A. M., and Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, of Ashland, Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, and the A. A. S. R., of Williamsport; a member of the Royal Arcanum of



Ashland; of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Tamaqua; of the P. & R. R. Association, and a member of the P. and R. R. Veteran Association of Philadelphia. He also belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Gordon and is their treasurer. Howard H. Hubler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Gordon, being its secretary, and is also a trustee. He has been a school director four terms and is secretary of that organization. On Dec. 25, 1880, he married Selina J. Klinger, of Deep Creek Valley, and they have had three children: Annie M. Hubler (1881-1885), Arthur Alvin Hubler and Mabel R. Hubler.

Arthur A. Hubler graduated from the Gordon high school, spent one year at the Millersville State Normal School, graduated from the Franklin and Marshall Preparatory School, and took a four-year course at Pennsylvania State College, graduating with honors in the class of 1908. He married Amy Duncan, of Gordon. He is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge of Ashland. Arthur Hubler resides at Atlantic City, N. J., being instructor in electrical engineering in the high school of that city.

Mabel R. Hubler is a graduate of the Gordon high school and at present is taking a course in McCann's Business College at Mahanoy City.

*Esther A. Hubler* (1854-1880) married John Weiss and had three children: Emma Weiss (married Wilmor Quay, of Spring City and has two children, Lemar and Lavern Quay), George Weiss and Clara Weiss. Esther A. Hubler's death was caused by her clothing becoming ignited while attending to home duties.

*Daniel O. Hubler* was born in Butler township Feb. 2, 1856. He belonged to Camp No. 62, P. O. S. of A., at Gordon. He was employed at railroading. Contracting typhoid-pneumonia, he died March 17, 1882.

*Emma M. Hubler* married Oliver I. Frey, of Cressona, and has had five children: Wilford Frey (1893-1893), Laura Frey (a graduate of the Cressona high school), Mary Augusta Frey, Charles Walter Frey and Edith Frey.

*Silvester John Hubler* (1861-1909) was the third son of Amelia J. (Dillman) Hubler. By trade he was a locomotive fireman. He belonged to the Independent Order of Locomotive Firemen, at Delano, Pa., the Independent Mechanics of Reading, P. & R. Relief Association, and was a charter member of the P. O. S. of A. Camp of Lavelle, Schuylkill county. He married Mary E. Clus, who lives at Reading. His children are: Esther Hubler (1889-1891), Raymond Hubler (married Bessie Young and has two children, Marion and Leroy Hubler), and Alma E. Hubler, of Reading.

*Edgar D. Hubler*, fifth son of Amelia J. (Dillman) Hubler, is a merchant at Ashland. He attended the Island School at Barry, Pa., the public schools at Gordon, Pa., the academies at Gratztown and New Berlin, Pa. He married Clara E. Yost, and has one child, Florence Hubler.

*Uphama A. Hubler*, the ninth child of Amelia J. (Dillman) Hubler, married W. P. Eifert, of Cressona. She has had fourteen children: Norman Eifert (married Caroline Schaffer, and has one child, Aven Russel Eifert), Grace Amelia Eifert (married Robert Brinich), Gertrude Eifert (married Raymond Ramsey, and has one child, Lemar Raymond Ramsey), Ruth Eifert, Carrie Eifert, Henry Eifert, Albert Eifert, Lulu Eifert, Arthur Eifert (1903-1903), Ralph Eifert (1905-1906), Chester Eifert, Emanuel Eifert, Leroy Eifert and Edwin Eiferd Eifert.

*Charles Walter Hubler*, the sixth son of Amelia J. (Dillman) Hubler, is a farmer at Barry, living at the old homestead. He belongs to the following

lodges at Lavelle: The Improved Order of Redmen, No. 297; I. O. O. F., No. 972, and the Degree of Pocahontas, No. 172.

*Laura G. Hubler*, the youngest daughter of Amelia J. (Dillman) Hubler, married William Hunter and lives at the old homestead at Barry. She is a member of the P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 55 of Lavelle. She has six children: Minna Hunter, Ruth Hunter, Cora Hunter, Mary Hunter, Allen Hunter and Charles Walter Hunter.

*Allen E. Hubler* lives at the other farmhouse on the Hubler estate. He is a member of the Improved Order of Redmen, Lodge No. 297, at Lavelle. He married Louisa Mader, and has four children: Lemar, Esther, John, and Arthur Hubler.

*SUSANNA DILLMAN*, second daughter of Daniel K. Dillman, was born Jan. 28, 1840, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county. She was educated in the district schools of Wadesville and Phoenix Park. She was an adept at embroidery and crocheting—accomplishments very highly valued in her day. In November, 1858, she married David J. Evans, of Minersville, formerly of Ithaca, N. Y. They resided at Llewellyn, Phoenix Park, York Tunnel, William Penn, Gilberton and Scranton. She was the most affectionate of mothers. Possessed of much natural refinement, she found pleasure in the society of her children and kindred. She died July 20, 1908, at her home in Scranton, and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Frackville by the side of her husband. She had ten children: Daniel Dillman Evans, Eleanor Evans (married George H. Williams), Minnie Evans (married George Ludwig, Jr.), William Evans (1865-1870), Harriet Evans (1867-1870), B. Franklin Evans (1870-1907), D. Edgar Evans, Walter W. Evans, Carrie Evans (married Jacob Kuhlman), and Augusta Dillman Evans.

*Daniel Dillman Evans* was born at Llewellyn in 1859. He was educated in the schools of Llewellyn and Phoenix Park and at Port Carbon Normal School. He was engineer at the Shenandoah colliery for two years and for eight years at the Gilberton colliery. In 1892 he became engineer at the P. & R. colliery at Maple Hill, which position he has occupied ever since—twenty-three years. Fraternally Daniel D. Evans belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, F. & A. M. At present he resides at Mahanoy City. In 1887 he married Hannah Fox, daughter of William and Mary (Yoder) Fox, of Gilberton. They have three children: Dr. Harriet Evans, Florence Evans (Mrs. Paul L. R. Snyder) and Walter D. Evans.

Dr. Harriet Evans was born at Gilberton and graduated from the Mahanoy township schools in the class of 1903. The same year she entered Brown Preparatory College, graduating in 1904. In 1908 she graduated from the Woman's Medical College. Having spent one year in the hospital of the Woman's Medical College, Dr. Evans located in Mahanoy City in 1910, and has been very successful in her chosen profession. She belongs to the Alpha Omega Delta (medical fraternity), organized the Puritan Chapter of the Eastern Star at Mahanoy City, and is also the first vice president of the Equal Franchise Club of Mahanoy City, organized in 1915. She is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution.

Florence Evans graduated from the Shenandoah high school in the class of 1910 and completed one year at the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia. She is a gifted pianist. In October, 1914, she married Paul L. R. Snyder, of Hagerstown, Md. (formerly of Mahanoy City), and they have one child, Roger William Snyder, born Nov. 26, 1915.

Walter D. Evans is a high school student at Mahanoy City.

*Eleanor Evans*, eldest daughter of Susanna (Dillman) Evans, received her education in the schools of Llewellyn and Phoenix Park. She early learned to be self-reliant, becoming proficient in needlework and embroidery. She is an attendant of the Evangelical Church. In 1893 she married George H. Williams, a merchant of Shenandoah. She now resides in Frackville. She had two daughters, both deceased; Viola, born in 1894, lived to the age of four years.

*Minnie Evans*, second daughter of Susanna (Dillman) Evans, received her education in the schools of Llewellyn and Gilberton. She taught school for six years at Gilberton and one term of night school at Mahanoy City, and also taught in the suburbs of Scranton. In 1911 she married George Ludwig, Jr., of Scranton, who is now engaged in farming.

*B. Franklin Evans*, third son of Susanna (Dillman) Evans, was born at Phoenix Park, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in February, 1870. He received his education in the Gilberton schools. He early manifested a disposition towards mechanics and became very proficient in that line. He worked at Gilberton for some years, and then entered the American Locomotive Works at Scranton, Pa., where he attained a high place in his chosen trade. His untimely death cut off a promising career. Having contracted typhoid fever, he died in April, 1907, and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Frackville, Pa. Fraternally he was member of Camp No. 284, P. O. S. of A., at Gilberton, and the I. O. R. M. of Scranton. He was school director at Gilberton for a number of years.

*D. Edgar Evans*, of Gilberton, was born at Glen Carbon, Schuylkill county, in July, 1873, the fourth son of Susanna (Dillman) Evans. He attended the schools of Gilberton. At present he is employed as machinist at Boston Run colliery, near Gilberton. In 1899 he married Mary Fellows, of Gilberton, and has four children, Myrl, Ruth, Wilbur and Morgan Evans.

*Walter Webster Evans*, the fifth son of Susanna (Dillman) Evans, was born at New Philadelphia in 1875. He attended school at Gilberton. Going to Scranton he worked for a time in the steel mills, and afterwards took up farming as his chosen occupation. At present he is living in Indiana.

*Carrie Evans*, the ninth child of Susanna (Dillman) Evans, was born and educated at Gilberton. She is a musician of some ability. In 1902 she married Jacob Kuhlman, of Scranton, and has had two daughters, Eleanor Kuhlman (1902-1907) and Anna S. Kuhlman (born 1908).

*Augusta Dillman Evans*, the youngest child of Susanna (Dillman) Evans, was born at Gilberton, receiving her early education in the public schools of that borough and afterwards entering the Scranton high school, from which she graduated in the class of 1907. She taught school for a term and then entered Smith College, graduating in the class of 1912, and becoming instructor at Urbana College, of the University of Illinois. She enjoys the distinction of being the only woman instructor of agriculture in the United States. At present she is lecturing in Bozeman, Montana.

**WILLIAM DILLMAN**, the second son of Daniel K. Dillman, was born at Port Carbon Feb. 8, 1842. He received his education in the district schools taught by his father. He married Marietta Purnell (died 1910) and lived in Mahanoy City, New Philadelphia and New Brunswick, N. J. He was an engineer by trade. He served in the 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, for ten months, having enlisted in the fall of 1864, and was wounded during his service. In politics he was a Republican. He died at New Brunswick, N. J.,

March 14, 1912. William Dillman was of a genial, lovable disposition, and wherever he went he had hosts of friends.

HENRY CLAY DILLMAN, third son of Daniel K. Dillman, was born at Wadesville May 4, 1844. He received his education in the district schools at Wadesville and Phoenix Park, and assisted his father on the farm at Llewellyn. He served his country in the "War for the preservation of the Union," having enlisted Feb. 20, 1864, in Company F, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers. He was discharged June 30, 1864, having been wounded at Toopotomy, Va., May 30, 1864. Henry Dillman married Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, of West Virginia, in 1887, and in 1890 moved to Parkersburg, W. Va., where he now resides. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically Mr. Dillman is a Republican.

CATHERINE M. DILLMAN, third daughter of Daniel K. Dillman, was born at Wadesville, Pa., May 4, 1846. She attended the schools of Wadesville and Phoenix Park and assisted her mother in the home, also becoming an adept with the needle and an expert embroiderer and crocheter. Her life has been full of cares and afflictions, which she has met with characteristic energy, courage and faith. In her loyalty to the Reformed Church she has no superior. After teaching school one year Catherine M. Dillman married Jacob Starr, of Llewellyn. (He served his country four years during the Civil war, in Company A, 50th Regiment, P. V., having fought in the battles of Spottsylvania and the Wilderness.) Their children are Jennie Starr (married Henry Fox), Harry E. Starr, Laura Augusta Starr, Emma M. Starr, Ella M. Starr (married Andrew O'Donnell), Daniel Dillman Starr (1876-1884), Robert C. Starr (1878-1884), Mathilda C. Starr (1880-1884), Howard Ellsworth Starr (1883-1884), Calvin F. Starr (married Mrs. Bernadetta Van Derdoes), Frederick L. Starr (married Cena Bainbridge), and Myrtle S. Starr (married Irvin Starr). Catherine M. (Dillman) Starr is living at Llewellyn, in the same house she entered as a bride so many years ago.

Jennie Starr, eldest daughter of Catherine Dillman Starr, received her early education in the Llewellyn schools. She lived for a time with her grandmother, Mrs. Daniel K. Dillman, from whom she readily assimilated a kindly disposition and Christian character. In 1890 Jennie Starr married Henry Fox, of Gilberton. She has had four children: Robert Fox (1891-1892), Blanche Fox (1893-1895), Clyde C. Fox (the well known telegraph operator at Gilberton) and Howard S. Fox (a graduate of Gilberton high school, class of 1915, a student of the ministry at Conway Hall, Carlisle, Pa., and a talented musician). Both young men are members of Camp No. 284, P. O. S. of A. The family are of the Reformed faith.

Harry E. Starr, the eldest son of Catherine M. (Dillman) Starr, was born at Llewellyn, receiving his education in the public schools of that town. He is a carpenter by trade, and for many years has followed the occupation of bridge building. He is located at Detroit, Mich. He is a Republican in politics.

Emma M. Starr was born and educated at Llewellyn. At present she is employed at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

Ella M. Starr was educated in the Llewellyn schools. She married Andrew O'Donnell, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and has had the following children: Earl O'Donnell (a school teacher of Parkersburg), Dwight O'Donnell, Winifred O'Donnell, Amber O'Donnell, Quanita O'Donnell, Leighton O'Donnell (died 1908), Harold O'Donnell, and Chalmer O'Donnell.

Calvin F. Starr graduated from the Llewellyn high school in the class of 1909. He became a telegrapher and afterwards was employed on many United States vessels as wireless operator, having several times been on the coast of Norway and the western coast of South America. At present he is stationed at Dallas, Texas. Politically he is a Republican. He married Mrs. Bernadetta Van Derdoes, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Frederick L. Starr, the youngest son of Catherine M. (Dillman) Starr, graduated from the Llewellyn high school in the class of 1910. At present he is employed at Llewellyn. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 63, P. O. S. of A. He is a musician of ability, playing violin in Professor Gerhard's orchestra of Pottsville. Mr. Starr is a Republican, leaning towards Progressive ideas. He married Cena Bainbridge, of Llewellyn.

Myrtle S. Starr graduated from the Llewellyn high school in the class of 1910. She married Irvin Starr, of Llewellyn, and has two children: Violet Starr (born May 15, 1912) and Walter Dillman Starr (born Aug. 11, 1913).

Laura Augusta Starr received her education in the schools of Llewellyn. After graduating from the high school she taught school for one term at Friedensburg, and subsequently at Llewellyn. At present she is assistant high school teacher at Llewellyn, and is one of the most successful educators in that section of the county. She has devoted her time to the study of literature and music, and is well informed on all related subjects. Her summer vacations are spent profitably in travel and study. She is a member of the Reformed Church.

ELIZABETH A. DILLMAN was born at Phoenix Park Sept. 6, 1851. She was educated in the schools of Phoenix Park and Llewellyn, and taught school for a number of years prior to her marriage to Henry Christ, of Pine Grove. Her children are Robert, Amy (married a Mr. Hill), Nellie (1884-1892), Victor (1886-1894), Ralph, Roy and Rose (married Mr. Simm, of Donaldson). She has several grandchildren.

MARY A. DILLMAN, youngest child of Daniel K. Dillman, was born at Phoenix Park March 17, 1857, and was educated in the Llewellyn schools. She is a member of the Reformed Church. She married Joseph Boden (a mine superintendent at Donaldson). Nine children were born to them: William H. Boden, Martha Boden (1877-1878), Frederick Boden (1880-1880), Charles Boden (1882-1882), Carrie E. Boden, Clyde Daniel Boden, Edith M. Boden, George Raymond Boden and Mary A. Boden.

William H. Boden, eldest son of Mary A. (Dillman) Boden, was born at Donaldson and was educated in the schools of Llewellyn and Shamokin. Having graduated from the Shamokin high school in the class of 1892, he taught in the grammar grades of the Shamokin schools until 1903, when he commenced to work for the International Correspondence Schools as district superintendent, and was located at Lock Haven, Williamsport, Lewistown, and Johnstown. At present he is employed by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States at Johnstown. On June 18, 1903, he married Nora Wagner, of Shamokin. They have four children, Ruth, Madge, Paul and Louise Boden. William H. Boden is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican, leaning towards Progressive principles. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Council No. 959, of Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Clyde D. Boden was born at Shamokin, and was educated in the public schools of that town, graduating in the class of 1905. After leaving school he worked as bookkeeper for Riley & Co., of Centralia. At present he is business

manager for the Shamokin *Daily News*, having previously been with the *Herald*. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the following fraternal organizations: I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A. He has recently been elected auditor for Shamokin.

George R. Boden is a graduate of the class of 1911, of Mount Airy, near Philadelphia. He is a tailor by trade, and employed as tailor at Leader & Hamilton's store, in Shamokin, Pa., but has decided leanings towards agriculture. He is a member of the Reformed Church. In politics he is inclined to Republican principles.

Edith M. Boden was born at Shamokin and graduated from the high school in the class of 1908. She is a teacher in the public schools and also an enthusiastic Sabbath school worker. She is an attendant at the Reformed Church.

Mary A. Boden, a native of Shamokin, graduated from the high school at that town in 1914. At present she is employed in the telephone exchange. She is quite a musician, and is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Shamokin.

Carrie E. Boden is at home assisting her mother.

MARGARET DILLMAN was the eldest child of Peter Dillman, Sr., and Susanna (Krause) Dillman. She married Jacob Kruger, of Ringtown, and had the following children: Susanna married Mr. Walters; Daniel Kruger married Mary Eisenhut; William Kruger married Mary Maderi; David Kruger married Mary Mitchel; Rebecca Kruger married John Brady; Francis Kruger married Mary Yocum; Henry Kruger; John Kruger.

MARY DILLMAN was the third child of Peter Dillman, Sr., and Susanna (Krause) Dillman. She was born in 1811, and died in 1893. She married John Schneider (1813-1898), of Ashland, and had the following children: (1) Mary Emma Schneider (married George Slatterbach, who was killed in the Civil war, and they had one son, Frederick Slatterbach, formerly of Ashland, but who now resides in Philadelphia); (2) Elizabeth Schneider; (3) Henry Schneider (killed in the Civil war); (4) Josephine Schneider (married Cornelius Eister, of Shamokin, Pa., and has the following children and grandchildren: William Elmer Eister married Annie Flannagan and has one child, James Cornelius Eister; Mathilde Ada Eister married Samuel Watkins, of Lansford, and has two children, William J. Watkins and Ethel M. Watkins; Katherine Eister died at the age of thirteen years; Charles E. Eister married Florence McIntyre and has the following children, Lester, Myrtle, Ethel, and a baby); (5) Mathilde Schneider (married Peter Featheroff and has the following children, Mathilde Featheroff—married Henry Walter and has had six children, John, William, Ethel, Mildred, Emma and Helen Walter, Dr. Daniel Featheroff—married Lottie Schall and had one baby girl who died, Elizabeth Featheroff—died at the age of seven years, Margaretta Featheroff, Mary Featheroff—died at the age of two years, John Featheroff, Henry Featheroff—married Rose Hodges and resides in Philadelphia, and has five children, Edward, Ethel, George, Wilber and Dorothy, Herbert Featheroff, and Clarence Featheroff—married Agnes Mohr and has one child, Alice Featheroff); (6) Margaretta Schneider (1848-1914); (7) Ada Schneider (married Manuel Straub, of Shamokin, and has several children, and grandchildren).

LUCYANNA DILLMAN, born in 1815, was the sixth child of Peter Dillman, Sr., and his wife Susanna (Krause) Dillman. She married thrice, first,

Jeremiah James; second, James Boyle; third, Philip Powell. Her children are: Lucyanna James (married Jacob Everhardt, and had ten children, Jacob Everhardt, Peter Everhardt, Solomon Everhardt—married Ida Derr, and has one child Thelma Everhardt, David Everhardt, Mary Everhardt, Darius and Jeremiah Everhardt, twin boys—both of them died, Adam and Eve Everhardt, twins, and Robert Everhardt); Mary James (married George Liske); John James (died young); Martha James (died young); Katherine Boyle; and Philip Powell.

SARAH DILLMAN was the seventh child of Peter Dillman, Sr., and Susanna (Krause) Dillman, and was born in 1817. She married James Connelly, and resided at Shenandoah, Pa. She had the following children: Catherine Connelly; Susanna Connelly (married Robert Potter and had four sons and one daughter, Joseph, James, Robert and Charles Potter, James moving to Tennessee, where he died); and James Connelly (married Agnes Behr).

JAMES DILLMAN (1819-1895) was the eighth child of Peter Dillman, Sr., and his wife Susanna (Krause) Dillman. He resided at Shenandoah, Pa., and married Agnes Brocius. They had nine children, viz.: Mary, wife of a Mr. Oliver; Emma, wife of John Rhoads; Susanna, wife of a Mr. Sherman; Peter Dillman, 3d; Alice Dillman, wife of a Mr. Lindemuth; Jane, wife of a Mr. Dunn; Sarah, wife of a Mr. Hawley; Clara, wife of John George; and Dora Dillman.

CHARLES DILLMAN was the sixteenth child of Peter Dillman, Sr., and wife Susanna (Krause) Dillman. He was educated in and around Fountain Springs, Pa., and followed the occupation of farming. In his later years he lived at Ashland, Pa. He married Elizabeth Rice, and their children are: Peter Dillman, 4th, an Elder in the Mormon Church at Whitewater, Cochise Co., Ariz.; Joseph D. Dillman, residing at Rock Dam, Pa. (married Sarah Wolfgang, and had seven children); James Dillman, Jr. (married Sarah Betz); Sarah Dillman (died an infant, twelve months old); and Robert Dillman, of Bethlehem, Pa. (married Christine Kaw).

PETER DILLMAN, JR., was the youngest son of Peter Dillman, Sr., and his wife Susanna (Krause) Dillman. He was born at Fountain Springs Sept. 30, 1830, and followed the trade of locomotive engineer, residing at Palo Alto, Port Carbon, and Tamaqua, Pa. He married Lydia Neff (born March 5, 1837—died Sept. 29, 1886), and had four children: Emma Dillman (married William Walker, of Tamaqua); Andrew Curtin Dillman (married Amanda Sherman, and resides at Pottstown, Pa.); Richard Dillman (died at the age of four years); and Hannah Dillman (married Frederick Francis, of Reading, Pa.). Peter Dillman, Jr., died Sept. 8, 1888.

*Emma Dillman* married William Walker Oct. 21, 1876. They have the following children and grandchildren: Lydia B. Walker married Claude C. Rhodes, and they have had one child, William Claude Rhodes; Howard Dillman Walker, born 1877, died 1879; William Walker, born 1878, died 1904; Estella Walker married Alexander Thompson and has two children, George and Irene Thompson; Claude Walker married Annie Kinsel who died Oct. 11, 1909, and had three children, Howard, Earl and Bertram Walker, and in 1914 Claude Walker married (second) Josephine Rimbach; Clifford Walker married Estella Singly and has one child, Theodore Walker; Mary Josephine Walker, born 1891, died 1892; Esther Walker married Raymond Morgan and has two children, Frederick and Louisa Morgan; and George Dillman Walker

*Andrew Curtin Dillman*, of Pottstown, Pa., has the following children and

grandchildren: William Dillman, who has three children, William, Helen and Marian Dillman; Howard Dillman, who has one child, Andrew Howard Dillman; Raymond Dillman; Reba Dillman, who married Samuel Lawton; and Marian Dillman.

*Hannah Dillman* married Frederick Francis, of Reading. They have had the following children and grandchildren: Mary Emma Francis married James S. Hill, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and they have two children, Agnes and Francis Hill; Esther Lydia Francis, born Dec. 15, 1882, died April 23, 1883; Frederick Dillman Francis married Edna Sewars, and they live at No. 951 Birch street, Reading, Pa.; Howard Jacob Francis married Blanche Nunnamacher, and they reside on Park avenue, Hyde Park, Pa.; Margaret and Martha Francis are twins; Leah Francis, born Nov. 5, 1894, died April 5, 1895; Elsie May Francis lives at No. 714 North 11th street, Reading, Pa.; Andrew Thomas Francis was born in 1903.

WILLIAM H. WALTERS, of New Philadelphia, has been the chief executive of that borough for so many years that he may without exaggeration be referred to as its leading citizen. He is now (1915) serving his sixth term as chief burgess, and there is no doubt that his popularity has endured by reason of the fact that throughout his long administration he has shown no lessening of public spirit or of desire to serve his townsmen to the extent of his abilities. Their continued support, on the other hand, has enabled him not only to inaugurate many ideas which promised well, but to carry them out most advantageously. Though Mr. Walters has well deserved the complimentary attitude of his fellow citizens towards him, it is only just to say that he has endeavored to merit it.

Mr. Walters is a son of Edmund Walters and grandson of Henry Walters, who came to this country from England. He was a machinist by trade, a skilled mechanic, and first located at Philadelphia, Pa., where he found employment in the Baldwin Locomotive Works. He brought the first railroad train into Pottsville, as engineer; the engine had broken down at Port Clinton, and Mr. Walters made the repairs and ran it from that point to Pottsville. Later he settled at Port Carbon, this county, and afterwards had a foundry at Tuscarora, where he made car wheels for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, being so engaged for about ten years. His next location was at Tamaqua, where he founded the well known Eagle iron works in 1868, building stationary engines and all kinds of mining machinery, for which he found ample demand in the immediate vicinity. The establishment was very successful under his management, and after his death his three sons, William, Henry and Edmund Walters, took over the business and continued it under the name of Henry Walters' Sons.

Edmund Walters, son of Henry Walters, learned the trade of molder in his father's shop, of which in time he became a part owner. However, when his eldest brother, William, died, the business was sold to the latter's widow. Edmund Walters married Harriet Cox, a native of Mechanicsville, Schuylkill county, and children as follows were born to them: John, William H., Edmund, Ambrose, Frank, George, Annie (wife of Allen Barton) and Dora (deceased).

William H. Walters was born Oct. 11, 1865, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, where he acquired an excellent education in the public schools. During the summer season he picked slate at the Hanto colliery. In his youth he began to learn the molder's trade in his father's shop, but after eighteen



months at that work turned to cigarmaking, serving his apprenticeship with ex-Sheriff Monroe Boyer, at Tamaqua. He followed this trade ten years in all in Schuylkill county, for eighteen months being engaged in the manufacture of cigars on his own account at Tamaqua. He then took charge of the new slope at the Palmer colliery, at New Philadelphia, for three years, after which he spent a short time at railroad work with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, until he received the appointment of private detective for the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company. The next change he made was to Bethlehem, Pa., where he was employed at the government works for a year and a half, during which time he ran the first machine that cut armor plate. Returning to Schuylkill county, he took charge of the boilers at Silver Creek colliery for about two years, at the end of that time becoming special officer and assistant to the real estate agent of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company.

Mr. Walters has been a resident of New Philadelphia since 1886, and he has shown himself worthy of his honorable ancestry in his sense of responsibility towards the other members of the community and his high ideals of duty in the office of mayor, which he is now holding for the sixth term. His services began in 1895. Three times he was appointed by the court, and he has been chosen three times by popular vote. Such a tribute to worth deserves notice, and it is also remarkable that Mr. Walters is becomingly modest in presenting his opinions, though courageous in the support of his convictions when he thinks it necessary. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and for eight years served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Walters married Catherine Boyer, daughter of Cornelius Boyer, and they have three children: Cornelius B., now chief supply clerk for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, resides at St. Clair, this county; he married Sarah Zimmerman, daughter of Robert, and they have a daughter, Emma. Harriet is the wife of Harry F. Schulze, a contractor and builder, of New Philadelphia, and they have two children, Edna K. and Wilda C. Edna is living at home.

HENRY A. WELDY (deceased) lived at Tamaqua for about fifty years, and filled a place of conspicuous usefulness in the upbuilding of several of its most valuable business institutions. During all but the first decade of his residence there he was one of the proprietors of what grew to be a large industrial establishment, the powder mill which early in the present century became absorbed by the trust. This was always his chief interest and held first place in his attention, his best efforts being devoted to the improvement of the plant and the expansion of the trade. But it did not prevent him from seeing the necessity for other enterprises, some in the class of private business, some in the nature of public utilities, with which he associated himself to the advantage of the community as well as the profitable employment of his own capital. His judgment was esteemed so much that his sanction of any undertaking was sufficient to make it considered worthy the favor of local investors generally.

Mr. Weldy spent his early life at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and when he retired returned to that city, passing his closing years there. He was born there Sept. 19, 1831, and his father and grandfather were also natives of that place, the latter born in 1768, deceased in 1853; he was married in 1797. The grandfather was a carpenter by occupation. John Weldy, father of Henry A.

Weldy, started work in the hardware trade at Reading when fifteen years old, and was engaged in that line until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife, Margaret, died in 1835. They had three children: Catherine, born in 1827, who died in 1829; Joseph, born in 1829, who died in 1833; and Henry A.

Henry A. Weldy acquired a thorough common school education, having the best advantages the town afforded in his day, and when seventeen years old commenced an apprenticeship at the cabinetmaker's trade with B. & H. Rhein. But when he completed his term he turned to pattern-making, working at that for the Little Schuylkill Railroad Company, at Tamaqua, Pa. He was so occupied from 1853 until March, 1862, at which time he joined C. F. Shindel in the purchase of a small powder mill located on the Little Schuylkill river, from H. Huhn. The firm was known as H. A. Weldy & Co., and they engaged in the manufacture of blasting powder. The name remained the same after the admission of E. F. Shindel to the partnership, the next year, and they continued the business until April, 1871, when one of the mills was blown up, entailing considerable loss. Mr. Weldy remained with the business, but the Shindels sold their share to Du Pont, de Nemours & Co., with whom Mr. Weldy was associated until his retirement, at the time the Tamaqua business was merged into the powder trust. Throughout that time it was carried on under the name of H. A. Weldy & Co., and had a record of constant growth under Mr. Weldy's capable management. As the trade increased the mill was enlarged to meet new requirements and equipped with modern facilities for operation, and the progressive policy followed was substantial evidence of Mr. Weldy's wide-awake spirit, always on the alert for new contrivances or improved methods and quick to see their defects or advantages. He had personal oversight of the mill until 1901, when it became part of the property of the nation-wide concern, and from that time had no active connection with business affairs. Among other Tamaqua concerns with which he was identified we may mention the Edison Electric Light Company, which he helped to organize, and of which he was president and a director for some years; and the Tamaqua Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Company, which he established in 1888. The latter business attained such proportions that forty-five persons were employed in the factory, and the annual output was valued at \$50,000. The shoe factory was closed out in 1898, on account of the illness of C. S. Weldy, who died April 1, 1900. The powder mill was dismantled in 1908, the real estate being sold to the Anthracite Water Company.

Along with business ability, Mr. Weldy had qualities of confidence and perseverance which brought him success. But he was modest in bearing and agreeable in manner, and his pleasant relations with his business associates and social companions were the basis of a feeling of good will which made him generally liked, regardless of class. It was conceded by all who knew him that he did well because he deserved to do well, and that in making his own success he helped, not hindered, others in attaining theirs. For a number of years he served his townsmen as a member of the borough council. Politically he gave his support to the Republican party. In 1902 Mr. Weldy returned to Reading, where he made his home afterwards at No. 135 Windsor street. He had a fine summer home in Spring township, Berks county, where he spent part of each year. His death occurred at his home in Reading Oct. 18, 1909, and he is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua.

On Nov. 19, 1854, Mr. Weldy married Ann Lambert, daughter of George and Kate Lambert, of Sinking Spring, Berks Co., Pa., and her death occurred

in 1900. Four children were born of this marriage: Charles H.; Kate G., now the widow of George Hursh, living at Newville, Pa.; John E., who died in 1912; and Clarence S., who died in 1900.

CHARLES H. WELDY, son of Henry A. Weldy, was born Aug. 10, 1855, at Tamaqua, and there received his education in the public schools. Most of his business life has been spent in the powder manufacturing business, with which he was connected from 1875 to 1904. After the plant was sold to the larger concern Mr. Weldy continued with it in their employ until 1904, and he is now devoting himself to agricultural pursuits, having a fine 116-acre farm in Rush township, Schuylkill county, in whose development he has found agreeable and profitable occupation. He has built a comfortable bungalow on that property and lives there during the summer months, spending the winter season in the borough of Tamaqua. Mr. Weldy has a fine herd of Jersey cattle on his farm, and makes a specialty of the production of butter, finding a steady demand for the fine quality for which his dairy has become noted. He has been keenly interested in the proper administration of municipal affairs in Tamaqua and has shown his willingness to do his share in obtaining good government, having served three years as councilman and twelve years as school director, with commendable efficiency. In fraternal connection he is an Elk, belonging to Tamaqua Lodge, No. 592.

Mr. Weldy married Henrietta Smitham, daughter of the late James Smitham, of Carbon county, Pa. They have two children: Annie S., now the wife of Guy Ellick, of Tamaqua; and Harry A., living at home.

HARRY R. CARL, of Auburn, has shown versatile ability in business, having met with equal success in all the various lines he has followed. Most of his interests are in Schuylkill county, where he has the esteem and confidence of the best element. Business, financial and social affairs and the duties of public office have all claimed their share of his attention, and increased responsibilities have only been the means of developing his executive talent and bringing out the substantial qualities which he has so generously placed at the service of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Carl belongs to a family of old standing in Schuylkill county. The first of the line in this county was a native of Ireland. Henry Carl, his great-grandfather, lived and died in Hubley township, Schuylkill county. His children were: Moses, Edward, Conrad, Elias and Katie.

Elias Carl, grandfather of Harry R. Carl, was also a resident of Hubley township, where he died. He married Mary Hoffa, of near Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Hoffa, and she survived Mr. Carl, after his death becoming the wife of Dewalt Faust, of southern Schuylkill county. By her marriage to Mr. Carl she had six children: Amanda married Adam Shuey; Emanuel was the father of Harry R. Carl; Elizabeth married James Hand; Mary married Harry Bomberger; Katie married Fred Schuffler; Alice married Jonathan Wagner.

Emanuel Carl, son of Elias, was born in Hubley township, and for some years lived at Tremont, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1879. He is buried at that place. By occupation Mr. Carl was a miner. He married Malinda Reback, and three children were born to them, Mamie, Harry R. and Monroe.

Harry R. Carl was born Dec. 14, 1875, at Tremont, Schuylkill county, and was but three years old when his father died. He was reared by his grand-

mother, Mrs. Faust, and had ordinary educational advantages, attending the Tremont and Jefferson schools. In his youth he was employed for four years in a printing establishment at Philadelphia, after which he attended a business college. Subsequently he became engaged in the lumber business at Auburn, Schuylkill county, and has been especially active in the development of this line, being now very extensively interested in the business. He owns large tracts of land in Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. Mr. Carl has also acquired large land holdings in the vicinity of Auburn, where he has five farms, and he also owns the light plant at that place. He was one of the organizers of the Auburn Board of Trade, serving as president of that body, and he is indisputably one of the first leaders of business progress in the southern end of Schuylkill county. Mr. Carl was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Auburn, in September, 1908, becoming vice president at the time of its organization, and continuing to hold that position until the death of the president, William H. Diefenderfer, in 1914, when he succeeded to the chief executive position. The other officers in 1914 are: L. C. Robinhold, vice president; John H. Fahl, W. B. Ketner, F. A. Faust, J. H. Adams and Joseph Frederici, directors; H. H. Koerper, cashier. Mr. Carl is a member of the Pottsville Club, and his religious connection is with the Reformed Church. He has taken a hand in the local government, having served several years as a member of the borough council. Few men are better entitled to be called self-made, for he has worked his way up unaided, taking due advantage of his opportunity without infringing on the rights of others.

Mr. Carl married Bessie K. Nagle, daughter of Daniel W. Nagle and granddaughter of Col. Daniel Nagle, of Pottsville. Mrs. Carl died July 26, 1914, leaving two children, Harry D. and Bessie J.

HIESTER S. ALBRIGHT, of Orwigsburg, head of the firm of H. S. Albright & Company and president of the First National Bank of that place, has demonstrated his fitness for the manipulation of large interests by his success in the direction of both these institutions. The firm of H. S. Albright & Company now is the largest shoe manufacturing concern at Orwigsburg, and in the expansion of its activities has also established plants at Landingville and New Ringgold, having thus been instrumental in promoting industrial prosperity in various sections of Schuylkill county.

The Albrights are an old established family of this county, where Peter Albright, great-grandfather of Hiester S. Albright, was born, on the farm in West Brunswick township afterwards the birthplace of his son Joseph and grandson William S. Albright. Peter Albright lived upon that farm, engaged in its cultivation, and died there May 5, 1836. He is buried in the Reformed cemetery. Among his children were Abraham, Jonathan, Joseph, Peter, Daniel, Rebecca, Sarah, Diana, Susanna, Esther and Catharine.

Joseph Albright, son of Peter, lived and died on the homestead in West Brunswick township, reaching the very advanced age of over eighty-four years. He was a lifelong agriculturist and prospered in his work, and an active and devout member of the German Reformed Church. With his wife he is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. In 1834 he married Esther Sharadin, daughter of Jacob Sharadin, and she died April 5, 1883. They were the parents of seven children, namely: William S.; Thomas S., who lived on the old homestead; Susanna, who became the wife of Solomon R. Moyer, a prominent business man of Orwigsburg; Morgan S., who is now steward of



*H. S. Albright.*



the Schuylkill County Home; Joseph, who died young; Benneville, deceased; and Lucian, deceased.

William S. Albright was born May 31, 1836, on the old homestead in West Brunswick township, where he passed his early life. About 1860 he moved thence to Orwigsburg, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying Sept. 5, 1868, when but thirty-two years old; he is buried in the Reformed cemetery. While on the home place he followed agricultural pursuits, and for two years was also engaged in milling, after his removal to Orwigsburg carrying on a stock business as a drover and horse and cattle dealer. He married Amanda Bodey, who still makes her home at Orwigsburg. Five children were born to them, viz.: Hiester S.; Bella Virginia, who lives with her mother; Pauline, deceased in infancy; and Minnie and Nellis S., who died young.

Mrs. Amanda (Bodey) Albright was born Jan. 11, 1837, in Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Benjamin and Mary M. (Heffley) Bodey, who had the following children: Esther, who died at the age of six years; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Susanna, Mrs. Samuel Bossard, deceased; Catherine, Mrs. William Brook, deceased; Benjamin; Charles, deceased; Amanda, now the only survivor of the family; and Mary, who died young.

Hiester S. Albright was born June 20, 1856, on the old Albright farm in West Brunswick township, and was only a young child when the family removed to Orwigsburg. There he attended public school regularly up to the time of his father's death, when, though a mere boy of twelve, he had to start earning his own living. Entering the employ of Moyer & Son, general merchants at Orwigsburg, he remained with them one year, until offered a better position with another merchant of the town. He was with him for two years, until his employer sold out, when he entered the factory of the Orwigsburg Shoe Manufacturing Company, first in the packing and shipping department. But he soon began to learn the shoe business, serving an apprenticeship in the cutting department, in which he continued for two years after mastering the business. In the late seventies he decided to try his fortune in the West, but after a brief experience concluded that the advantages in his old home were fully equal to those afforded in the undeveloped part of the country, and he has never had any reason to regret his return. In the autumn of 1879 he took a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Express Company, by whom he was employed until the spring of 1880, since when he has been doing business on his own account. At that time he formed a partnership with A. E. Brown, under the firm name of Albright & Brown, and they carried on the manufacture of shoes until July 1, 1883, when George C. Diefenderfer acquired Mr. Brown's interests, and he and Mr. Albright have been closely associated ever since. They are engaged in the manufacture of shoes under the name of H. S. Albright & Company, and do a large business in that line at Orwigsburg. Their plant has been thoroughly modernized to meet the development of their trade, and in accordance with the latest ideas which have met with approval in this line of manufacture. The factory, located on Market street, is 64 by 140 feet in dimensions, two stories in height, and there are one hundred employees at Orwigsburg, engaged in the production of ladies', misses' and children's shoes. By judicious salesmanship a wide demand for the product has been created, the territory over which the goods are sold extending as far as the Pacific coast. In 1896 the firm established a plant at Landingville, and in 1913 another at New Ringgold, both of which are in full operation at

the present time. H. S. Albright & Company have set the pace for shoe manufacturers in Orwigsburg for many years, and have never lacked initiative and enterprise of the most commendable order, their influence in the business and in its relation to the community having always been a positive force for good.

Mr. Albright has always given his principal attention to the furtherance of his manufacturing interests, but he has also supported other local enterprises which promise to be of benefit to the community, and it is to him more than to any other one person that the establishment of the First National Bank of Orwigsburg should be credited. When it was opened, in September, 1890, he became the vice president, and for several years he has been its president. He has been a director and vice president of the Edison Electric Light Company of Pottsville, Pa. Mr. Albright has always been an interested member of the Republican party, and in his early manhood frequently served as delegate to county, State and national conventions, but he has not of late years taken much part in politics. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason of the Northern jurisdiction of the United States, belonging to Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T. (of Pottsville), Harrisburg Consistory and LuLu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. (of Philadelphia); at the present time he is vice president for Pennsylvania of the National League of Masonic Clubs. His religious connection is with the German Reformed Church.

On Jan. 6, 1886, Mr. Albright married Virginia F. Newhard, of Lebanon, Pa., daughter of the late James J. Newhard, a jeweler of that place. Mrs. Albright died in February, 1899, at the age of thirty-two years, leaving one child, Nellie Virginia, born April 17, 1887. The daughter is a graduate of the Allentown College for Women, class of 1905.

REV. JOSEPH McCool, a member of the Presbytery of Lehigh, died in Pottsville, Pa., April 15, 1884. Mr. McCool was born in Philadelphia, on the 1st of May, 1804. His father died when he was very young, and he was brought up with great religious care by his pious mother, who was a devoted member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, under the pastoral care of Rev. George C. Potts. After his mother's death he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and being a youth of decided piety and intellectual ability he soon felt himself called upon to take a public stand for Christ, that he might warn those around him to flee the wrath to come. He was therefore carefully examined by Rev. James Bateman, presiding elder of the district, in the presence of the Quarterly Conference. His examination being entirely satisfactory, the Conference proceeded to license him to preach the gospel. He continued preaching in the city of Philadelphia and its vicinity until the spring of 1826, when he was placed on Dauphin circuit as assistant minister, under the auspices of Rev. Joseph Lybrand, presiding elder of the Schuylkill district. In April, 1827, he was received into the Philadelphia Annual Conference. In 1828 he was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Lancaster, Pa. In 1830 he was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in the borough of Pottsville, Pa. In 1832 he was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in the borough of Easton, Pennsylvania.

In the spring of 1833 Mr. McCool changed his ecclesiastical connection and returned to the church of his fathers. After a thorough and searching ex-



amination on the doctrines and qualifications necessary to the Presbyterian ministry he was unanimously received by the Presbytery of Newton. He immediately took charge of the Presbyterian Church in Allentown, Pa., as stated supply, and in the summer of 1835 received a unanimous call from the First Presbyterian Church in Pottsville, which he accepted, in October of the same year being installed pastor by a committee of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia. He continued pastor of this church for nearly thirty years, when his health declined and he voluntarily resigned his pastorate. From that time to his departure he was a great bodily sufferer, but bore his afflictions with perfect resignation and submission to the divine will. He was a man of strong convictions, determined purpose, clear judgment and consistent character.

PROF. FREDERIC GERHARD, late of Pottsville, did much for musical interests in the community, and his work as leader of the Third Brigade band and the Gerhard Symphony Orchestra was particularly appreciated. He was a son of Charles and grandson of Frederic Gerhard, the latter a Frenchman by birth and a soldier under Napoleon in the ill-fated Moscow campaign.

Charles Gerhard was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, born when it was under French dominion. He came to America when seventeen years old and located at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., for a short time, afterwards living at Girard Manor, this county, but soon moving thence to Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., to assist his father-in-law in building a bridge at that place. He next located at Gratz, Dauphin county, and from there went to Ashland, Schuylkill county, and later in turn to Ringtown and Shenandoah. Most all the time he was employed at his trade, as a wheelwright and wagonmaker. In 1881 he came to Pottsville, where he lived until his removal to Philadelphia in 1890, following his trade and also devoting considerable time to the musical profession, in which, though self educated, he made a decided success. During 1875-1876, when at Shenandoah, he was the leader of the well known Grant band, with which he attended the Centennial at Philadelphia. This band had a very fine reputation in its day and was considered the leading organization of the kind in this part of the State. After he came to Pottsville Mr. Gerhard played cornet in the Third Brigade band under his son, Prof. Frederic Gerhard. From Philadelphia he removed to Scull's Hill, N. J., where he followed farming until his death, which occurred there Oct. 8, 1909. He is buried in Mount Peace cemetery, at Philadelphia. Mr. Gerhard was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. He married Jane Bickel, a direct descendant of Simon Sallada and Margaret Everett, whose names are associated with the early history of Schuylkill county. Five children, two sons and three daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard: Frederic; Annie, Mrs. Adelbert S. Jordan, of Philadelphia; Julia M.; Margaret, and Edward C. Mrs. Gerhard died in Philadelphia May 30, 1903.

Frederic Gerhard, son of Charles, was born Jan. 17, 1864, at Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa. His early years were spent at Ashland, Ringtown and Shenandoah, all in Schuylkill county, and he attended the public schools in those places. But he was still a young boy when he commenced to support himself, working first as a slate picker at the Shenandoah mines. Afterwards he was employed as a coremaker in a foundry. In his nineteenth year he came to Pottsville to begin work in the foundry of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. While thus engaged he spent his evenings in the

systematic study of music and played in theatre orchestras. His aptitude for music had been apparent from boyhood, but his ability as a performer was a surprise even to great critics. Under competent instruction he improved rapidly, so much so that he soon decided to become a professional musician. In 1889 he went to New York City, where he spent a year studying under Dr. Eugene Thayer and Gustav Dannreuther, taking theory and composition from the former and violin lessons from the latter. Returning to Pottsville in 1890, he was elected leader of the Third Brigade band, with which organization he had been playing for some eight years before he went to New York. It had been founded Oct. 19, 1879, and is composed entirely of residents of Pottsville. A success from the start, it has been one of the most popular bands in this section. Its service has been called upon for many State and national functions, including the inaugurations of presidents and governors, a Dewey jubilee, and State encampments of the National Guard. Though an act of the Legislature did away with the band as a military organization it has continued in existence to the present time with unabated popularity. Besides acting as its leader Prof. Gerhard organized his symphony orchestra and also a string quartette, which fills concert engagements during the season. Though these obligations took considerable of his time he also had many pupils, taking care of large classes in violin and piano instruction. Prof. Gerhard's struggles to obtain a thorough musical education probably increased his appreciation and love for his chosen profession, in which his unbroken success proved that he made no mistake in choosing his life work. His sudden death from apoplexy, Oct. 7, 1913, was mourned deeply by thousands, and it was an unusual mark of the great respect and admiration of his friends in the community that all places of business were closed during the funeral ceremonies.

Socially Mr. Gerhard was a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T. With his wife he was a member of the English Lutheran Church, which he joined when sixteen years old.

On Oct. 30, 1888, Professor Gerhard married Minnie G. Brown, daughter of the late Charles Brown, a merchant of Pottsville and member of one of the oldest families established there. Two children were born to this union, Grace Jane and Charles William.

ISAAC G. BECK has extensive interests at Beckville, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, where he resides on the old homestead in the settlement founded by his grandfather, Jacob Beck, nearly one hundred years ago.

Jacob Beck was born in 1789 in Reitlingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, where he grew to manhood and married. The year of his marriage, 1817, he came to the United States, and settled in the Schuylkill valley in Pennsylvania. For a number of years he was employed on the Schuylkill canal, between French Creek and Pottsville, and he was afterwards engaged in constructing and repairing canal locks, acting as a carpenter foreman. He had considerable knowledge of civil engineering and drafting, and was engaged to some extent in railroad surveying in his locality, acting as assistant engineer in the survey of the Mine Hill railroad, which was constructed in 1828-30. In 1818 Mr. Beck made his home at Pottsville, in 1822 removing thence to Manheim township, where he purchased a farm of 100 acres, soon erecting a sawmill upon that place, and in 1829, a gristmill. (The latter came into the possession of

William Beck in 1861.) His activities became the nucleus of the settlement which came to be known as Beckville, and he was one of the leading men of the locality up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1850. During his later years he devoted himself entirely to farming and milling. Mr. Beck was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and a devoted worker in all of its enterprises, filling many of the important offices and at the time of his death holding the position of treasurer. He was a Democrat in his political convictions. His principal connection with public affairs was in the interest of the free school system, which he advocated from the beginning, and he showed his sincerity by serving as one of the first board of school directors in his township, filling the position until his death, when he was succeeded by his son Frederick, and in 1872 William, another son, was elected to the position, which he held for over twenty years.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Beck was married in 1817 to Anna Maria Beider, who was born in 1794, and died in 1870. In 1851, the year following his death, she erected the substantial brick residence which still stands upon the homestead place; the bricks were wood burned, and were made by Abraham Bertolet near Schuylkill Haven. The place has been thriftily cared for up to the present, and though over sixty years old is still a handsome and attractive residence. Nine children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Beck, of whom we have the following record: (1) Elizabeth married Joseph Wilde, whom she survived, her death occurring at Hazleton, Pa. Their children were: George (deceased), William, Joseph, Bide, Tillie, John J., Charles and Libby, the last named deceased. (2) Jacob died young. (3) Frederick, born Dec. 6, 1824, died in North Manheim township. He married Magdaline Hurleman, and they had three children: George J., who is deceased; Mary L., who married Dr. J. W. Weist, of Schuylkill Haven; and Charles F., a well known merchant of Cressona. (4) George, who died in North Manheim township, had the following family: Mary J., who married George Coover (he is deceased); William H., living at Hazleton, Pa.; Barbara, wife of Charles Smith; George, who died leaving no family; Edward, living at Schuylkill Haven; David, deceased, and Katie, Mrs. Bonner. (5) Edward was the father of Isaac G. Beck. (6) John, who died at Beckville, had a family of three children: William J., who lives at Beckville; Blanch; and Maria, deceased. (7) Mary married Emil Stecker, and died at Mount Carmel, Pa. She had children as follows: George, who lives at Mount Carmel; Henry, deceased; Naomi, Mrs. Lord; Joseph, living at Mount Carmel; Ada, wife of Dr. George Wentz, of Scranton, Pa.; and Katie, Mrs. Sement, who died at Frackville, Pa. (8) Catherine, who married David Clark, is the only survivor of this family, and is eighty years old. She resides at Hazleton. Her five children were: Jennie, Mrs. Engle; George, deceased; Catherine, Mrs. Samuel Price; Frank, who lives at Chambersburg, Pa.; and Potter, deceased. (9) William, who was a miller by occupation, lived and died at Beckville. His children were as follows: Ada, widow of George Dechert; John J., of Reading, Pa.; Catherine, Blanche and Annie, all unmarried; Mabel, wife of Edward Silliman, now of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Clarence, who lives at Kingston, Pa.; and Effie, deceased wife of George Stichter, of Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beck, the parents, are interred in the old burial ground at Schuylkill Haven.

Edward Beck, son of Jacob, was born March 11, 1829, on the old homestead, where he died in 1904, spending all his life in North Manheim township.

He received his education in the local public schools, and assisted his father at home until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in lumbering, also carrying on a sawmill. Milling was always his principal industry, but in connection therewith he carried on farming rather extensively, and his interests in both lines brought him into a number of business transactions in his vicinity. His lumber operations quite naturally led to various land deals, and at one time he owned 600 acres in North Manheim and Wayne townships. As executor of his mother's estate, a large share of his attention for some years was devoted to its management. Mr. Beck gave evidence of unusual business ability in everything he undertook, carrying on his own affairs intelligently and managing a number of concerns intrusted to him by others with the utmost integrity and regard for their best interests. Though he took no special part in public affairs, he was well known throughout his section of the county. Like his father he was a Democrat in politics, though he did not invariably support the measures of the party. His religious connection was with the Reformed Church. On May 2, 1857, Mr. Beck married Mary Ann Strauch, daughter of Isaac and Kate Strauch, of Cressona, this county, and Isaac G. was the only child of this union. Mrs. Beck died in March, 1911, and is buried with her husband at Cressona cemetery.

Isaac G. Beck was born Sept. 28, 1865, at Beckville, and attended public school in the home locality until he was sixteen years old. For the three years following he was a clerk in the store of Charles F. Beck, at Cressona, but returned home to help his father, and gained an excellent business training in the management of his family interests. He did teaming and other work until 1895, and for the next five years carried on a hotel at Beckville, now operated by William J. Beck, in 1900 returning to the home place, where he has since been variously occupied. He was associated with his father until the latter's death, and has settled on the homestead, being in the lumber business, and retaining the ownership of much valuable property, his holdings being the most extensive individual interests in the vicinity. Like his forefathers he has done much to promote the industrial prosperity of his section, having the characteristic energy, ability and resource of the thrifty family to which he belongs. For years Mr. Beck did considerable teaming, at one period giving most of his time to hauling for the Cressona Powder Mills. Mr. Beck has been associated with local public affairs to the extent of giving his services as school director and supervisor, holding the former office for four years. He is a Democrat in politics, and like his father connected with the Reformed Church, he and his family belonging to St. Mark's Congregation, of Cressona. Socially he is a member of Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master.

In June, 1889, Mr. Beck married Kate L. Rubert, daughter of Michael Rubert, of North Manheim township, and she died in August, 1906; she is buried at Cressona. They had one child, Dorothy, now the wife of George Knecht, of Scranton, Pa., and the mother of one son, George Isaac. Mr. Beck's second marriage was to Catherine Paule, daughter of John and Catherine Paule, of Schuylkill Haven.

CHARLES DOUGLAS MILLER, M. D., is a physician whose work has been conducted along the broadest lines of medical practice. His father was in practice in Schuylkill county from 1867 until his death as a physician and dentist, and few families have a more creditable record of long continued

service to their fellow men than the Millers have gained in Schuylkill county. They are an old Berks county family, Joseph Miller, the grandfather of Dr. Charles D. Miller, having been born in the vicinity of Hamburg, that county, where he followed farming. His children were as follows: Joseph; Jacob; Alexander M., who was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a successful physician; Richard A. M., now the only survivor of the family, living at Hamburg, Berks county; George Merkel; Mrs. John Swoyer; Mrs. Reuben Kolback, and Mrs. Peter D. Hottentine.

George Merkel Miller, M. D., D. D. S., was born at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa. He received his literary education at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., subsequently taking a course in dentistry at the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery. He also graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia. During the Civil war he served as a surgeon in the Union army. In 1867 Dr. Miller removed with his family from Hamburg to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he practiced his professions until 1885. That year he located at Pottsville, in which borough he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of sixty-two years. From the time of his settlement there he confined his attention to the practice of dentistry. He was a pioneer in the use of ether in the extraction of teeth, a departure from the customs of his time typical of his progressive nature and his freedom from prejudices of any kind; in fact, he gave much of his time to the study of anæsthetics and their practical application, and did much to promote their proper use in both of his professions and to remove the opposition which the pioneers in their use had to meet in many cases in spite of the advantage which would seem to need no defense. As early as the sixties he was enthusiastic in this particular work of the medical profession, and in 1872 he published a pamphlet on anæsthetics, discussing the subject in popular language, "giving the origin, history, etc., of the most popular and useful anæsthetics, designed to prove to the masses their harmless character." The arguments he presents are interesting, showing the fear of anæsthetics entertained by many people in that day.

Dr. Miller married Elizabeth A. Geiger, daughter of Charles R. Geiger, of Pottstown, Pa., and they became the parents of children as follows: Anna E. died when four years old; Ida, deceased, was the wife of J. P. German, a Lutheran minister; Charles Douglas is mentioned below; Mary S. is the wife of Dr. A. L. Gillars, a physician of Pottsville, Pa.; Harvey Harris died when six years old.

Charles Douglas Miller was born Oct. 17, 1861, at Hamburg, Pa., and was but a young boy when the family moved to Mahanoy City. There he received a public school education, and was graduated from the high school in 1880. Meantime, during school vacations, he had served an apprenticeship in the office of the *Mahanoy Gazette*, where he was employed from 1874 to 1877, and from 1877 until 1882 he spent his time out of school in his father's drug store. He also began his medical studies under his father's tuition, during which time, in 1881 and 1882, he taught school. In September, 1882, he became a student at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating from there March 29, 1884. In 1886-87 he took a post-graduate course at the same institution. In April, 1884, he commenced practice at Mahanoy City, and shortly after his father's removal to Pottsville followed him to the borough, settling there permanently Nov. 9, 1886. It was not long before his professional work had drawn him into the larger activities of service to his

fellow men. In January, 1887, he was appointed outdoor physician for the poor of Pottsville and vicinity, serving as such until 1889. His large private practice has not shut him out from general usefulness as a citizen, whether in his professional capacity or otherwise. For several years he was on the medical staff, as visiting physician, of the Pottsville Hospital. Since 1907 he has been physician to the Children's Home of Pottsville, located near the borough, at Mechanicsville. He is a prominent member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, of which he was secretary in 1888-89 and treasurer in 1890, and is also a prominent member of the medical society of the State of Pennsylvania. He has served as medical examiner for several life insurance companies, and is a member of the board of pension examiners for Schuylkill county. His thorough command of German as well as English has aided him greatly in his work. Dr. Miller has his office and residence at No. 204 West Market street, Pottsville. He has made a number of contributions to medical literature, his writings including a Thesis on Rheumatism; a "Discussion of Bergeon's Treatment for Consumption" published in the "American Medical Digest" of September, 1887; an article entitled "Diphtheria Antitoxin Employed in the Treatment of Scarlet Fever," published in the "Pennsylvania Medical Journal" in August, 1904; and an article which appeared in the "Pennsylvania Medical Journal" on typhoid fever, in which he proposes the use of carbolic acid and iodine as a specific treatment. Dr. Miller has published in pamphlet form three of his essays, the first being his graduation essay, written on the completion of his high school course in Mahanoy City, "First Darkness, Then Light"; the subject of the second, "Acute Articular Rheumatism," his graduation thesis on completion of his course in the Jefferson Medical College; the third, on "Laws of Nature," was delivered at the annual meeting of the High School Alumni Association of Mahanoy City, June 4, 1885. Dr. Miller is also one of the editors of "Modern Researches" by Bayer, United States, having charge of the volume (285 pages) published in 1904.

Dr. Miller is a member of the board of directors of the Pottsville Y. M. C. A., and has done splendid work for the borough in that connection. He belongs to the English Lutheran Church, of which he has been treasurer for fifteen years, and has also held the positions of deacon and elder, giving his best efforts to the promotion of its interest and work. Socially he belongs to Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, I. O. O. F., to Franklin Encampment (Odd Fellows), to the Modern Woodmen of America, and to the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

On Jan. 5, 1889, Dr. Miller married Alice S. Wagner, daughter of F. B. Wagner, a merchant of Mahanoy City. They have had two children, Elizabeth Caroline and Charles Douglas.

ADAMS. Several decades ago the late George Adams settled in North Manheim township, in the southern part of Schuylkill county, at what is now known as Adamsdale. A carpenter by trade, he engaged in the building of boats at that point, branching out into other lines of business as opportunity offered, and practically laid the foundations of the thriving community which has since borne his name, and whose principal activities are still conducted by the members of the Adams family. He was a member of the fifth generation of his family in this country, and we give herewith the record of the early generations.

Anthony Adam, as the name was then spelled, was born in the Fatherland

in the year 1716, and emigrated to America in the year 1741. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch. His vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. Anthony Adam's age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches of land in Albany township, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province June 6, 1752. The farm is now in the possession of Jacob Weisner, of Round Top, Albany township, Berks county.

Anthony Adam, or Andoni Adam, as he wrote his name, received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres and 47 perches "above Maxatawny," Feb. 7, 1748. In 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. He was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, of Albany township, in 1766, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December of 1768. The date of death of Anthony Adam, of Albany township, is not known.

Anthony Adam (2), son of Anthony of Albany township, was born about the year 1736, and was a resident of the adjoining township of Windsor in 1758, described on the tax list of that year as a single man. He married Rosina Dunkel, widow of Vincent Leshner, of Richmond township. Anthony Adam served during the Revolutionary war as a private in Capt. Jacob Ladich's company, Col. Samuel Ely's battalion, of Berks county militia, as appears from a muster roll showing that this company was in the service of the United States from Oct. 1 to Oct. 17, 1781 (Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. V, pp. 279-281). In 1799 Anthony Adam (2) received from the State of Pennsylvania a patent of 307 acres of land called "Manheim" on Briar creek, in Northumberland (now Columbia) county, Pennsylvania, and in 1806 received a patent for another tract of 426 acres called "Quincy," on the same creek. These lands he conveyed to his four sons. Anthony Adam died some time after April 27, 1809. He had at least four children, as follows: Peter was a resident of Windsor township, Berks county; Anthony (3) was of Briarcreek township, Columbia county; Jacob Adam, of Richmond township, Berks county, married Susan Kline; Abraham, of Briarcreek, born Oct. 7, 1799, died in Briarcreek July 6, 1855, married Sarah Miller.

Peter Adam, grandfather of George Adams, born Oct. 1, 1765, died July 1, 1849. He lived in Windsor township, Berks county, and was a farmer all his life. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and a Democrat in politics. He married Catharina Hausknecht.

Samuel Adams, son of Peter, lived and died at Windsor Castle, in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa. He was born in that township in the beginning of the nineteenth century, and lived to be only twenty-five years old. He was engaged principally at the carpenter's trade. To his marriage with Catherine Stausser, daughter of Henry Stausser, were born three children, Hannah, George and Catherine (who died at the age of eighteen years, unmarried); and by his second marriage there was one child, Hettie, Mrs. Neiswender, of Tilden township, Berks Co., Pa. Hannah was twice married, first to Edwin Skeen and second to John Carl. She died Sept. 12, 1905, at Pottsville.

George Adams was born March 3, 1828, in Windsor township, Berks county, and had somewhat limited educational opportunities, attending the common schools there in his early boyhood. He early learned the trade of

carpenter. Upon coming to Schuylkill county in 1847 he first located at Ashland, thence removing to Middleport, where he became engaged by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at his trade, as foreman in charge of the building of bridges and stations. He built a number of breakers for individual coal operators. When he gave up work for the railroad company he became employed in one of the boat works at Landingville, in 1858 beginning the building of boats on his own account, meeting with such success that he did the principal business of the county in his day and locality. He often had as many as fifty men working for him and six boats under construction at one time. In 1866 he purchased a fine farm at what is now Adamsdale, owning a tract of 200 acres, and here he established his business, which was practically the center of the life of the town. He continued boatbuilding for over thirty years, until the canal between Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton was abandoned—the only outlet for the larger type of boats built during the later years of the industry in this section. The first boats built for the Schuylkill canal were of eighty tons capacity, but those of later construction, used in the trade to New York and Baltimore and New Haven, could carry cargoes up to three hundred tons. Though the decline of industry on the canal meant great loss to a number of business men, it was not so with Mr. Adams, who had acquired other interests in the meantime, and he turned his energies into other lines when he gave up boatbuilding. He had done considerable as a cattle dealer; in 1875 he erected a hotel, and later he put up a store, establishing the general merchandising business which is still carried on by his estate; he also established a wheelwright shop, repairing and building carriages, and ran a sawmill and paint factory. He sometimes operated the brickyard located on his property, at other times leasing it. On Jan. 1, 1891, in partnership with G. W. Hubler and A. H. Preuzel, he established the Adams Shoe Company, at Adamsdale, for the manufacture of infants' and misses' shoes of the McKay and Goodyear styles, and Mr. Adams acted as general supervisor and manager. The factory was first located in the rear of his general store, but in 1900 a three-story frame building was erected for the purpose, 40 by 100 feet in dimensions, providing commodious quarters for the business, which had attained considerable importance. About forty hands were employed in his day, and the business has been carried on continuously since, his son, John H. Adams, being now president of the Adams Shoe Company, his son, Franklin P. Adams, vice president, and a third son, Robert W. Adams, secretary. To the original products have been added a line of ladies' and children's shoes, and thus for over twenty years the business has maintained its place as a most important industry in that section of the county. The employees now number one hundred. George Adams built up a fine trade as a general merchant, carrying an excellent stock, which attracted customers from a wide territory, and his heirs have been no less successful in keeping up to the high standards of the establishment. The farm land he owned at Adamsdale, consisting of two valuable tracts, was highly developed under his able management, and he gave his attention to its cultivation for nearly forty years. Mr. Adams showed surprising versatility in the management of his numerous interests, combining his various operations to their mutual advantage, and he was one of the important figures of his day, much of the local prosperity depending upon his enterprises. Personally he was a man of the highest character, honorable in all his dealings, and his death, which occurred March



5, 1901, was universally mourned in this section. He is buried in the cemetery of the Red Church.

Mr. Adams married Eliza Deiner, daughter of Peter Deiner, of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and of the children born to this marriage four died in infancy, the survivors being: George C.; Richard S., at one time foreman in Bradley's agricultural works at Chicago, Ill., now on the homestead at Adamsdale; Catherine E., wife of Morris Runkel, of Landingville, a dispatcher in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company; Franklin P., agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Adamsdale; Charles S.; John H.; and Robert W. The second union was to Mrs. Diana Schall, daughter of Rev. Philip Mayer, who for forty-nine years was a minister of the Reformed Church. Mr. Adams also belonged to that denomination. He was a Democrat in his political convictions.

GEORGE C. ADAMS, eldest surviving son of the late George Adams, was born Dec. 31, 1858. He received a public school education, and an excellent business training in his father's employ. After following farming for some time he became manager of the store at Adamsdale, and on May 24, 1892, was appointed postmaster there, which office he has held continuously since. He married Mary M. Kramer, daughter of Jacob Kramer, and they have one daughter, Hannah.

CHARLES S. ADAMS, born Aug. 11, 1870, at Adamsdale, is clerking in the general store there now conducted by his father's estate, and also acts as assistant postmaster. He married Emma J. Snyder, daughter of Lewis Snyder. They have no children.

JOHN H. ADAMS, now president of the Adams Shoe Company of Adamsdale, was born at that place April 10, 1872. After attending the local schools he took a course at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., graduating in 1901, and for three terms taught school in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county. For a time he had charge of the office work of his father's shoe company, and he took advantage of his opportunity to learn the business thoroughly. When the Adams Shoe Company was incorporated he was made secretary and treasurer, being associated with the concern in this capacity until he became the executive head, in January, 1913. Like his father and brothers he is a man of unquestioned business ability, and the upbuilding of the business had gone on steadily under his able direction. He makes his home at Adamsdale, and gives all his attention to the management of the shoe business. Mr. Adams married Charlotte R. Haeseler, daughter of John T. Haeseler, of Orwigsburg, a member of one of the old established families of Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have one child, Marvin L. In religious faith this family adheres to the Reformed denomination.

ROBERT W. ADAMS, youngest surviving son of George Adams, was born April 7, 1875, at Adamsdale. He attended school at Pottsville, this county. For a number of years he was variously employed, being with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pottsville, and with the Eastern Steel Company, and for a time was employed at clerical work in New York City. On Nov. 10, 1910, he returned to Adamsdale, where he has since been giving his attention to the business of the Adams Shoe Company, of which he is now secretary and treasurer. He has proved a vital factor in the administration of its affairs, which have been gaining in measure yearly, the high grade of its product maintaining its popularity with the dealers and public generally. Mr. Adams married Clara Von Fleet, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and they make

their home at Adamsdale. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Pottsville, this county.

The Adams Shoe Company, so modestly started, now has a thoroughly up-to-date plant, conveniently appointed, and equipped with modern shoe machinery, for the manufacture of ladies', misses', children's and infants' shoes. It was incorporated under the present title in June, 1903, and since March, 1913, all of the stock has been owned by the sons of the late George Adams. The conduct of the business, jobbing as well as manufacturing, is now entirely in their hands, and judging from the favorable reputation of the company and its product is most capably managed in every department.

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON, M. D., was not only one of the most successful private practitioners of his day in Pottsville but also one of the most useful members of the profession who have lived in the community. Availing himself unselfishly of the opportunities for service to his fellowmen which came to him daily in the course of his duties as a physician, he saw the need for wide plans to benefit them which now form part of the record of his helpful life. He was a native of Schuylkill county, born May 1, 1845, son of Morris L. Robinson, who was a coal operator in the county. After reading medicine for a time with the late Dr. Andrew Howell Halberstadt, of Pottsville, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, graduating in 1868. Returning to Schuylkill county, he at once began practice at Pottsville, where he established a position among the leading physicians of the borough and vicinity. Before long he became proprietor of a drug store in the town, and by combining irreproachable service to his patrons with up-to-date methods developed the business until it ranked with the most prosperous in its line.

Dr. Robinson's various activities were mostly such as his profession led him into. For several years he was secretary of the board of health, and he took a deep interest in the success of the Pottsville hospital, serving on its staff and in other capacities rendering service of great value to the institution. He was an honored member of the County Medical Society, and fraternally was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, being a member and past master of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., and a member of Miners' Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., both of Pottsville. As a sincere Republican he gave his support to the party, and he did his share towards promoting good government in the town, serving as member of the town council and acting as president of that body. He lived in the home at No. 17 North Centre street occupied by his widow until January, 1914—a valuable piece of property. His death occurred Nov. 4, 1912, and he is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery.

Dr. Robinson had one son, Z. Webster, by his first wife, Mary A. (Trout). On Jan. 18, 1911, he married (second) Mary Virginia Smith, daughter of William Emery Smith. No children were born to this marriage.

WILLIAM EMERY SMITH, father of Mrs. Mary V. Robinson, was born in Canada, and came to Schuylkill county when yet a boy. In his earlier manhood he was employed as a stationary engineer, and later engaged in the coal business, being one of the early operators in this region. He lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred Sept. 16, 1913, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robinson, in Pottsville. His wife, Elizabeth (Ansty), was born in England, and come to America when a young girl. She died March 7, 1904. Their children were as follows: Alfred J., Charles E., Agnes

A., E. Clare, Robert L. (deceased), William E., Jr., Jennie E. (deceased), Mary V. (Mrs. Robinson) and John S. (deceased).

JACOB D. REED, of Schuylkill Haven, is the leader in a leading industry of the borough and all southern Schuylkill county, where the Union Knitting Mills have filled a large place in promoting and maintaining prosperous conditions, permanent in value and influential also by affording practical demonstration of the advantages of this region from the manufacturer's standpoint. Mr. Reed's personal success has borne good fruit for the community in which his ambitions have been realized. He himself has always been a man of zealous public spirit, doing a good citizen's share in the furtherance of projects which need substantial support for their realization, and sharing the responsibilities of local religious and social enterprises. Mr. Reed was born May 9, 1857, at Reedsville, in Wayne township, this county, son of Elias Reed.

Elias Reed, father of Jacob D. Reed, was a native of Wayne township, Schuylkill county, was a lifelong farmer, and died in 1889 at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife is still living on the old homestead in Wayne township. He married Christiana Deibert, and they had a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom Wallace, the eldest son, died when four years old; Emma, the eldest daughter, died when about six years old; the rest attained maturity, viz.: John H., born Dec. 2, 1855, now living in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county; Jacob D.; Annie R., the wife of A. D. Super, living in Wayne township; Elizabeth A., the widow of Francis M. Luckenbill, of Wayne township; Mary E., who married Louis Stahler and died June 3, 1895; George C.; Sallie G., who married Howard S. Mengel, of Wayne township; and Susan P., married to Howard D. Becker, of Wayne township.

Jacob D. Reed attended the public schools of his native township, and remained at home until nineteen years old, working for his father on the home farm. In the year 1876 he came to Schuylkill Haven, where he learned the shoemaker's trade with William Becker. It was his calling for nearly twenty years, until he engaged in the knitting business with John A. Bowen in 1895. In 1900 a third partner was admitted to the firm, the late Moses Leininger, of Orwigsburg, and six weeks after his admission to the business Mr. Bowen withdrew, Mr. Reed and Mr. Leininger buying his interest in the business. They continued it with increasing trade until Mr. Leininger's death, and on April 1, 1914, Mr. Reed purchased the Leininger estate interest, becoming sole proprietor. The establishment is conducted under its old name, the Union Knitting Mills. The plant is 40 by 115 feet in dimensions, located on William street, and there is a large bleach house doing custom work, with a capacity of four thousand pounds per day. One hundred and fifty people are employed, a fact which brings it into the class of important establishments in the thriving town of Schuylkill Haven. The product is ladies', misses' and children's underwear, in ribbed light weights, and Mr. Reed has a patent on ladies' closed union suits which are a special feature at this factory. The mills are always busy, and never known to close down for want of orders. The output is sold to the jobbers and Mr. Reed also takes the output of another mill, at Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa. His sincere desire to see business advantages on a good basis in the borough led him to cooperate in the organization of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, one of the substantial bank-

ing institutions of this section, of which he was an original director, and is still serving as such.

On Jan. 8, 1885, Mr. Reed married Emma E. Wommer, a daughter of Jacob Wommer, of Wayne township, where he was a well known farmer. They have two sons: Ivan W., who is now assisting his father at the mill, and Willis E., a pupil in the local schools.

Mr. Reed has filled all the offices in the United Evangelical Church, being at present a class leader, and when the new church was erected acted as a member of the building committee. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. In political opinion he is a Republican, but he has never taken an active part in such affairs. He served fourteen successive years as assessor, the length of his service showing how highly his labors were prized.

ALBERT W. SELTZER. As treasurer of the Seltzer Packing Company and vice president of the Merchants' National Bank of Pottsville Albert W. Seltzer is a leader in the business activities of Schuylkill county. The former enterprise, in which his principal interests center, was founded over forty years ago by his father, Conrad Seltzer, and has been maintained ever since by members of this family, whose business ability and other substantial qualities entitle them to be classed among the leaders of this part of Pennsylvania. The firm at present includes Albert W. Seltzer and his brother, William H. Seltzer.

Conrad Seltzer, the father, was a native of Germany, born Sept. 17, 1817, in Marburg, Hesse. He came to the United States when a youth in the year 1832, accompanying part of his parents' family. Locating in Fishbach, a suburb of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he began to work as a butcher, following the occupation in which most of his immediate ancestors had been engaged. He was one of the earliest men in that business at Pottsville. His first independent business venture was as proprietor of the meat market located in Pottsville, on Centre street, opposite the "Exchange Hotel." For several years he also followed his business at Minersville, Schuylkill county, in 1858 giving it up and retiring to his farm, which was known as the "Bull's Head." There he continued in practically the same line, as a general breeder of and dealer in live stock, being thus engaged until his retirement in 1889. In this branch of the business also his careful plans and energetic methods made him successful, and his steadily increasing interests formed the basis of the extensive packing business which his sons have developed and still conduct. Mr. Seltzer proved his value to the community in other relations as well. He was recognized as a financier of notable ability, a fact which his election as treasurer of the county in 1864 attested. He served one term of two years in that position. As a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church he was devoted to its welfare, and served for many years as elder and trustee. Though he began life humbly, his first home at Fishbach being a small log house near the site of the eastern steel mill, he came to be one of the most substantial business men of Schuylkill county, and the industry which has grown out of the beginnings he made is now one of the largest of its kind in eastern Pennsylvania. His death occurred at Pottsville Sept. 2, 1890. He was a Democrat in politics.

On Dec. 10, 1839, Mr. Seltzer was married in Schuylkill county to Dorothea E. Roehrig, like himself a native of Germany, and now also deceased. Twelve children were born to their union, namely: William H., now president of the Seltzer Packing Company and a resident of Pottsville, married Anna B. Thumm; Albert W. is next in the family; Amelia is the widow of Dr. R. F.

Krebs, late of Reading, Berks Co., Pa.; Charles F. is engaged in business as a saddler and harnessmaker at Pottsville; Josephine is the wife of Charles R. Kear, of Minersville, Pa., president of the First National Bank of Minersville and of the Minersville Water Company; John C. lives at Reading, Pa., where he is connected with the Farmers' National Bank; Clara is the wife of F. P. Mortimer, a prominent merchant of Pottsville; Frederick is carrying on a livery business in Pottsville; Dolly died at the age of twenty-six years; Edward L. is engaged in farming and fruit growing in Shelltown, Md.; Henry H. is serving as register of wills of Schuylkill county; Bertha E. is the wife of Frederick E. Zerbey, superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, residing at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Albert W. Seltzer was born July 7, 1843, at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and was given a public school education in that town. He had been working for a time when he enlisted for service in the Civil war in August, 1862, becoming a member of Company A, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which he joined at Harrisburg. After serving his term he received his honorable discharge May 26, 1863. He saw considerable active service, taking part in all the engagements of the Army of the Potomac during that period, and twice received flesh wounds. Subsequently Mr. Seltzer studied for a term at the Eastman business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating in July, 1864. As early as 1866 he went into the live stock business on his own account, his natural aptitude for this line no doubt being responsible for much of his early success. However, the expansion of the business along modern lines has progressed steadily. In 1887 he became associated with his brother William in the pork packing business. They erected a plant on Water and Temple streets (the one still occupied), having a main building 200 by 200 feet in dimensions, with wing 175 by 175, three stories high. Within five years the business had attained such proportions that employment was given to thirty-five men, and fifty thousand hogs were slaughtered annually, besides fifteen hundred head of cattle, about six hundred calves and a large number of sheep and lambs. The firm name, originally Seltzer & Bro., is now the Seltzer Packing Company. The present organization was effected in 1891, the officers being: William H. Seltzer, president; A. W. Seltzer, treasurer and secretary. The business has continued to gain in size and importance until it is now the leading industry of the kind in this section of the State.

The Seltzers are worthy successors of their ambitious father and their many sterling qualities have placed them among the most valuable citizens of Pottsville from early manhood. Besides his interests as a packer, Albert W. Seltzer is particularly well known as vice president of the Merchants' National Bank of Pottsville, which position he has filled ever since he became a director of that institution in 1909. He is also a director of the Pottsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company. His numerous personal interests, however, have not prevented his serving his fellow citizens more than capably as member of the city council for thirteen years and of the school board for thirteen years, the community thus having the benefit of his counsel and judgment in the management of local affairs. His public spirit has been demonstrated in many instances. Though a Democrat in politics he is independent of party when loyalty to his principles is at question. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and has long served as elder and deacon, forty years in the former office.

Mr. Seltzer was married Feb. 22, 1866, to Emma R. Kohler, whose father, Jacob Kohler, was a pioneer resident of Pottsville. Five children were born to this marriage: Dorothea Elizabeth is the wife of William T. Knight, clerk in a silk mill, and they have two children, Albert and Dorothea; Charles A., who is clerking for his father, married Effie Scott, and their two children are Karl Luther and Ruth E.; Marie is the wife of W. J. Schmidt, who is employed by the Seltzer Packing Company (they have no children); Alice A. is the wife of Daniel Miller Foster, of Youngstown, Ohio, and they have three children, Amie Louise, Dorothea Elizabeth and Emma Kohler; Amie Louise lives at home.

COL. WILLIAM THOMPSON was born May 22, 1834, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was of Scotch lineage, and his American ancestry dates to 1735, when John and James Thompson, whose forbears had been among the Scotch Covenanters who removed to Ireland early in the eighteenth century, left County Antrim, and landing in Pennsylvania took up their residence in Chester county. William Thompson, the grandfather of Col. William Thompson, served in the Revolutionary war. His father, Samuel Thompson, was born in 1792, and died in Pottsville, Pa., in 1851. His mother was Elizabeth Cunningham, of Newton Hamilton, Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania.

As a youth Colonel Thompson received a most careful training, and to this fact may be attributed that combination of ability and integrity which in early life secured him positions of honor and trust, and in later years brought to him a large financial reward. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he had not reached the age of twenty-seven, yet he had already taken high rank as a business man in the town of his birth, and was at the head of a well established and profitable banking concern. Full of patriotic ardor, his impulse was to go at once to the front, but the exactions of his position were such that in justice to others, as well as himself, some months of delay were unavoidable before he felt that he could follow the trend of his inclinations and become an active defender of the Union. In September, 1862, War Governor Andrew G. Curtin gave him authority to recruit a cavalry company in Schuylkill county, and on Nov. 1st he was mustered into the service as captain of Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, which belonged to the 2d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and served under the successive commands of Generals Pleasanton, Buford, Merriitt and Devin, with the greatest efficiency and distinction. For several months, commencing in May, 1863, Captain Thompson commanded Gen. George G. Meade's escort—Companies D and H, and later was with Gen. P. H. Sheridan in his battles; his active service, in fact, included participation in nearly every engagement in which the Union cavalry took part in the operations of the Army of the Potomac during the last two years of the war. He was severely wounded in the right shoulder at Kearneystown, Va., when three divisions of Union cavalry made a charge upon General Early's entire force, to divulge its strength and plans. He was elected major Feb. 13, 1865, and a month later, March 13th, was brevetted lieutenant-colonel "for meritorious and distinguished services." It was only when incapacitated by his wounds that he was ever absent from the front; and, with these exceptions, he never lost a day's duty while he was in the service. He was mustered out on June 20, 1865. His army career involved the numberless hardships in camp and field to which an impetuous and truly patriotic soldier is subject, but from the hour in which he secured his first





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recruit under Governor Curtin's commission to the prouder one when he was first in command of his regiment in a reconnoissance towards Appomattox Court House, at midnight, April 8, 1865, which demonstrated the presence of the Army of Northern Virginia in force, every responsibility was promptly taken, every duty cheerfully performed, every discomfort uncomplainingly endured. His record as a soldier, from first to last, was a brilliant one and brought with it its own immediate reward. He was loved by his command, respected by his superior officers, and honored by all.

Colonel Thompson's interest in his companions in the army did not end with the war. His regiment claimed the honor of firing the first gun in the great conflict at Gettysburg, and to him to a great extent is due the erection, on that historic field, of a grand monument to the memory of those who gave up their lives in the struggle. In private life, the old soldier of whatever rank was a comrade; the widows and orphans of the war the object of his tender and generous solicitude.

Upon the close of his service in the field, Colonel Thompson again turned his attention to the calling for which his early education and experience had so thoroughly fitted him. Possessed of a fair competence by inheritance from his father, he became a large stockholder in the Miners' National Bank of Pottsville, one of the oldest and most substantial banks in the State. He was elected a director of this institution on Jan. 13, 1882, and thereafter made its interests his life work, his long and honorable connection with it ending only with his death. He served as cashier from May 23, 1882, until Jan. 25, 1893, when he was elected vice president, and became president on Jan. 12, 1894. His dealings in real estate were judicious and profitable, and his property holdings included some of the finest business blocks in Pottsville. An attendant at the Presbyterian Church, Colonel Thompson was one of its most open-handed supporters, his contributions towards the successful efforts to secure the splendid pipe organ of that church being an example of his generosity. With the sterling and impregnable characteristics of the early Covenanters which came to him as an inheritance, he remained steadfast to his patriotic principles throughout a long and eventful life, and as a citizen his dealings were fair and equitable, his business transactions open and honorable.

Although Colonel Thompson never married, he was most genial and companionable, pleasant in all social relations, and fatherly and tender towards those endeared to him by ties of consanguinity. He died July 9, 1903, at Pottsville, Pa., and was buried there in the Thompson family plot in the Charles Baber cemetery.

LEWIS C. THOMPSON. No name in Pottsville is more highly respected than that of Thompson, where through several decades of honorable association with business and social life its standing has been maintained without qualification. Various representatives of the family to which Lewis C. Thompson belongs have been notably successful, and he himself has the distinction of being at present the oldest business man in town. He has completed almost sixty years of continuous activity in the same line and at the same location. In company with Harry P. Stichter he established the first hardware concern in Pottsville, now incorporated under the name of Lewis C. Thompson, and he has been at the head for fifty years. The business is both wholesale and retail and the house is one of the best known in this part of the State, with substantial standing gained during a long career of reliable transactions. This

has been Mr. Thompson's principal interest, but he has other connections which show his sympathy with local conditions and willingness to assist them to prosperity whenever possible.

The early records of the Thompson family are of interest in this connection. Its first ancestors in America came to this country from County Antrim, Ireland, about 1730-35. The family, however, is of Scotch lineage, of old Scotch Covenanter stock, which early in the eighteenth century moved from their home in Scotland to Ireland, residing temporarily in that country. John Thompson, Sr., and his brother James, upon their arrival in America located at Cross Roads, Chester Co., Pa. Then they removed to Hanover township, same county (now in Lebanon county), and later to a farm near Derry Church, about ten miles distant from Harrisburg. Here John Thompson married his second wife, whose maiden name was Slocum, and shortly afterwards removed to a farm three miles from Thompsontown, which was inherited by his sons Peter and Thomas, to whom he willed it; when Thomas died his interest went by bequest to Peter, who in turn left it to his son John Peter, who died in 1882. John Thompson, Sr., married for his third wife Sarah Patterson. By his first, whose maiden name was Greenleaf (or Greenlea), he had four children, one of whom, William, was the grandfather of Lewis C. Thompson. James Thompson, a brother of John Thompson, Sr., settled along South Mountain, Franklin county, where his descendants still reside.

William Thompson, grandfather of Lewis C. Thompson, was born in 1754 in Thompsontown, Hanover township, Dauphin Co., Pa. He followed farming and merchandising. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in the Colonial cause, and participated in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. He married Jane Mitchell at Chambersburg, Pa., and they had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Samuel Thompson, son of William, was born in 1792, in Thompsontown, Dauphin county, and died March 7, 1851, in Pottsville, Schuylkill county. On Nov. 6, 1827, he married Ann Alricks, of Harrisburg, Pa., who died Aug. 27, 1828, aged twenty-nine years, ten months. On Aug. 6, 1833, he married (second) Elizabeth Cunningham, of Newton Hamilton, Mifflin Co., Pa., who was born March 3, 1805, and died in her seventieth year, Oct. 5, 1874, at Pottsville. Four children were born to this union: Col. William, born May 22, 1834, served through the Civil war in the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was mustered out at its close as lieutenant-colonel of his regiment; he became a prominent man of Pottsville, particularly in his connection with the Miners' National Bank, of which he was president. Lewis C., born Nov. 7, 1835, is mentioned below. Emily J., born July 21, 1838, died Nov. 17, 1880; on Oct. 11, 1866, she married Maj. Edward Carey Baird, who died Nov. 14, 1874, and they had one child, Bessy Carey Baird, born in Depere, near Green Bay, Wis., who was married to Joseph Archibald, of Scranton. Heber Samuel, who completes the family, is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Lewis C. Thompson was born Nov. 7, 1835, at Pottsville, where he obtained his early education in the public schools, later attending school at Chambersburg, Franklin county, and continuing his studies at the Bolmar Academy, West Chester, Pa. His business life began early. In April, 1855, in partnership with Harry P. Stichter, he established a wholesale and retail hardware business at the corner of Centre and Market streets, Pottsville, the firm of Stichter & Thompson being the pioneer in the town in that line. This association lasted until the spring of 1865, when Mr. Thompson purchased Mr. Stich-

ter's interest and associated with him his brother, Heber S. Thompson, the firm becoming L. C. Thompson & Company. Later Heber S. Thompson withdrew, and from that time the business was carried on by Lewis C. Thompson himself until May 1, 1911, when it became incorporated, as previously stated, with the following officers: Lewis C. Thompson, president; William M. Thompson, vice president; J. Harry Benner, secretary and treasurer, and L. C. Thompson, William M. Thompson, J. Harry Benner and W. K. Woodbury, directors. Though Mr. Thompson's time and attention have been directed principally to the affairs of this concern, he has formed other associations, and is at present a director of the Miners' National Bank of Pottsville, and a director of the Union Hall Association. He has always taken an active interest and part in the life of the borough as a member of the Pottsville Club, and a prominent worker in the First Presbyterian Church; he served as president of its board of trustees when the present church building on Mahantongo street was erected, in 1874. Mr. Thompson's cordial manner in business as well as social circles has won him the friendship of all he has met, and he had made his success with the interest and good will of his associates.

During the Civil war Mr. Thompson enlisted in Company A, 27th Emergency Regiment, raised when Lee invaded the State in 1863.

On June 10, 1862, Mr. Thompson married Rebecca Frances Bruner, who was born in Chester county, Pa., near the line of Berks county, daughter of John and Maria (Jones) Bruner. The following children have been born to this union: Elizabeth May was educated at Bradford, Mass., and on Feb. 20, 1890, became the wife of Frank Bailey Parsons, of Northampton, Mass., who died March 16, 1911, his widow now residing at Pottsville, Pa.; Mary Louise married, Jan. 24, 1900, Henry T. Blodgett, of New York City, and they reside at East Paget in the Bermudas; Carrie Frances, born in 1866, died in infancy; William Mitchell was educated in the local schools and the Hill school at Pottstown, also spending a year in Phillips Academy, at Andover, and since 1892 has been in business with his father (he was married Jan. 7, 1902, to Mary Jane Sturman, daughter of Joseph T. Sturman and Sarah E. Golithly); Elsie received her education in the select schools, and is now living at home. In 1875 Mr. Thompson began the erection of his beautiful residence at No. 801 West Mahantongo street, which he and his family have occupied since July 4, 1876.

The Bruners, Mrs. Thompson's family, have been in Pennsylvania since Provincial days. Her great-grandfather, Ulrich (or Owen) Bruner, a native of Switzerland, was born on Whitsunday, June 4, 1730. He sailed from Rotterdam to America, via Cowes, England, on board the ship "Mercury," May 29, 1735, in company with a number from the Palatinate, among them Henry Brunner (the name being variously spelled). In 1755 Ulrich was married to Fronica Gross (or Bross), a native of Pauls, Germany, who had settled in Bucks county, Pa., in 1744, and they had born to them six sons and five daughters, of whom nine names are on record, viz.: Maria, John, Isaac, Fronica, Ulrich (or Owen), Barbara, Isaac, Jacob and Magdalena. The mother of this family died Feb. 27, 1796, and the father Feb. 19, 1821, at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

Owen Bruner, one of the above named children, was born July 5, 1762, and on March 2, 1787, married Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of John and Barbara Weaver, prominent and wealthy Mennonites of Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He died Nov. 29, 1843. Mrs. Elizabeth Bruner died March

12, 1853, at the age of eighty-five years. She bore her husband ten children: John, born Jan. 7, 1788, died Jan. 15, 1814; Barbara, born Dec. 4, 1789, was married to John Good; Abraham, born Sept. 24, 1791, married, Dec. 15, 1814, Rebecca Evans, and died March 3, 1870; Owen (or Ulrich), born Oct. 24, 1794, died April 1, 1845, the husband of Ann Martin; Jacob, born June 20, 1796, married Ruth A. Talbot; John, born Dec. 29, 1799, married Maria Jones; Isaac, born April 2, 1802, was a physician, and died Dec. 29, 1828; Elizabeth, born Sept. 30, 1804, was married to Dr. William Happersett; Daniel L., born June 22, 1807, was also a physician, and died in 1888, the husband of Elizabeth Davies; and Fronica (or Frances), born June 23, 1810, was married to John Kenega.

ANDREW B. COCHRAN, late of Pottsville, one of the foremost civil and mining engineers in this section of Pennsylvania, had a career of over forty-nine years in that profession. Practically all his life was spent in the same line of work. A man of unpretentious disposition, yet with marked ability and high ideals, he was a quiet force for progress and the establishing of lofty standards in the community where he lived during the greater part of his active years. Of Scotch-Irish descent, he was a son of Andrew Cochran, a native of County Derry, Ireland, who came to the United States about 1820 and passed the rest of his life in Pennsylvania. His first location was at Lancaster, whence he subsequently moved to Philadelphia, dying there at an advanced age. He was extensively engaged in the lumber business, having interests both at Philadelphia and at Williamsport, Pa., at the latter place erecting the first sawmills built there. During his later years he also dealt in real estate and was engaged in conveyancing. He married Sarah Boyd, who was born at Lancaster, Pa., and they had a family of six children: Sarah, Eliza, Martha, Mary, Andrew B. and Richard, all deceased.

Andrew B. Cochran was born July 14, 1836, in Philadelphia, and obtained his early education in the public schools there, taking a four years' course at the Central high school. Then he learned the business of conveyancing. In February, 1859, he came to Pottsville to take a position with P. W. Sheaffer and began the study of mining engineering. Remaining with Mr. Sheaffer until 1862, he then went to New York City and became associated with his father, who was in New York at that time looking after mining speculations in which he was interested. On his return to Pottsville, in September, 1866, Mr. Cochran entered the employ of Harris Brothers, with whom he continued until 1868, that year forming a partnership with George B. Strauch, their business being civil and mining engineering. This association lasted until 1873, in which year Mr. Strauch retired because of failing health, and for a number of years afterwards Mr. Cochran did business alone, until he took his son into partnership in 1889. The firm name then became A. B. Cochran & Son, and when Andrew B. Cochran died, May 14, 1908, the son succeeded to his interests, which he is still conducting.

Andrew B. Cochran was quite prominent in the Republican party, serving as county chairman and frequently as delegate to the State conventions. The only public office he held was that of borough surveyor of Pottsville, which he filled from 1871 to 1889 continuously. Socially he was well known in the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, having been a member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville, and Lu Lu Temple,

A. A. O. N. M. S., of Philadelphia; he was also a member of Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, I. O. O. F., of Pottsville. In every association his high character and consistently honorable methods won him the unqualified esteem of those with whom he came into contact.

Andrew B. Cochran married Maria Gould, daughter of William and Catherine (Hill) Gould, of Pottsville, and they were the parents of two children, William A. and Kate G. Cochran. Mrs. A. B. Cochran died Feb. 26, 1907.

WILLIAM A. COCHRAN married Ella G. Carey, daughter of Daniel J. and Ellen A. Carey, of Philadelphia, and they have one child, Catherine Carey Cochran.

CHARLES EDWARD QUAIL, M. D., late of Auburn, Pa., practiced medicine at that place and in the surrounding territory of Schuylkill county throughout his professional career. He was a successful physician in the best sense of the word, leading a life of busy helpfulness in that capacity, yet he also found time to be of service to his fellow citizens in various public relations, and his life story is replete with the record of duties well done, many of them voluntarily assumed and many of them undertaken at the request of those who recognized his ability and respected his admirable character. Dr. Quail was a native of Baltimore, Md., born Oct. 9, 1841, son of Conrad Quail.

Conrad Quail was born in Alsace, Germany, of German parentage, and when he came to the United States, about 1825, settled at Baltimore. He was a contractor and builder, and followed that business on an extensive scale, having worked at St. Louis and other places as well as his home city. In 1843 he was engaged to superintend the erection of the arsenal for the government at Harper's Ferry, and while so employed met with an accident which caused the rupture of a blood vessel, resulting in his death, at the age of forty years, in 1845. Mr. Quail was a charter member of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., the first body of that kind organized in Baltimore. He married Mary Ports, who was born in Carroll county, Md., and died at Hampstead, that county, in 1887, at the age of seventy-seven years. She is buried at Manchester, Carroll county, but Mr. Quail was interred at Baltimore. Six children, four sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Quail, namely: George W., deceased; Margaret, deceased; John H., a farmer near Hampstead, Md.; William U., who died in Philadelphia in April, 1893; Charles Edward; and Susan, wife of Joseph Little, of Hampstead, Md., deceased about 1905.

John Ports, father of Mrs. Conrad Quail, was born in southern Pennsylvania, but spent his later years at Manchester, Md., where he died, in 1853, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a carpenter and contractor, and besides carrying on that business operated a large farm. Politically he was a Democrat, of the Jacksonian type, and his religious connection was with the Lutheran Church. He married Mary Wentz, and they had a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

Charles Edward Quail began his education in the schools of Baltimore, and later attended Mount Irvin College, at Manchester, Md. He had begun his medical course at the Maryland University when the Civil war came on, and feeling that his first duty was to his country he enlisted, Aug. 2, 1862, in Company D, 8th Regiment, Maryland Volunteers, commanded by Col. Andrew Denison, and attached to the brigade of Maj. Gen. John R. Kenly, Army of

the Potomac. During his service of two years and ten months, until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, he was in many actions, and was wounded at Spotsylvania Court House. The war over, he returned to his medical studies, was graduated from the Medical College at Maryland University, and for a year was an interne in the Baltimore Infirmary. Then he came to Auburn, Pa., in March, 1867, when he began independent practice, and he remained at that location until his death, which occurred Dec. 21, 1910. In connection with his practice Dr. Quail began the drug business, in 1892. Aside from general practice he had a number of professional connections, having served two terms as coroner, to which office he was elected in 1873; and a number of years as pension examiner, holding that position under Presidents Harrison and McKinley; and continuing to serve in that capacity until his election to the State Senate. He was a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

In his professional career Dr. Quail not only came into contact with citizens of every class of the community, but also acquired a close familiarity with local conditions, which with his practical character made him peculiarly fitted for public service. Though he measured up to larger responsibilities he was equally zealous in the performance of such duties as affected the home community only, and for thirty-three years he served as a member of the Auburn school board, of which body he was also treasurer. In 1900 he was honored with election as representative of his district in the State Senate, and was reelected in November, 1904. He was one of the active members of the Republican party in this section of the State, and was honored with the chairmanship of the county, which he held for two years. Dr. Quail from time to time had business interests also, being one of the organizers, in 1887, of the company which operated the plant known for five years as the Auburn Bolt & Nut Works, and he was president of that concern almost all of that period. He had a fine farm in West Brunswick township, lying one mile southeast of Auburn, as well as valuable real estate within the corporate limits of the borough.

Dr. Quail always maintained a sincere interest in the welfare of his old comrades of Civil war days. He was a member of Jere Helms Post, No. 26, G. A. R., of Schuylkill Haven, served some years on the Soldiers' Orphans' commission, and was an active member of the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Commission, his fellow officers being: St. Clair A. Mulholland, Philadelphia, president; George P. Morgan, Philadelphia, secretary; H. H. Cumings, Tidioute, Pa.; Henry S. Huidekoper, Philadelphia; E. A. Irwin, Curwensville, Pa.; Charles F. McKenna, Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. C. Stineman, South Fork, Pa.; E. L. Whittlesey, Eric, Pa. After the dedication of the State Monument at Gettysburg he went to Harrisburg to see Governor Stuart with reference to reimbursing the railroad companies for transporting the old soldiers to Gettysburg to attend the dedication. He died suddenly in the Capitol, his death being the first to occur there after the completion of the building. His religious connection was with the Church of God, and he was a trustee and elder for many years and otherwise active in its work.

On June 4, 1867, Dr. Quail married Emma Catherine Weishampel, and their five children were born at Auburn, as follows: Charles Edward, born May 10, 1868 (died Dec. 22, 1872); Foster Koehler, born June 23, 1869 (died Dec. 21, 1892); Emma Luella, born Nov. 18, 1873; Flora Juanita, born March 23, 1877; Charles Edward, born May 28, 1879 (died April 3, 1902). Emma



Luella was married Nov. 16, 1899, at Auburn, Pa., to Frederick Victor Filbert, Esq., of Pine Grove, Pa., the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. F. Meixell and Rev. H. F. Kroh. Four children have been born to this union: Marion Louise, Aug. 28, 1901; Frederic Quail, July 30, 1903; Edward Stuart, Nov. 6, 1906; and Margaret Luella, Jan. 24, 1915. Flora Juanita was married April 9, 1902, at Auburn, Pa., by Rev. S. M. Good, to Amos Yerkes Leshar, and they have had three children: Charles Quail, born May 7, 1904; James Edgar, Oct. 19, 1905; and Richard Yerkes, March 4, 1911 (died Sept. 15, 1912).

Foster Koehler Quail, M. D., was born June 23, 1869, at Auburn, Pa., and obtained his early education in the public schools there. His studies were continued at the Pottsville high school, which he attended for six years, graduating in 1887, after which he taught school for one year in East Brunswick township. He then began the study of medicine with his father, and in 1888 entered the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated April 16, 1891, with high honors, being awarded the gold medal offered by Dr. W. F. Waugh, professor of medical practice. Then he was elected resident physician of the hospital of his alma mater, and while serving as such took the competitive examination for a position at the Philadelphia hospital, being one of the sixteen successful young men out of seventy. He took his position there Dec. 1, 1891, and remained there until appointed to the position of physician for the Turkey Gap Coal & Coke Company, at Ennis, W. Va. Nine months after his arrival he was taken ill with typhoid fever, and died sixteen days later at Ennis, McDowell Co., W. Va., Dec. 21, 1892. He was buried Dec. 27, 1892, at Auburn, Pa., and Professor Thurlow of the Pottsville high school delivered an appropriate address at the funeral services. At a special meeting of the Alumni Association of the Medico-Chirurgical College proper resolutions were offered, and the large numbers of sorrowing friends who paid their respects at the funeral ceremonies testified to the high regard that this young man had already attained.

Charles Edward Quail, son of Dr. Charles Edward Quail, was born May 28, 1879, at Auburn, and after attending public school there was a student for five years at the Pottsville high school, from which he was graduated. He then began a course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, but he died April 3, 1902, of nephro-typhoid fever, just three weeks before graduation. He was a member of the Church of God, and in fraternal connection of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Like his brother, he was a young man of the highest promise, and his untimely death was widely and sincerely mourned.

Mrs. Emma Catherine (Weishampel) Quail was born May 14, 1843, in Shiremanstown, Cumberland Co., Pa., and received her education in Baltimore, Md. She is a daughter of Rev. John Frederick Weishampel, and a grand-daughter of Christian Weishampel, who was born near the town of Hirschberg, Silesia, Prussia, about the year 1770. (Relatives of his family are believed to be still living—1912—in that vicinity.) He married Catherine Bankard, daughter of Peter Bankard, in Baltimore, about 1802. He was drowned in Chatsworth run, during a freshet, in 1810, close by his residence, then in the suburbs, near what is now called German street, between Greene and Pine streets. He left three children: Barbara Ann, John Frederick and Christian. His widow married Andrew Uhl, who died about 1816, leaving two sons, Francis Adam and Andrew. She married a third husband, Jacob Miller, who

died about 1852. She survived until 1862, and died at the age of seventy-seven years.

John Frederick Weishampel, son of Christian Weishampel, was born in Baltimore, April 4, 1808. He learned the printing business with John T. Hansche; published several newspapers, among which were the *Workingmen's Advocate*, in support of the ten-hour system and other reforms, and *The Experiment*, the first daily penny paper issued in Baltimore (1834); removed to Shippensburg, Pa., in 1836, to publish a paper there; removed to Circleville, Ohio, in 1838, to print the "Religious Telescope" for the United Brethren Church; removed to Harrisburg in 1840, and to Shiremanstown, Pa., 1841, to conduct the "Gospel Publisher," organ of the Church of God, by which denomination he was licensed as a minister of the gospel, and preached frequently on circuits and as a missionary in both the English and German languages during his life. He removed in 1843 to Marietta, thence in 1844 to Lancaster, in 1845 to Philadelphia, and thence in 1846 to Baltimore. On July 3, 1831, he married Gertrude Dorothea Koehler, who was born March 20, 1807, in Germany, and came to America when eleven years old. She died Feb. 14, 1871, and is buried in Green Mount cemetery, Baltimore. They had six children who reached maturity, viz.: (1) John Frederick, who married Mary E. Addison; (2) Dorothy, who died in infancy; (3) Gertrude Dorothy, who married Robert Westley; (4) Benjamin Franklin, who married Cora I. Richards; (5) Mathilde Otillia, who married Lieut. Edward Francis Foster, First Lieutenant Quartermaster, Maryland Volunteers, Purnell Legion, on Dec. 13, 1864, at Baltimore, Md. (Lieutenant Foster died Sept. 5, 1880, and was interred in the National cemetery at Loudon Park, Baltimore, Md.; Mathilde O. Foster died in Philadelphia, Pa., July 14, 1910; buried in Robertson family lot, "Rose Hill," Loudon Park, Baltimore); (6) Emma Catherine, who married Dr. Charles E. Quail; (7) Howard Washington, who died young; and (8) Howard Burritt, who married Alice M. Uppercue and (second) Lelia Kratts, of Baltimore.

SAMUEL SILLYMAN (deceased) filled a large place in Schuylkill county for the thirty years and more of his residence in Pottsville. Though possessed of large private interests, he never allowed selfish considerations to impair his public spirit or blind him to the rights of his fellow citizens, which he respected as only a man of sterling conscience and liberal mind could do. His sympathies were not held within the limitations of business or family ties, but extended into all the activities of his adopted place, and his qualifications for leadership were so apparent that the influence of his example carried weight in many circles. It is worthy of note that his widow and daughters conducted the post office at Pottsville for a period of twenty-five years. All the representatives of the name have stood for a high order of citizenship, ranking with the best element in the community for moral, intellectual and social worth.

The Sillyman family has an interesting history, the members of its several branches in this locality showing characteristics of mental and moral strength which have come to be expected of them. The original spelling of the name, Sillyman, has been changed by some of the family to Silliman, and it is also found in the form "Selliman." The Schuylkill county family here treated is allied with several others of the locality, and they are descended from a Berks county family of honorable standing. James Sillyman, father of Samuel

Sillyman, lived in Bern township, Berks county, where he spent all his active years. His sons having established themselves at Pottsville, he removed to that place late in life and ended his days there. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married Susanna Hughes, daughter of Thomas Hughes, of Bucks county, Pa., and children as follows were born to them: Alexander, who served in the war of 1812; Thomas, who was the first postmaster at Pottsville, appointed Jan. 11, 1825, served until succeeded by George Taylor, who was appointed June 7, 1825, and died there (at one time he owned most of the land upon which the borough of Cressona now stands, and he sold a valuable farm there to the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company); James, who died in Pottsville; Samuel; John, deceased at Pottsville, who was the grandfather of H. I. Silliman, well known in that borough and all over Schuylkill county as editor of the Tamaqua *Evening Courier* and Pottsville *Journal*; Nancy, who married Jeremiah Kirk, and died in Pottsville; Susan, Mrs. Fister; and Jane, who died unmarried.

Samuel Sillyman, son of James, was born Sept. 26, 1797, at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Pottsville to live in 1825. In 1820 he and his three brothers, Thomas, James and John, had been engaged in this region as contractors in the construction of the turnpikes between Reading and Sunbury. Following the completion of this work they turned their attention to the timber business for a time, later acquiring extensive interests as mine operators. They were among the pioneers in that line in the local field, opening the mines on the "America" tract at Pottsville. Samuel Sillyman followed the mercantile business at Pottsville for a number of years, being associated in that line with his brother Thomas and with George Fister, and was highly successful. However, from 1839 until his death he devoted practically all his energies to the coal business, and he started a number of profitable collieries, and was owner or part owner of several of the best paying properties in the Schuylkill district. The Bear Ridge tract, in the Schuylkill valley, the Saint Clair shaft, Crow Hollow, and collieries at Middleport, Patterson and Tuscarora, were all included in the good producers he operated. But he shared the common fate of coal operators in meeting with heavy losses, though it was characteristic with him that financial reverses even more than prosperity served to bring to the surface the true worth of the man. He could meet adversity bravely, and apropos of this we quote a sentence from his obituary: "In this emergency his prominent characteristics stood out in bold relief, and that honesty, not of policy but in principle, which had marked his entire life, gained its appreciative admiration in the spontaneous expressions of regret for his misfortunes which came from all who knew him." Such was the esteem in which he was held by those well able to judge him. At one time Mr. Sillyman was a large landowner at Pottsville.

Mr. Sillyman was always looked up to as a trustworthy adviser, and in numerous instances the weight of his approval alone was sufficient to win the confidence of investors and the public in enterprises which needed their support. No act of his ever caused a reversal of this opinion, the unquestioned honesty marking all his own transactions proclaiming his principles plainly. His success was based upon continued perseverance and activity, coupled with the application of sound methods, and not the result of sharp practices or the manipulating of unfair advantages. Mr. Sillyman endeavored to use his wealth wisely and unselfishly. A number of men who attained prosperous position were kept on their feet during their early struggles by the financial

assistance he extended, and his wise counsel was always to be had for the asking. The worthy poor, also, the unfortunate of all classes, found in him a friend whose sympathy took the most practical turn, his generosity relieving the distress of many a family. In expression of public spirit he was excelled by none. He understood the value of fostering high ideals and setting up worthy standards, whatever the undertaking, and thus the material growth of the town bore the impress of his good judgment. The town hall was erected under his superintendence; he was a prominent member of the building committee in charge of the construction of the Schuylkill county courthouse; several of the largest hotels, and a number of stores, offices and private residences, including many of the most creditable structures of the day, were erected through his encouragement and set an example for the future which is still in effect. He was one of the first to agitate the erection of the Henry Clay monument at Pottsville, the first Clay monument erected in the country, and himself contributed over three thousand dollars to the fund, the largest single donation. He was one of the prime movers in securing the removal of the county seat from Orwigsburg to Pottsville. Mr. Sillyman was the first captain of the local military company, having been commissioned captain of the Pottsville Guards, Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 3, 1828; he resigned this commission in 1831. His support was never withheld from any good cause. In all his intercourse with his fellowmen he so won their affection as well as respect that it was truly said he had many friends and no enemies. About four years before his demise the citizens of Pottsville gave him a public dinner, for the purpose of expressing appreciation of his value as a citizen, and presented him a handsome service of plate.

Mr. Sillyman died Oct. 19, 1859, after a long and painful illness, at his residence in Pottsville, and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery; the remains were later removed to the Charles Baber cemetery. Citizens from all parts of Schuylkill county and many from beyond its limits came to attend the funeral services, and seldom have all the elements of the community been so united in showing respect to one man. At one o'clock on the day of the funeral the stores, hotels and other places of business closed. The bells of the First Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal and St. Patrick's Catholic Churches, as well as the courthouse bell, were tolled while the funeral procession moved. There was genuine grief in the many circles affected by his departure, and the inspiration of his well spent life kept his influence alive long afterwards. Mr. Sillyman was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Sillyman married Margaret Shelley, a native of Orwigsburg, this county, who survived him, dying at Pottsville in 1882. Children as follows were born to this union: Alexander S.; Amanda S.; Rebecca; Susan J.; Thomas H., a resident of Nevada (he served on the Union side during the Civil war, and was brevetted captain of Company H, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment); Elizabeth H.; George F., now of Altoona, Pa.; Joseph S., also of Altoona; Samuel, for many years a mail carrier in Pottsville, who died in 1914; and Fannie, wife of Tilghman Johnston, of Wilmington, Delaware.

Thomas Sillyman, a brother of Samuel, was the first postmaster at Pottsville, the office being established Jan. 11, 1825. He served only a few months, being succeeded in June by George Taylor. On April 6, 1861, Mrs. Margaret Sillyman, widow of Samuel Sillyman, was appointed, and she and her daughters continued to fill the position for the quarter of a century succeeding, discharging its duties so satisfactorily as to merit the substantial approval their services

received. The *Miners' Journal* of Pottsville, issue of June 22, 1886, devoted almost a column of its editorial page to a review of their work, and the account is of sufficient value to be quoted here in full:

Yesterday, June 21, completed the term for which Miss Elizabeth H. Sillyman was commissioned Postmaster at Pottsville, her appointment having been made by President Arthur, June 21, 1882. Miss Sillyman still continues in charge of the office pending the announcement of her successor, but as it is understood that this will transpire within a few days her administration may be regarded as virtually terminated. The eve of a change which cannot but be regarded as fraught with deep interest to this entire community, is deemed by the *Miners' Journal* a fitting occasion for a cursory review of the history of the office, and more particularly of its administration under the auspices of various members of the Sillyman family.

The Pottsville post office was established January 11, 1825, the first Postmaster being Thomas Sillyman, an uncle of the present incumbent. His successors, in chronological order, were as follows: George Taylor, appointed June 7, 1825; Charles Boyter, September 20, 1827; Enos Chichester, August 18, 1828; Joseph Weaver, February 21, 1839; John T. Werner, September 8, 1841; Michael Cochran, August 16, 1844; Daniel Krebs, February 15, 1847; Andrew Mortimer, May 2, 1849; John Clayton, April 18, 1853; Henry L. Acker, June 14, 1858; Mrs. Margaret Sillyman, April 6, 1861; Miss Amanda S. Sillyman, May 17, 1882; Miss Elizabeth H. Sillyman, June 21, 1882. It will thus be observed that, in addition to the first five months of its existence, the office has for a period of more than a quarter of a century past been continuously in the hands of the Sillyman family. It is, therefore, with no purpose to disparage the efficiency or fidelity of former incumbents, but for the reason that the administration of Mrs. Margaret Sillyman and her successors is more familiarly identified with the experience of the present generation of the community, that the *Journal* at this time confines its reflections to a resume of the admirable record made by these ladies in the conduct of the office. Mrs. Margaret Sillyman, who was the widow of the late Samuel Sillyman, one of Pottsville's earliest and most honored citizens, was the first female in the United States appointed to office by President Lincoln, and entered upon the duties of the office on April 20, 1861. The clerical force installed by her consisted of her two daughters, Amanda S. and Elizabeth H. Sillyman, her two sons, Alexander S. and George F. Sillyman, and Daniel L. Krebs, son of the former Postmaster, Daniel Krebs. Mr. Alexander S. Sillyman in time retired from the office to engage in other business, and Mr. Krebs subsequently became cashier of the Pennsylvania National Bank, although never wholly severing his connection with the post office, in which his valuable services have been esteemed as practically indispensable. How efficiently and satisfactorily, both to the department and the community, the business of the office was conducted under the control of Mrs. Sillyman, is perhaps best attested by the fact that she received commissions from four successive Presidents—Lincoln, Johnson, Grant and Hayes—continuing to hold the office until her death, which occurred April 15, 1882. Mrs. Sillyman was succeeded by her daughter, Miss Amanda S. Sillyman, who first served as Acting Postmaster and was regularly commissioned May 17, 1882. Her administration, which was characterized by the same efficiency as had prevailed under the incumbency of her mother, was of brief duration, her death occurring five days after her appointment. The duties of the office then devolved upon her sister, Miss Elizabeth H. Sillyman, who was regularly appointed Postmaster on June 21, 1882. The clerical force then and still on duty consisted of Mr. George F. and Miss Sue J. Sillyman, Miss Alice A. and Mr. Daniel L. Krebs. Under this regime the high standard of efficiency attained by the office suffered no depreciation, but it fully maintained its record as without a superior among offices of like grade in the United States. Since the accession of Mrs. Margaret Sillyman the business and importance of the Pottsville post office has vastly expanded. The letter-carrier system was introduced during this period, greatly augmenting the labor and responsibility of the Postmaster, and although perhaps few deliveries from offices of the same class cover a wider field or involve the handling of a greater number of pieces, so intelligent and faithful has always been the force of carriers employed that errors or delinquencies have been wholly unknown. A high standard of capacity, coupled with strict fidelity to duty and a hearty spirit of accommodation, have uniformly characterized the conduct of the Pottsville post office during the past twenty-five years, and have combined to render it the model establishment which it is conceded to be by the Post Office Department authorities as well as by all who have enjoyed its facilities. Miss Sillyman's successor must expect to be judged by this high standard, and although he will enter upon his responsible duties with the best wishes of the *Journal* and the com-

munity of Pottsville, and doubtless with a determination to relax no effort to that end, he will be fortunate, indeed, if he shall succeed in maintaining the honorable distinction handed down to him by his immediate predecessor in the office.

THOMAS GORMAN, late of Pottsville, was a resident of Schuylkill county for over seventy years, most of that period having his home at Port Carbon. The reputation he gained in his energetic business career, however, was not limited to this vicinity. After a few years' experience on the canal he became interested in coal mining, and as one of the earliest individual operators in the anthracite fields, and owner and operator of numerous collieries during the twenty years that followed, he was an active figure in the industry and highly successful until the panic of 1873 swept away the results of his persevering exertions. His life was full of activity and his various interests brought him into contact with many coal men and others connected with the development of the oil and mineral resources of the state.

Mr. Gorman was an Irishman, born in 1822 at Cashel, Ireland, and his father, Thomas Gorman, brought his wife and family to America from that country when the son Thomas was six years old. About one year after their arrival in this country the parents settled at Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there made a permanent home. The son Thomas was consequently reared and educated there. In his earlier days the boating industry afforded occupation for many in that location, and Mr. Gorman began to follow it, on the Schuylkill canal, about 1840. Within a few years he was the owner of a boat, and during the fifties, when the canal trade was flourishing, he owned several boats, buying and shipping coal by the canal to New York and other points. This line he developed to such an extent that for two years he took the prize from the canal company as the largest individual shipper. About 1857 he began the mining of coal, in which he achieved his greatest success and became widely known. His first operations were below Mill Creek and St. Clair, in Schuylkill county. Mr. Gorman would develop mines and sell after the operations were well established, buy again and work up another operation, and thus at different times he had mines at Wolf Creek, east of St. Clair; one near Glen Carbon; a small one near Tuscarora; at Mahanoy City the following—the "Hartford Colliery," the "Delano Colliery" and (in partnership with Benjamin Eshleman) the "East Mahanoy Colliery." He and James Carter had one at Locust Gap. Associated with Andrew Robinson and Henry Ginterman he had two near Shamokin, the "Greenback" and "Henry Clay" collieries, which they conducted under the firm name of Robinson, Ginterman & Gorman. As an individual operator Mr. Gorman was a pioneer in the anthracite fields. Like most operators he suffered reverses from time to time which somewhat offset his great successes, but he was nevertheless very prosperous.

In 1870 Mr. Gorman started to prospect iron ore lands and take options. He had an idea that the condition of affairs would warrant the establishment of an iron works on the Hudson river near tidewater, and his attempt to realize on this, in connection with other speculations, had him involved badly when the panic of 1873 came. He lost everything he had. If this panic had not occurred the story of his life would no doubt have had a different turn. He mined ore at Staten Island and Lake Champlain as well as in western Pennsylvania, and was also interested in oil lands in the latter region. He had offices at New York, Boston and Philadelphia. For about

twelve years before his death Mr. Gorman was practically an invalid, and during his last years was so incapacitated that he was unable to leave the house. His closing days were spent at Pottsville, whither he moved from Port Carbon in 1896, and where he died at the age of seventy-eight years, March 13, 1900, at the home of his son Joseph, No. 413 East Mauch Chunk street. He was buried in St. Stephen's cemetery, at Port Carbon, after High Mass at St. Stephen's Church, which was filled to overflowing with sympathizing friends come to pay their last respects. Many attended from other points of the State, and the six officiating priests represented churches in various parts of Schuylkill county. Such was the esteem which Mr. Gorman, in a life of faithful endeavor, gained wherever his interests called him. His equable temperament, modest in prosperity and unruffled in adversity, endeared him to every associate, and his reputation for integrity was never sullied by questionable dealing or sharp transactions. His sympathy for those less fortunate than himself, and his desire to alleviate the lot of the poor, were unostentatiously but conscientiously expressed. Every Christmas he remembered the poor of his home town generously, and for many years the recipients never knew the source of the gifts.

Mr. Gorman was survived by the following children: Owen J., now a resident of Dallas, Texas, is a mechanical engineer, especially interested in the construction of waterworks, septic tank sewer systems and similar work; Dennis F. is a resident of New York City; Joseph H. is mentioned below; Mary, who died in 1897, was the wife of James P. Donahue, a machinist, and left three children, Mary, Anna and Martha, who reside with their aunts in Pottsville; Annie M. and Julia T. are unmarried and occupy the Gorman home at No. 413 East Mauch Chunk street.

JOSEPH H. GORMAN, son of Thomas Gorman, was born at Port Carbon, this county, and was one of the prominent business men of that place and Pottsville, where he resided during the last sixteen years of his life. He was reared at Port Carbon and educated in the public schools of that place, and at St. Francis College and Villa Nova. For a number of years after commencing work Mr. Gorman was associated with his father, whom he assisted in operating collieries, one near Shamokin and another in the Schuylkill valley. Later he was manager for his father of an ore mine in Lehigh county. Then he entered the contracting business on his own account, and when water was brought into the town of Port Carbon laid the first pipes. His work as a contractor took him all over his own county and into many other sections of the State. For several years he followed mining near Tuscarora, and he also engaged in the insurance business. Though he formed a wide acquaintance in his various other associations, he was probably best known as the proprietor of the famous Gorman boat and bathing pier, being one of the first to obtain a lease on the Tumbling Run upper dam. His genial manner and sincere friendliness won him such popularity that numerous patrons of the pier never failed to call on him when visiting Tumbling Run. For the last ten years of his life he ran his business there with steady success, hundreds coming to hire his steam launch and rowboats during the season. He had a genuine interest in all his patrons, never failing with cheerful manner and kindly words to make them feel a welcome. Like his generous father, he was charitable and liberal in all his benefactions, and the news of his death called forth many expressions of sincere regret in all the circles where he was known. He never held any public offices except for

his services as clerk during the term of his uncle as poor director. Mr. Gorman died in the Pottsville hospital Sept. 23, 1912, at the age of sixty-two years, following an operation. He had been ill about three weeks.

Mr. Gorman was a Catholic, a member of St. Patrick's Church at Pottsville and a charter member of Schuylkill Council, No. 431, Knights of Columbus. His funeral services at St. Patrick's Church were largely attended; he was buried in No. 3 cemetery.

Mr. Gorman married Katherine M. Brennan, daughter of Thomas F. (deceased) and Elizabeth (Logue) Brennan, and a descendant of one of the oldest and most respected families of Pottsville, where she was born and reared. She received her education in the parochial and public schools of the borough. Mrs. Gorman died four years before her husband, and less than five years after their marriage. She passed away unexpectedly, after an illness of four weeks' duration, and her death came as a shock to the many friends she had made during her happy and useful life. Her pleasant disposition and friendliness endeared her to all included in the circle of her acquaintance. She was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Church, and held membership in the Daughters of Isabelle. After her decease Mr. Gorman resided with his sisters at the home on Mauch Chunk street.

PROF. H. H. SPAYD, of Minersville, has been established in that borough since he came to take the position of principal of the school there in 1871. In that connection, and in his subsequent responsibility as superintendent of schools, he accomplished so much for educational progress that his name will have a prominent place in the history of public schools in Schuylkill county. Though he gave up the superintendency several years ago he is still connected with the work in an active capacity as a member of the Minersville school board, in the operations of which body his practical advice and comprehensive experience have been of the highest value. He takes a special pleasure in his services on the board, which keep him in close touch with the interest to which over forty years of his life were entirely given.

Mr. Spayd was born at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1845, son of John and Catherine (Haak) Spayd and grandson of George Spayd. His early ancestors were German, and the founders of the family in this country settled here before the Revolution. George Spayd was born at Ephrata, Lancaster county, and about 1826 settled in Lebanon county, this State, near Minerstown. In his youth he learned the trade of cooper, but as he did not care for the work he followed farming most of his life, and he died in the vicinity of Myerstown, about 1875. His religious connection was with the German Baptist Church. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Conrad, had a family of eight children.

John Spayd, father of H. H. Spayd, was born in 1819 at Ephrata, Pa., and died in 1891 at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county. He followed farming throughout his active years. Originally a Whig in politics, he was one of the organizers of the Republican party in his vicinity, and took an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. To his marriage with Catherine Haak, who was born at Myerstown, daughter of William Haak, of that place, was born a family of ten children. Mrs. Spayd survived her husband for a number of years.

H. H. Spayd had excellent advantages in his early life. He attended public school at Myerstown, and the academy there, and subsequently studied



at the Millersville State Normal School and at Palatinate College, Myerstown. He also had a course at the business college at Elmira, N. Y. Early in the Civil war he entered the Union army, joining Company C, 149th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three months. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and took an active part in many of its severe battles, including Pollock's Mills, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Laurel Hill, North Anna River, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Todd's Tavern, Totopotomy, Six Mile House, Boydtown Road, Petersburg (battle and siege), the Weldon Railroad engagement intended to shut off the enemy's source of supplies, and the two battles of Hatcher's Run. Besides the engagements mentioned they were in numerous skirmishes and other important field service. In the campaign from the Wilderness to Petersburg the soldiers at the front were within range of the enemy continuously. Mr. Spayd was wounded three times, first on July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, where he was left on a part of the field which afterwards fell into the hands of the enemy. He was unable to walk and he was allowed to be recaptured by his own comrades and was under treatment in the hospitals at Gettysburg, Baltimore and Germantown for nearly six months before returning to the field, in December, 1863. He was twice wounded during the activities of the Wilderness campaign, having been actively engaged in the operations which began in May, 1864, and ended at Appomattox Court House. Mr. Spayd served as corporal and sergeant and was discharged as color bearer of his regiment.

At the conclusion of the war Mr. Spayd was occupied in the mercantile business for a short time in Philadelphia, but soon returned to his old home and took up educational work. He was only nineteen years old when he began teaching, his first position being in Lebanon county, whence he changed to Rush township, Schuylkill county. For three years he was a member of the committee on permanent certificates for Schuylkill county, and served as chairman of same. For two years he was principal of the schools at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, and resigned to accept the principalship of the Minersville grammar school, and for forty years following was connected with the schools of that borough, either as principal or superintendent, being chosen to the latter position in 1883 to succeed Dr. J. W. Danenhower. He acted as superintendent until 1908. Mention of the various educational associations with which Mr. Spayd maintained active connection is sufficient to show the breadth of his interest and the earnestness with which he continued the work of his choice. As a life member of the State Teachers' Association, a member of the National Educational Association, one of the councilors of the American Institute of Civics, member of the National Geographic Society, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the History Teachers' Association of the Middle States and Maryland, and of the Schuylkill County Historical Association (he is a charter member of the last named), he had opportunities for observation of the trend of the finest thought in his profession and he has contributed materially to its progress. He was always active in the work of the local institutes, and left such an irreproachable record for practical work that since giving up the superintendency he has been chosen to continue his efforts in behalf of the schools as member of the local board. In 1911 he was elected to that body, and is still serving, being now vice president and chairman of the health and sanitary committees. Mr. Spayd is well entitled to the high place he holds among educators, and his high personal character has won him the esteem of all who have come under his

care as well as the confidence of his fellow citizens who have had the opportunity to judge the excellent work he has done.

Professor Spayd was one of the organizers and original directors of the Union National Bank at Minersville, and for two years after his withdrawal from school work he was engaged as a clerk in that institution. He served as a member of the building committee when the present home of the bank was being constructed. In 1910 he became engaged in business with Mr. George F. Bowman, under the firm name of Spayd & Bowman, and they have since dealt in books, stationery, wallpaper, etc., having a well stocked and well conducted store at Minersville.

Professor Spayd has not confined his efforts for the betterment of society to his duties in the schools. He is also interested in other public affairs, including politics, and though a Republican in his political views has acted independently whenever he considered it necessary for the best interests of the community. However, he has been a loyal party worker, having served as a member of the county executive committee, and being one of the valued representatives of the party in Schuylkill county. The Baptist Church of Minersville has counted him among its most efficient workers for many years. He has been associated with that denomination all his life and has been a licentiate for many years, holding official position in his home church when called upon to assist in its activities. He has also been an efficient worker in the Sunday school, which he has served as teacher and superintendent. By reason of his services in the Civil war Professor Spayd belongs to the G. A. R., holding membership in Post No. 17, and he has not only held practically all the positions in that organization, but has also filled appointments on the staff of the department and National commanders. For a number of years he served as inspector at large for Schuylkill county. In fraternal affiliations he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Myerstown Lodge, No. 358, and to Encampment No. 149 at that place.

Mr. Spayd married Sarah Donaberger, daughter of David D. and Sarah Donaberger, of Myerstown. Mrs. Spayd died in February, 1910. They had no children of their own, but reared and educated their nephew, A. Bond Warner, who for a time was engaged in business as a shoe merchant. He is now a professional accountant in Philadelphia.

HON. SAMUEL ALFRED LOSCH, late of Schuylkill Haven, will live in the history of his time as one who improved many opportunities for usefulness in an exceptionally active career. At the time of his death he was representing his district in the State Senate, and his demise was deplored as untimely by all classes in Schuylkill county. No exaggeration is necessary to set forth the qualities which he possessed or the value of his life in its relation to the general advancement. Born Dec. 19, 1842, in Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Pa., he was of English descent, and the record of his ancestry shows that he came of a family of vigorous mentality and executive gifts. His great-grandfather in England was associated with George Stephenson, the famous inventor of the locomotive. Jacob Losch, the great-grandfather, came to America and established himself as a manufacturer of gunpowder at Germantown, Pa. When the struggle for independence came on he was a zealous patriot, and remained loyal to the Colonial cause though it cost him his fortune, his works and property being destroyed at the time of the battle of Germantown. Many interesting things concerning him are preserved in the Pennsyl-



*Saul Losch*



vania archives. Jacob Losch (2), son of Jacob, settled in the Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., and there two sons were born to him.

George Losch, youngest son of Jacob (2), was the father of the late Samuel Alfred Losch. He followed milling, and though industrious met with so many reverses that he was unable to accumulate any property, as he died when comparatively a young man. When the Mexican war broke out he went to Baltimore, and assisted in recruiting an independent company, with which he sailed for Vera Cruz, but the ship foundered on the way and all perished. Mr. Losch had married Eliza Gessner, and of the four children born to them two died young, Samuel A. and another son being left to the care of their widowed mother. Her father, Dr. Frederick Gessner, of Hanover, Germany, served as an army surgeon in his native land, and afterwards came to America, first settling at Bethlehem, Pa. There he married into the Zeigenfus family, and subsequently removed to Gratz, in Dauphin county, Pa., where he built up an extensive practice and passed the remainder of his days. Mrs. Losch died only a few years before her son Samuel.

Samuel Alfred Losch had to face the realities of life at an early age. His "was the poverty that develops the noble traits and enduring virtues in one; that brings him in contact with experiences that enable him to master in life's highway of duty all struggles and circumstances so, looking back, he views with worthy pride the obstacles to his progress that he has overcome. It was the poverty—that blessing in disguise—that made the martyr Lincoln, the Moses of emancipation to enslaved millions, the poverty that developed Grant into a hero, the most brilliant military genius in history, the poverty that enlivened ambition in Garfield, and made him the chief magistrate of this great nation. He received such education as the common schools of his town could then afford, during a few winter months each year." He began to work before he was eleven years old, being employed on a farm for one year, and afterwards in a brickyard for a year. In the summer of 1857 or 1858 he worked on the Schuylkill canal. Being ambitious to acquire an education, he had attended school whenever possible, and he had one term under W. A. Fields, who worked for the Schuylkill Navigation Company during the summer season and in the winter taught what was known as the "boat-boys' school."

Though not of age when the Civil war broke out Mr. Losch, true to the spirit inherited from his father, entered the service in the summer of 1861, his mother giving her consent for him to join the Union army. Becoming a member of Company C, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he was soon sent to the front, and he served until after the close of the conflict, being mustered out July 30, 1865. His active service included over thirty engagements, among them Port Royal, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson (Miss.), siege of Knoxville, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, as well as others of lesser importance down to the final surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. From the address of Senator Magee, a feature of the memorial services held by the State Senate at the time of Mr. Losch's death, we extract the following account of the services of the 50th Regiment: "Little more than a month after his enlistment his regiment was sent on the expedition to Port Royal, S. C. The vessel on which it sailed, the 'Ocean Queen,' encountered a terrible storm, was nearly wrecked, part of its officers and crew deserted, and but for the efforts of the soldiers on board, who had been left without food

or water, the angry sea would have claimed her and them as its prey. Escaped from that peril, the 50th was the first regiment to occupy Beaufort, and in the succeeding January had a baptism of fire at the battle of Coosaw. Remaining in the South in the active discharge of duty until the following summer, the 50th was sent North and joined General Pope in Virginia. It fought at second Bull Run, Centreville, Chantilly, Turner's Gap, Antietam and Fredericksburg, and then went South to share in Grant's great victory at Vicksburg. A month later the 50th went to Knoxville, Tenn. Disease had wrought havoc in its ranks, and at one time only eight men were able to report for duty. In the following campaign it encountered many vicissitudes. It made a winter march during which many of its members, like their sires at Valley Forge, 'tracked the snow with their bleeding feet.' Participating in the siege of Knoxville, it was furloughed in February, 1864, and returned home to re-enlist as a veteran regiment. It returned to the front and fought at the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and at the famous explosion of the mine in the siege of the latter city was one of the regiments which charged upon the 'Crater.' From that time on it shared in all that led to the final triumph and was among the first regiments to enter Petersburg after its fall. Thus, from Port Royal to Antietam, Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Knoxville, Wilderness, Petersburg and Appomattox, all along the hard and bloody path that lay between these milestones on the road to victory and Union, the 50th Regiment did its duty with honor and renown. Nor did it fail of just recognition, for, the war ended, the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment on the recommendation of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant was sent to represent the infantry of the armies of the Union at the laying of the cornerstone, on July 4th, 1865, of the monument on the battlefield of Gettysburg inscribed with the deathless declaration of Abraham Lincoln, 'That government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.' In all this Samuel A. Losch bore a manful part. He aided in these achievements and shared in the glory. His patriotism and his valor won their reward. The private of Sept. 9, 1861, became successively corporal and sergeant, was promoted to second lieutenant on March 17, 1865, and to first lieutenant on April 1st of the same year. \* \* \* While we were together he often dwelt upon the past and, among other reminiscences, told me of his regiment and its achievements. In the almost four years of its service it had never been in winter quarters. In summer duty called it to the northern extreme of the conflict; in the winter it was transferred to the South. Its history is perhaps unique in the roll of the regiments of Pennsylvania Volunteers." Mr. Losch was specially honored on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Soldiers' National Monument at Gettysburg, July 4, 1865, by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania: his regiment, the 50th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, as above mentioned, was selected by General Grant to represent the Union infantry in recognition of conspicuously honorable service during the war, and Lieutenant Losch was chosen by the commanding officer, Col. Samuel Schwenk, to command the color company. When the war with Spain broke out he again offered his services, and was one of the first to undertake the organization of volunteers in Schuylkill county.

Upon his return to civil life in 1865, Mr. Losch found employment in the yard of the Schuylkill Haven & Mine Hill Railroad Company, and while working there acquired a practical knowledge of telegraphy, so that before

long he was given a position as timekeeper and night operator. Later he was made material agent for the company at Cressona, and then for a time was engaged as baggagemaster between Schuylkill Haven and Glen Carbon, continuing in the employ of the railroad company until 1873. Meanwhile, in 1871, he had been appointed by Governor Geary commissary of the 6th Division, N. G. P., on General Siegfried's staff, with the rank of major. When the National Guard was reorganized Governor Hartranft commissioned him major of the 4th Division, and he declined reappointment when the term of his commission expired. General Hartranft had been elected governor in 1872, and when he took office Major Losch was appointed clerk under Mr. Quay, then Secretary of State. He held this position until 1874, when he became a candidate for the State Assembly and was elected, serving in that body during the sessions of 1875 and 1876. Upon the expiration of his second term he was again appointed a clerk under Governor Hartranft, and served as such in different departments at the Capitol. During the last year of Hartranft's administration—1887—he was promoted to chief clerk, and he was retained in that position throughout the administration of Governor Hoyt, who succeeded Governor Hartranft. In 1884 Mr. Losch was chosen to serve on a special mission in the Southern States as post office inspector, and the same year was appointed by President Arthur as secretary to the Territory of New Mexico, in which position he served with honor and credit to the Territory and to himself. A portion of the time he acted as governor of the Territory. During Cleveland's administration he was removed because of "offensive partisanship," and returned to Pennsylvania in September, 1885. In 1887 the State Legislature elected him chief clerk of the House of Representatives, and his services were duly appreciated by all the members without regard to party ties. At the close of the session they presented him a handsome gold watch and chain as a token of their regard and esteem.

In 1892 Mr. Losch was again chosen to represent the Fourth district of Schuylkill county in the Lower House of the State Legislature, and he continued to be a member of that body until he assumed the duties of State senator, to which position he was elected in 1896, from the Twenty-ninth district. He served in that branch of the Assembly until his death, at which time he was the chosen candidate for auditor general. Mr. Losch endeavored to represent the interests of his constituents faithfully. During his earlier service in the Assembly he had the distinction of introducing and advocating the first labor arbitration bill ever presented to an American legislative body. Governor Hartranft thought so favorably of it that he commended it in his annual message. Throughout his career Mr. Losch continued to be known as one of the most effective workers enlisted in the cause of devising means of adjusting the differences between capital and labor. He was particularly popular in this connection because of his fairness, having no unreasonable prejudices, but anxious to get justice for both sides, his attitude winning him the respect and trust of all concerned in this vital matter. His work always was done with a conscientious regard for the responsibilities of his office, the securing of wise legislation. His familiarity with the conditions in the mining regions was of great assistance to him in his labors in this connection, and his personal interest became so strong that he used his influence to further the movement which resulted in the founding of the Miners' Hospital at Ashland, one of his most creditable achievements. Upon his return to the House, in 1893, he resumed his activities in behalf of the legislation to which he had given special atten-

tion during his former terms, and he had the satisfaction of having the Act signed by Governor Pattison in 1893, "An Act to establish boards of arbitration to settle all questions of wages and other matters of variance between capital and labor." Mr. Losch served on the following committees in the Assembly: City Passenger Railway, Counties and Townships, Legislative Apportionment and Railroads, and was chairman of the committee on Coal and Iron and of the special committee to investigate the Electrical Trust Combine of Philadelphia. The bill to form a new county out of a part of Luzerne and Schuylkill counties was referred to the committee on Counties and Townships, of which Mr. Losch was a member. Through his influence the bill was negatived by the committee after having passed the Senate; thus he saved the dismemberment of the county of Schuylkill.

Mr. Losch was a prominent worker in the Republican party for years, and from the time he began to take an interest in politics he attended almost all the State conventions as a delegate. In 1880 he was one of the 306 who supported Grant at the National convention. In 1885 he was chosen chairman of the Republican county committee by acclamation, and reelected in 1886 and 1887.

Mr. Losch was one of the incorporators of the Schuylkill Electric Railway Company, organized in 1889, which built the main line and important extensions of the trolley system in and around Pottsville. Later it became the Pottsville Union Traction Company, controlled by outside capital.

Major Losch never lost his interest in his Civil war comrades, was one of the organizers of Post No. 26, G. A. R., of Schuylkill Haven, and in 1876 was honored with election as senior vice commander of the Department of Pennsylvania. He also joined Encampment No. 19, Union Veteran Legion, of Pottsville, and was a charter member of Washington Camp No. 47, P. O. S. of A., of which he was a member before the war. He was a Mason, member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., at Schuylkill Haven, and Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., of Pottsville; and was a charter member of Peace Tribe, I. O. R. M.

On Oct. 14, 1879, Major Losch was united in marriage to Fidelia Summers, a daughter of Henry Summers, a wholesale merchant of Zanesville, Ohio. Seven children were born to this marriage: Amy Summers is the wife of Byron Quigley and lives in New York City; Helen Gessner is living at home; Henry Graffen is at home; Ruth Eliza A. is the wife of Nelson Runion, and resides in New York City; Christopher L. Magee is at home, engaged as manager of Losch's Opera House at Schuylkill Haven, which his mother owns; Naoma Palmer, who lives at home, is an expert teacher of all the modern dances and conducts private classes in Schuylkill Haven and Pottsville; Charlotte Marie died in infancy. Mrs. Losch continues to reside at the home-stead in Schuylkill Haven, No. 306 Main street.

Mr. Losch died Sept. 11, 1900, at "Galen Hall," Atlantic City, N. J., and was buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven, on the hillside along the Schuylkill river. The funeral services, held at the time in Schuylkill Haven, were attended by one of the largest assemblages ever gathered here on such an occasion, and few citizens have been shown such honor at any time. As he was serving as president of the school board when he died the schools closed on the day of his burial. The societies in which he held membership took part in the ceremonies, and the Third Brigade Band of Pottsville contributed the music. It would seem that he was equally beloved in all his



numerous associations, for his companions in all vied in expressions of esteem. His unselfish nature had manifested itself in courteous intercourse with all those he met, and his own wide experience enabled him to sympathize with every class. His sincerity impressed them and gained their confidence, which he never betrayed. He neither catered to wealth and position nor despised their advantages, endeavoring to give all things their true value in the general economy. The breadth of his spirit enabled him to capture friends in all the ranks of life and hold them, and his memory is honored wherever he was known.

On Jan. 22, 1901, on motion of Senator Quail, the following resolution was twice read before the Pennsylvania Senate, considered and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a committee of eight be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the late Senator Samuel A. Losch, who died Sept. 11, 1900, while a member of the Senate, and present the said resolutions at a special meeting of the Senate, Wednesday, Feb. 6th next, at twelve o'clock M.

On Feb. 6, 1901, the Senate convened in special session, Lieutenant Governor Gobin in the chair, and Mr. Quail presented the following report from the special committee:

WHEREAS, Since the last session of the Legislature through the divine will of the Creator of all things, Hon. Samuel A. Losch, a member of the Senate of Pennsylvania, from the Twenty-ninth district, was called from his life work to rest; and

WHEREAS, Senator Losch was known as an active member of the Senate, a patriotic citizen, a loving husband and indulgent and affectionate father; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate profoundly regrets the death of Hon. Samuel A. Losch, late a member of this body, and extends to the family of the deceased Senator sincere condolence in their bereavement.

*Resolved*, That we are deeply conscious of the loss sustained by his death and desire to bear witness to his sterling worth as a man, his integrity and ability as a legislator and his courtesy and fidelity towards those with whom he was associated.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, with the action of the Senate thereon, be forwarded to the family of the deceased by the Clerk of the Senate, and as a further tribute of the respect to his memory the Senate do now adjourn.

CHARLES E. QUAIL,  
JAMES C. VAUGHAN,  
HENRY H. CUMINGS,  
D. S. LEE,  
JNO. M. SCOTT,  
WM. FLINN,  
J. C. STINEMAN,  
JNO. F. HIGGINS,  
*Committee.*

At the exercises which followed many were the sincere tributes of affection and respect paid to the memory of one whose ambition to do right was recognized as the keynote of all his endeavors. Addresses were made by Lieutenant Governor Gobin, Charles E. Quail, Senator Magee (read by Mr. Snyder, Senator Magee being absent because of illness), D. S. Lee, Mr. Weller, Mr. Wentz and Mr. Heinle. We quote from the addresses of Mr. Gobin and Mr. Magee in part.

Mr. Gobin: "Samuel A. Losch was a familiar figure in the halls of legislation for many years, whether in a clerical capacity or as a member of the House or the Senate. He recognized all duty devolving upon him and filled it to the full measure of his judgment. Many of us knew him well as a senator, and still better as a citizen, and as a comrade in arms, whose heart

was ever open to the appeals of his fellow man, and whose devotion to the interest of the soldiers was apparent in all legislation pertaining to their welfare and honor. His was a rugged manliness. He thoroughly appreciated the value of friendship, and also the inevitable fact that life was filled with opposition, and he dealt with both as with the conflicting elements which a man of his positive nature must necessarily combat. He was an excellent judge of human nature, and was able to impress his personality, not only upon legislative bodies with which he was associated, but also upon his constituency to a remarkable degree. Measures which he approved found in him an earnest advocate; those which he disapproved a bitter opponent. And yet with it all there was a tenderness of heart which never failed to manifest itself upon all occasions."

Mr. Magee: "'Of the dead say nothing but good,' was a proverb of the ancients. It had its spring in the noblest and kindest impulses of the human heart. It covered with the mantle of charity the frailties and faults of our fellows. But when, in recalling the memory of the departed, we find in justice that good, and only good, leaving mere imperfections to the realms of forgetfulness, can be said, there is then a melancholy pleasure in dwelling upon qualities which endear their possessors to those who have known and esteemed them. Of Samuel A. Losch, only the captious and hypercritical could say anything but good. His life was so open, so plain to view, that nothing was hidden or concealed. He was what he seemed to be. No man had cause to doubt where he stood or what the reasons impelling him to take that stand. His whole life was an exemplification of a purpose as honest as it was steadfast. During that life he played his part in many fields of human endeavor. \* \* \* The whole life of Samuel A. Losch was a battle. No adventitious aids were his in the struggle. He carved his own way. Plain in speech and direct in manner, he scorned subterfuge and despised deceit. As a fighter he was brave, as a foe he was fair, and as a friend he was true, and being brave and fair and true he was also tender and kind. I speak these words from personal knowledge, based upon a friendship existing for more than a quarter of a century. Human affection can offer its tribute to the memory of no more loyal soldier, citizen and friend than was Samuel A. Losch."

On April 2, 1901, a resolution was passed in the Senate ordering that one thousand copies of the memorial proceedings be printed and bound in cloth for the use of the Senate.

KEAR. Shortly after the incorporation of Minersville, Schuylkill county, which took place in 1831, the Kears became established in the village, attracted hither by the mines. They emigrated from South Wales, where they had been engaged in mining, the brothers William and Richard Kear arriving first, and their father soon afterwards. Beginning as mine workers, they had the qualifications of experience and industry which soon drew them into the operation of coal workings on their own account, and from that period until the middle seventies, when the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company bought up the combined Kear coal interests, they were in the field as operators or managers of coal properties. In the forty years or more of their mining activities they also branched out into other channels of industry in this section, and all the representatives of the name have evinced versatility and adaptability to conditions which make it apparent that they are of the element which insures prosperous conditions in any locality. All

of the sons of William Kear found their opportunity and field of labor where their father settled, and their personal prosperity has been shared by the community, their energies and capital being devoted to the promotion of useful enterprises and projects which have developed the local resources with the direct effect of increasing local revenues. Reference to their various enterprises will suggest how important a place they occupy in the economy of this part of the State.

Richard Kear, father of Richard and William Kear, was of English lineage and born in the Forest of Dean, England. Subsequently he settled in the mining district of South Wales, where he was employed in the mines until his emigration to America, in the year 1830. The sons landed at Philadelphia and continued their journey to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., by way of the Schuylkill canal. The father joined them a little later, and lived at Minersville, Schuylkill county, until his death, which occurred in 1836, when he was sixty-four years old. His family consisted of five children: William, Mary, Francis (who died in Wales), Thomas and Richard, Jr. The last named was a very successful coal operator. For some time he was associated with his brother William in the conduct of the Little Diamond colliery, and they then branched out more extensively, in 1847 beginning independent operations in the Wolf Creek district, where he continued to be engaged until his death, which occurred May 4, 1864, at Minersville. He had succeeded his father in the conduct of the Little Orchard plant on Oak Hill.

William Kear, son of Richard Kear, Sr., was born in Blaen Avon, South Wales, in 1808. Like his brother Richard he was engaged at mine work for a time before becoming an operator, the brothers, in 1832, undertaking the operation of the Little Diamond colliery, which has now long been abandoned. They carried it on until about 1835. After the death of the father he and his brother Richard carried on the Little Orchard colliery on Oak Hill until 1847, when William Kear turned to the operation of the Peach Orchard colliery, selling his coal retail at Minersville and in the surrounding territory. In 1856 he became overseer at his brother Richard's colliery at Wolf Creek, and was there engaged until he retired from active mine work, in 1860. After dissolving his early association with his brother he did business under the name of William Kear & Company. Mr. Kear lived at Minersville from the time this region was practically a wilderness, was one of the leading spirits among its pioneer citizens, and had intimate association with the establishment of a number of important enterprises. He was president of the First National Bank at Minersville until his resignation, May 28, 1877, when he was succeeded by Jacob S. Lawrence, and he by the present president, Charles R. Kear, in January, 1887. William Kear was a member of the borough council and gave public-spirited service in that office. He was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, opening his home for services before the congregation had a church building, held a number of offices in the church, and was acting as treasurer at the time of his death. Politically he was a Whig in his earlier years, changing to the Republican party upon its organization. His death occurred at Minersville in February, 1890.

Mr. Kear married Elizabeth Gregg, whose father, Francis Gregg, was born in South Wales and came to the United States in 1850. In 1859 he moved out to Missouri, where he died a few years later, at the age of seventy-seven. Ten children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy, eight growing to maturity, namely: William G., Mary (deceased), Margaret, Rich-

ard C., Edward G., Charles R., Harrison A. and Frank G. Of these, Richard C. Kear, born in Minersville, lived there nearly all his life. He graduated from Dickinson Seminary in 1856, and in 1864 became associated with his brothers in the coal business as a member of the firm of Kear Brothers & Company, with which he was connected until they sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Then with a partner he operated the Wolf Creek colliery until 1874, when it was abandoned, after which he was a member of the Minersville Coal & Iron Company for two years. Meantime he had also been interested in the manufacture of brick for one year, and then went West, locating at Salina, Kans., where he was engaged in banking and the real estate business until his death. He was accidentally drowned in 1892. Mr. Kear was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served under General Rosecrans. He married Elizabeth Bartholomew, and they had two children. Margaret Kear, the only surviving daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gregg) Kear, was married in 1852 to Stephen Dando, a native of England, who came to the United States in 1846 and settled at Minersville. He became a prominent business man of the borough. He died Sept. 21, 1883, and his widow is now residing near Philadelphia. They had a family of six children: Mary, deceased; Franklin, deceased; Jennie, Mrs. Straub; Mary (2), wife of Charles E. Steele; William and Minnie, both deceased.

WILLIAM G. KEAR, late of Minersville, Pa., was the eldest son of William and Elizabeth (Gregg) Kear, and the only member of the family born in South Wales. His birth occurred May 9, 1830, and he was only a young child when he and his mother joined the father at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. His educational advantages were very limited, for he was only nine years old when he began to work at a coal breaker, picking slate, and was so employed until he reached his seventeenth year. He then began an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, which he continued to follow until 1853, in which year he made a trip to the Pacific coast. In California he was employed by Benjamin Haywood in the manufacture of fireproof building equipment and supplies, and remained with him until 1856, in which year he returned home and resumed his trade, which he then followed for about a year. The next year he was in the butcher business, and then took the position of outside foreman at the Mine Hill Gap colliery, at that time operated by his uncle. There he also continued for a year, and in 1860 became engaged in the shipping of coal for that colliery to Schuylkill Haven, but he soon resumed charge of the outside operations of the colliery, remaining there until his uncle's death, in 1864. After that he became associated with his sister, Mrs. Dando, and Charles, Edward, Harrison and R. C. Kear, under the firm name of Kear Brothers & Company, who took control of the Mine Hill Gap colliery. They were together until 1872, when the property was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, following which change William G. Kear became one of the organizers of the Minersville Coal & Iron Company, to which he devoted his energies principally until 1880. In the meantime he became interested in the mercantile business, which he carried on in connection with his other affairs until 1888, in which year he retired from active business life. The remainder of his years was given to the management of his extensive private interests. His home was on Kear's Hill, at Minersville, where he had a farm, which has been divided into building lots and sold for residence property, the locality still retaining the name of Kear's Hill. He died at his

home Dec. 28, 1906, and is buried in the M. E. cemetery at Minersville. Politically Mr. Kear was a Republican, like most of the name.

On Dec. 26, 1860, Mr. Kear married Sarah Borda, daughter of Joseph Borda, of Schuylkill Haven, and she still occupies the homestead at Kear's Hill, at what is now No. 117 Spruce street. Of the eight children born to this union six died young, namely: Mary, William O., William F., Joseph, Jessie and Jessie (2); Bertha married Howard M. Jones, a salesman for the Ulmer Packing Company, of Pottsville, and they have one son, Jesse Kear; Mary is the wife of William W. Jones, of Minersville, dealer in stationery, toys, etc., and they have three children, Dorothy M., William G. and Mary E.

CHARLES R. KEAR was born Sept. 22, 1846, at Minersville, and received his education there and at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. Soon after leaving school he joined the Union army, enlisting in July, 1862, in Company K, 39th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Emergency Troops, for three months. He had commenced work at a very early age, and upon the expiration of his army service returned home and became employed as a shipper at the Mine Hill Gap colliery, which was operated by his uncle, Richard Kear. He was in this employ until he became a member of the firm of Kear Brothers in 1864, he and his brothers succeeding their uncle in the conduct of the colliery, which they carried on until it was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. During these years he had acquired other interests, in 1867 becoming a director of the First National Bank of Minersville, of which in time he became vice president, about 1886 succeeding his father as president. He has ever since been the executive head of this financial institution, the leading one in Minersville. Other local associations of importance include his connection with the Minersville Water Company, in which he owns the controlling interest, and of which he was elected secretary and superintendent in 1883. At one time he was the principal stockholder in the Minersville Coal & Iron Company and one of its board of directors. He has also been one of the chief forces in the Minersville Building & Loan Association, which he formerly served as director and treasurer. He has been otherwise connected with the real estate interests of the borough, as agent for a large tract of land in the vicinity. His public service, as member of the borough council, came up to the best expectations of the citizens who supported him for that office. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Kear is a member of Capt. George J. Lawrence Post, No. 17, G. A. R.

On Feb. 6, 1869, Mr. Kear married Josephine Seltzer, daughter of Conrad and Dorothea Seltzer, of Pottsville, and they occupy a handsome home at Minersville. They have had a family of eight children, seven sons and one daughter:

(1) Charles F. Kear was born at Minersville, attended the public schools there, and later took a course at the Bryant & Stratton College of Commerce, Philadelphia, in 1889. For a short time he was assistant secretary to his father for the Minersville Water Company, and in 1890 was appointed station agent and Adams Express agent at the Lehigh Valley station, where he remained in that capacity until 1902. He was then elected to his present position, as teller in the First National Bank of Minersville. He has been interested in the insurance business since 1897, represents several of the old-line companies, and controls the largest business in the borough in that line. He has been manager of the Opera House since 1891, treasurer of the Water Company since 1894, and served ten years as town clerk, in every connection prov-

ing himself typical of the capable stock to which he belongs. In 1891 he married Emma Moll, daughter of Henry Moll, of Pottsville, Pa., and they have two children, Richard C. and Collier Harrison. Mr. Kear is a member of the Mercantile Club and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

(2) Conrad A. Kear, now engaged as assistant foreman in the pattern shop of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Pottsville, Pa., married Katie Bender, and they have two children, Josephine and Bertha.

(3) Albert Seltzer Kear was born July 28, 1873, at Minersville, and obtained his education in the public schools of the borough. He has been connected with the Minersville Water Company throughout his career, beginning his association therewith in boyhood, and the broad experience he acquired at the different stations and in various capacities has well fitted him for the office of superintendent and secretary which he has held since January, 1903. The other officials of this company are: Joseph Gerz, president; and Charles F. Kear, treasurer. The Minersville Water Company is noted for its efficient service and is fortunate in having a supply not only abundant but remarkably pure. Mr. Kear served the borough two years in the capacity of tax collector. He is well known socially, being an active member of the Mercantile Club and a Mason of high standing, connected with Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M.; Schuylkill Chapter, No. 154, R. A. M.; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading. Mr. Kear married Sarah Dress, daughter of Jeremiah and Anna Dress, of Shamokin, Pa., and they have two children: Carl Irvin and Alice Elizabeth.

(4) Robert S. Kear is an electrician for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and makes his home at Minersville.

(5) George S. Kear, who died in Kentucky, was engaged as a steam tester for the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia.

(6) William Kear is employed in the pattern department of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, of Pottsville, Pa., where he resides.

(7) Mary Kear is the wife of Dr. J. E. Pickett, of Minersville.

(8) Frank Kear is a resident of Minersville.

EDWARD G. KEAR, late of Minersville, was born there Feb. 22, 1842, son of William Kear, Sr., and had the advantages afforded by the local public schools. During his young manhood he ran an engine for his father at the mines for a short time, and in the course of his active business career he was connected with the First National Bank at Minersville and the Minersville Water Company, being a stockholder in both. For a period of six years he carried on the shoe business at Minersville, retiring at the end of that time. His death occurred Sept. 5, 1913, and he is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church, and he was thoroughly respected by his fellow members in the congregation, as he was wherever else his activities carried him. On May 10, 1862, Mr. Kear married Mary Borda, daughter of Joseph Borda, and they had a family of four children, namely: Edward H., now foreman in the office of the *Shamokin Dispatch*, a daily newspaper, married Susan Mealing, and they have one child, Mary; Irene May is the wife of George Scott, of Minersville, and they have two children, Bessie and Mary; Irvin B. attended the Pottsville business college and later became engaged in the jewelry business at Minersville, where he died Sept. 25, 1903, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville (his widow, whose maiden name was Prilla Beddou, resides at Miners-

ville); Joseph B., now engaged in the cigar business at Minersville, married Mary Rupp, and they have one son, Edward G.

Mrs. Kear still resides in the old Kear homestead on Front street, and is one of the most esteemed residents of the borough. Joseph Borda, her father, was a native of France and came to America when nineteen years old, the trip, which was made in a sailing vessel, occupying forty-two days. He settled at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa. By trade a millwright and carpenter, he acted as foreman for the canal company, taking charge of the work from Port Clinton to Auburn. He continued to work for the canal company throughout his active years, dying at the age of eighty-three, and he is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He married Mary Runkle, of Schuylkill Haven, and they had a family of seven children: Priscilla, Henry, Mary (Mrs. Edward G. Kear), Joseph, Sarah (Mrs. William G. Kear), Albert and Louisa.

HARRISON A. KEAR has maintained all the traditions of the fine stock to which he belongs in his well rounded career. At present he is the executive head of the school board, a director of several important local concerns, and active in everything which promises to stimulate the growth of the borough along the most desirable lines. He was born Jan. 11, 1849, at Minersville, where he received all of his early education, attending the high school. Later he was a student at Dickinson Seminary. His first business position was as teller in the First National Bank of Minersville, and he was afterwards appointed deputy collector of internal revenue for the Fifteenth division of the First district, comprising Schuylkill county, holding that position for about nine years. For a number of years he was active in real estate circles, selling building lots for the Kear estate on what is known as Kear's Hill. He is now a director of the First National Bank and of the Home Building and Loan Association, of Minersville, which latter he helped to organize. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Minersville Water Company. For many years Mr. Kear has given loyal service to his fellow citizens as a member of the school board, of which body he has been president for the last ten years. Socially he is well known in the Masonic bodies, belonging to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; to Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M., of which he is a past officer; to Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville. He has always taken an active interest in politics, associated with the Republican party.

Mr. Kear married Annie Scott, daughter of Robert Scott, the latter a native of England. Mr. Scott was superintendent of the East Pine Knot Coal Company, whose mines are near Minersville. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kear: Harrison W. and Margaret D., both at home.

FRANK G. KEAR, youngest son of William and Elizabeth (Gregg) Kear, was born at Minersville March 10, 1854, and like the rest of his family was educated there and at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. Then he further prepared himself for his business career by a course in civil and mining engineering at the Philadelphia Polytechnic Institute, completing his studies there in 1879. For a few years afterwards he was engaged in the brewing business in partnership with Daniel Frieler, under the firm name of F. G. Kear & Company, doing a successful business until 1883, when he withdrew. In 1878 he became a director of the First National Bank of Minersville, and is still serving on the board; and he has also been a director of the Minersville Water Company since early in 1878. As a member and director of the Minersville

Coal & Iron Company, a director and president of the Minersville Fire Insurance Company, he has been intimately connected with local business matters, and he is the owner of the Mountaineer Opera House, of which he was formerly manager, his nephew, Charles F. Kear, now holding that position. His only public position has been that of member of the borough council. He supports the Republican party. Socially Mr. Kear has been associated with a number of local bodies, Umatilla Lodge, No. 287, I. O. R. M., of which he was a charter member; Washington Camp, No. 46, P. O. S. of A., and the Mercantile Club of Minersville.

On Oct. 23, 1878, Mr. Kear married Kate Hoenich, daughter of Henry and Catherine Hoenich, of Minersville, and to this union were born three children, of whom Cara and Harvey are deceased; Laura C. is the wife of Harry H. MacKirgan, and they reside at Jacksonville, Fla. The mother died July 21, 1889, at the age of thirty-one years, and Mr. Kear subsequently married (second) Kate Snyder, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Snyder, of Minersville, on April 23, 1890. They have had two children: Helen, who graduated from the Minersville High School and is now a student at Walnut Lane School, Philadelphia; and Frank J., a public school pupil at Minersville.

MOSES S. STEIN, senior member of the firm of Stein & Co., of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, wholesale and retail dealers in flour, feed, hay and straw, has been a business man of that place for over fifty years and at his present location for the last twenty years.

The Steins are an old family of this part of Pennsylvania, having been settled in the adjoining county of Berks since 1742. The name Stein is German, meaning stone or rock, but the family is known to have been French as far back as 1688 and originally called Pierre, which name appears among those of the French nobility. It is supposed the family changed the name upon removing from France to Germany.

During the year 1742 Jacob Stein and his wife came to America from Germany, and they settled in what is now Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., where he took up the large tract of land, to whose cultivation he devoted the remainder of his life. Here he and his wife died. They had children: Heinrich, who was born at sea while the parents were coming to America; Michael; Peter; Jacob, and Jonas.

Jonas Stein, son of Jacob, the emigrant, was born Aug. 16, 1766, in Richmond township, and followed farming in Greenwich township, Berks county, being a well known resident of that locality in his day. He lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying Jan. 16, 1842. His wife, Maria (Berk), born about 1774, died about 1848. To them were born children as follows: Jacob, Peter, Benjamin, Daniel, Solomon, Hannah (married Joseph Brownmiller), Elizabeth, Hetty, Mrs. Zeare, Mrs. Seitler and Mrs. Gramer. Of these, Jacob, born Feb. 16, 1794, became engaged in farming and distilling on an extensive scale, owning five hundred acres of land, which he divided into five farms, erected substantial buildings thereon, and made other improvements. He was public-spirited and built a schoolhouse near his home for the township. He died March 2, 1874, in his eighty-first year, long surviving his wife, Sarah (Sunday), who had passed away in February, 1846. They had the following children, all born in Greenwich township, Berks county: Solomon, Adam, Nathan, Annie (who married William Schaeffer), Lavina (married Daniel Deisher), Lucinda (married Henry K. Seigfreid), Jacob and Henry.



Peter Stein, son of John and Maria (Berk) Stein, was born Dec. 28, 1797, in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa. He followed the carpenter's trade for some time, and carried on agricultural pursuits there most of his life. He died on his farm Feb. 28, 1865, and his wife, Elizabeth (Spohn), daughter of Conrad Spohn, born in Greenwich township, Berks county, Nov. 8, 1807, died on the farm in 1864. They are buried at the Dunkel Church in Greenwich township. Fifteen children were born to this marriage, and we have the following record of this family: Nathan S., born Jan. 5, 1832, died Jan. 4, 1914, in Oskaloosa, Iowa; Adam S., born Aug. 15, 1833, died in infancy; Jonas S., born Aug. 29, 1834, died March 22, 1906; Moses S. is mentioned below; Lelia S., born Aug. 28, 1838, died Jan. 8, 1840; Daniel S., born Dec. 23, 1839, is living at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Maria S., born Jan. 31, 1841, is the widow of P. W. Woliver, and resides at Lafayette, Ind.; Solomon S., born Jan. 30, 1842, lives at Newark, N. J.; Noah S., born March 25, 1843, is living at Bristol, Ind.; Anna S., born Nov. 11, 1844, died Feb. 3, 1879, was the wife of Ephraim H. Mattern, who died Nov. 14, 1907; Joel S., born Sept. 16, 1846, is living in Mitchell, S. Dak.; Samuel S., born July 14, 1848, died Aug. 9, 1848; Lavina S., born Aug. 14, 1849, died Sept. 23, 1849; William S., born July 30, 1852, died March 7, 1853; Florenda S., born Feb. 25, 1854, died Aug. 6, 1854.

Moses S. Stein was born Aug. 26, 1836, on the homestead in Greenwich township, Berks county, and received his early education in the local public schools. Later he was sent to a select school, at Collegetown, Montgomery Co., Pa., and he taught school for three years in his native township. Mr. Stein came to Pottsville April 9, 1860, and engaged in the grain and feed business. After a year in that line he became interested in flour milling in the old John Pott mill at Pottsville, and was there established until 1893, in which year he erected his present place of business at the corner of Coal and Washington streets. Since 1893 Mr. Stein has had his son, Franklin M. Stein, associated with him, and the firm was known as Stein & Co., Limited, until Aug. 23, 1913, when the style was changed to Stein & Co. They carry a general line of flour, feed, hay and straw, being engaged in both the wholesale and retail trade. Mr. Stein has always done business along the most progressive lines possible, and his foresight and good judgment have prompted him to make departures from old established customs which he felt have outgrown their usefulness and retarded the expansion of trade rather than promoted it. He was the first man to ship solid carloads of grain from the West into Pottsville, commencing in 1863. Until that year no grain shipments in carload lots came to Pottsville or other points in this section from the West, all grain from that part of the country being reshipped. Mr. Stein undertook to arrange for through shipments, and the change proved a great convenience to dealers in this part of the State. He is now one of the oldest men in his line in the town and vicinity, and has a substantial position among the most successful merchants of his section. He is thoroughly respected by all who have had dealings with him. Mr. Stein has always been one of the active men of the community in advancing matters that tend to promote its welfare, and he was one of the organizers of Trinity Reformed Church of Pottsville, in which he still retains membership. He is the only surviving member of the original consistory of that church. His participation in the local government has been confined to several years' service

as councilman. Socially he is a member of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., and of the Sphinx Club.

On June 4, 1864, Mr. Stein married Fiannah B. Myers, daughter of Michael B. Myers, of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., and she died Oct. 14, 1911, the mother of these children: Catherine E.; Franklin M.; Emma E., who is deceased; Minnie M., and Anna M.

FRANKLIN M. STEIN was born in Pottsville Nov. 11, 1866, and acquired his education in the public schools there. After commencing work he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for a period of six years, at the end of that time changing to the Philadelphia & Reading Company, in whose employ he remained for eight years. Since 1893 he has been interested in dealing in flour, feed, hay and straw with his father, though he did not give all of his time to the business until 1900. From that year to the present he has been manager for Stein & Co., for whose steady success he deserves considerable of the credit. He is a member of Lily of Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Trinity Reformed Church. He is unmarried.

JEREMIAH CHARLES LAUTENBACHER is one of the leading men in an industry for which the borough of Schuylkill Haven has become famous, employing on an average about ninety people in the manufacture of knitted underwear. He has been engaged in this line for almost thirty years, having begun as a manufacturer of hosiery, and from a modest start he has attained a position among the large employers of labor in the borough. The output of his establishment is in popular demand in all parts of the country. As the founder of the first factory in the borough Mr. Lautenbacher deserves much credit for taking the initial step in the introduction of the business which has proved of great value in maintaining prosperous conditions in the borough and vicinity.

Mr. Lautenbacher is a native of Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., which place was so named in honor of his maternal ancestors. His father, the late Charles Lautenbacher, was born July 15, 1832, in Germany, being a native of Ballafengen, in the grand duchy of Baden. Coming to America when nineteen years old, he first located at Philadelphia, Pa., living there for some time, and he was employed in the construction of the stone work of the well known "Continental Hotel" in that city. Thence he removed to Baltimore, Md., and subsequently to Alexandria, Va., and Camden, N. J., his next location being at Kutztown, Pa., where he remained some time and married. From there he came to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, where he made a permanent home, engaging in his calling of marble and stone cutter until his death, which occurred Aug. 9, 1881. At Kutztown he met and married Sarah Ann Graeff, who was born Dec. 17, 1831, daughter of John and Mary (Kutz) Graeff, and died Aug. 17, 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Lautenbacher were born seven children: Jeremiah C., Irvin L., Flora, Mamie (deceased), Charles (deceased), and two who died in infancy.

Mrs. Lautenbacher was a native of Kutztown, Berks county, which place was so named in honor of her maternal ancestors, who were early pioneers of that county. They experienced the usual hardships and dangers of that day when the Indians were numerous and hostile, and there is a well-established tradition in the family that her great-grandfather had a secret cave to which he would retire in emergency with his family, and that the Indians never succeeded in locating this hiding place. George Kutz bought a tract of 130

acres from Peter Wentz in 1755, and there in 1779 laid out the town which has developed into one of the important boroughs of Berks county and still bears his name. The first tax list of the borough, made in 1817, records the following Kutzers: Peter, a tinsmith; Adam, carpenter; Jacob, mason; John, tailor; Peter (who was a Revolutionary soldier); Daniel; and Solomon, butcher.

Solomon Kutz, the last named, was the grandfather of Mrs. Lautenbacher. He was long engaged as a butcher at Kutztown, and lived to the age of ninety-two years. Among his children were the following: Mary, Mrs. John Graeff, died at Kutztown when seventy-nine years old; her children were Daniel, John, Catherine (Mrs. John Stickman) and Sarah Ann (Mrs. Charles Lautenbacher). Lydia, who died at West Penn, Pa., was the wife of Oscar Sheetz and mother of Oscar, Buchanan, Tillie and Sara. Reuben lived and died at Kutztown. Louisa married Daniel Kutz, son of Benjamin, and lives at Kutztown, now (1914) aged eighty-six years. Susanna married Harry Shide and lives at Kutztown, now aged eighty-four years.

Jeremiah Charles Lautenbacher was born June 26, 1857, and was three years old when the family settled at Schuylkill Haven, where he received his education in the public schools. When little more than a boy he commenced to learn the trade of marble cutter, which he continued to follow until ready to enter the manufacturing field, when twenty-eight years old. As previously intimated, he then established the first factory in Schuylkill Haven, beginning with the manufacture of hosiery, and when conditions warranted enlarging his plant and equipment with facilities for the production of underwear. The factory now is devoted exclusively to the knitting of underwear, including all kinds of ladies' garments, union suits, etc. Mr. Lautenbacher has proceeded along conservative lines, but the market for his goods has been so constant that he has been able to keep enlarging his business steadily, and though he has attempted to anticipate its expansion and the increase of trade he has never found his facilities too large for the accommodation of his orders. His enterprise is considered one of the stable assets of the borough, which for many years has benefited by its prosperous career.

Mr. Lautenbacher has been called upon to exert his ability and executive qualities for the good of the municipality, and that his efforts have met with approval and appreciation is shown in the fact that he has been retained as councilman of the borough for eighteen years, and has served eight years as president of the body. In political faith he is a Republican. He has numerous fraternal associations, being a thirty-second-degree Mason, a past master of Page Lodge, No. 207, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven; member of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., of Pottsville; of Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; of Philadelphia Consistory (third-second degree), and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. Besides, he holds membership in Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, B. P. O. Elks, the I. O. O. F. lodge, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Improved Order of Red Men, and Royal Arcanum, all of Schuylkill Haven. He and his family belong to the United Evangelical Church at Schuylkill Haven, in which he has been an interested worker for years, at present serving as trustee and president of the board. He has also been class leader, teacher in the Sunday school, and superintendent of the Sunday school, in all these positions performing his duties with the ability which has made him so successful in everything he undertakes.

On Sept. 6, 1877, Mr. Lautenbacher married Angella Emerich, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Ann (Raudenbush) Emerich, of Schuylkill Haven, old residents of Schuylkill county. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Irene E., wife of Thomas Tindall, of Schuylkill Haven; Mary Flora, wife of Howard Hirleman, of Schuylkill Haven; Sarah May, wife of Samuel Teter, of Philadelphia; and Charles Elijah, deceased.

CHARLES A. SNYDER, of Pottsville, at present representing his district in the State Senate, has been one of the foremost attorneys of Schuylkill county, and for a number of years one of its most faithful servants. His earlier services to his fellow citizens were in the line of his professional work, and the record he made in the conscientious discharge of their responsibilities commended him to the further attention of his constituents, who have chosen him to both branches of the State Legislature, of which body he has been a member almost continuously for ten years.

Mr. Snyder is a descendant of old Pennsylvania stock. His ancestors in both paternal and maternal lines were among the early settlers in the Tulpehocken section of Berks county. They have always been patriotic, being found among the defenders of their country in the Indian and Colonial wars and the Revolution, as well as in all the subsequent wars in which the country has been involved. William Herb Snyder, father of Charles A. Snyder, was a Union soldier during the Civil war, serving in two companies, in the 108th and 172d of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiments. He was a native of Schuylkill county, born Oct. 6, 1844, and married Leah Hoeffler Brua, who was born at Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa., Dec. 23, 1843.

Charles A. Snyder was born at Pillow April 16, 1867. After receiving public school advantages and attending private schools for several years, he entered upon the study of law, and began practice at Pottsville upon his admission to the bar, in 1889. He has continued to make his home in that borough, and has built up an extensive legal business, his clientele being drawn from a wide range of interests, which speaks well for the confidence he has gained wherever engaged. He is now, and has been for the past twelve years, county solicitor. Early in his legal career he became city solicitor, subsequently becoming deputy district attorney and then county comptroller. In 1903 he took his seat in the lower house of the State Legislature as representative of the Fourth district of Schuylkill county and continued to serve until 1907—for three consecutive terms. In November, 1908, he was elected State senator, and has been serving as such ever since, having been reelected in November, 1912. Mr. Snyder's sincere interest in all matters affecting the public welfare has given him a sympathetic insight into the needs of his community and questions of importance to this section in general, and he has been particularly zealous in affairs relating to the public schools, especially in obtaining justice for the common school teachers, having secured the legislation advancing their salaries and establishing a new school code for Pennsylvania. He has been a tireless worker in promoting the welfare of his home community, not only in such things as affect its internal interests, but those which concern its position with relation to the State, and the wisdom of his actions in the State Legislature has had the hearty approval and substantial indorsement of the larger majority of his fellow citizens.

On May 21, 1891, Mr. Snyder married Laura Arters, daughter of Charles D. and Ellen (Hoffman) Arters, of Churchtown, Lancaster Co., Pa. In the



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early seventies Mr. Arters came to Schuylkill county, where he made a high reputation as an educator in a long and successful career as a teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two children, Ruth, born Oct. 9, 1892, and Droz Brua, born April 12, 1900. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Snyder's social connections are with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, B. P. O. Elks, Royal Arcanum and I. O. of A. He formerly belonged to the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

JOHN WOOLCOCK, of Pottsville, retired coal operator, has spent most of his life in Schuylkill county, though his important business interests for the last sixteen years have been in West Virginia, where he still has heavy investments in soft coal properties. Mr. Woolcock was born Aug. 8, 1844, in County Waterford, Ireland. His parents, William and Grace (Jobe) Woolcock, were both natives of the County of Cornwall, in England. In 1845 they came to America with their family and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., first at Middleport, later at Forestville, where they lived for a short time, and then at Heckscherville. There Mr. Woolcock was employed at the mines until his death, in 1865, caused by an explosion in the mines. His wife continued to live in this section until her death, which occurred at Shamokin. They are buried at Minersville. Eleven children were born to them, nine of whom attained maturity: Edward, Elijah, Thomas, Elizabeth A. (married George Robinson), William, Mary Jane (married Eli Lee), John, Joseph and Amelia.

John Woolcock was reared in Schuylkill county, and obtained his education in the schools of Cass township. He has indeed been self-made so far as his business success is concerned, for he commenced work at the mines in the humblest position. Later he ran an engine, and he advanced steadily through sheer merit, unassisted by influential connections, proving himself competent for the various responsibilities which were intrusted to him. He was engaged at different workings in Schuylkill county, holding the position of boss at the Phoenix colliery, No. 2, in Cass township, after which he was boss for the Reading Company at Middle Creek for about fifteen months. For the next few months he had a small operation at Minersville, and he continued here until 1886, when he began operations in the Pocahontas region of West Virginia, taking an interest in the Elk Horn Coal & Coke Company, of which he was manager as well as part owner. He soon opened a colliery for the Gillen Coal & Coke Company, with whom he was associated for two years, at the end of that time going to Bottom Creek, where he remained a few months. For about three years following he was stationed at the Grape Vine colliery. Meantime he had been making his home in West Virginia, for sixteen years in all, in 1904 returning to Schuylkill county and establishing a permanent residence at Pottsville. His beautiful home in that borough, at No. 1609 Mahantongo street, was erected in 1907. Though he has withdrawn from active participation in the conduct of his coal properties Mr. Woolcock still retains valuable holdings, all in West Virginia, having stock in the Arcona Coal Company, the Gillen Coal Company, the Roanoke Coal Company and the Red Jacket Coal Company. Mr. Woolcock takes a good citizen's interest in local politics and uses his influence in behalf of measures intended to promote the general welfare, without regard to the political party which sponsors them. While living in West Virginia he served as a member of the school

board of his home district. In fraternal connection he is a Mason, belonging to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.

In 1877 Mr. Woolcock married Jennie Dolbin, daughter of Goodman and Mary (Thomas) Dolbin, of Forestville, in Cass township, Schuylkill county. Mr. Dolbin, who was a pioneer coal operator in this county, is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Woolcock: Wilbur T. studied at the University of West Virginia and is now engaged as a mining engineer, located at Logan, W. Va.; Goodman D., who is also at Logan, W. Va., employed as an electrician, received his education at Pottsville; Sarah lives with her parents. Mr. Woolcock and his family are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

DARIUS D. COLDREN, of Schuylkill Haven, has made his success in the line of manufacture which for a number of years has formed the backbone of industrial prosperity in his borough, probably affording employment to more people than any other one kind of occupation. Mr. Coldren has built up his business from modest beginnings. He had previous experience as a manufacturer before entering his present field, in which he has displayed much enterprise, keeping his factory up to the modern standards in every respect and its operation according to the most approved system, with highly satisfactory results, both as to the conditions under which his employees work and their consequent efficiency. Mr. Coldren himself is a native of Berks county, Pa., born at Reading, June 15, 1863, son of Samuel P. Coldren. The family has been in this country for several generations.

According to a member of this family, James J. Coldren, at present chorister and sexton of the Muddy Creek Church at Denver, Pa., the Coldrens originally came from Scotland. He said that the name was formerly "Caldwolatter," and has come down to the present era in the form Coldren—at some places Colden. As far as he could ascertain the branch of the Coldrens in which we are interested lived in Oley township, Berks county, until 1780, after which its members scattered, one removing in that year to Snyder county and one to Northumberland county. One had been lost trace of, and it seems likely that this member was Mathias, who settled in Lancaster county, and was the ancestor of Darius D. Coldren. When they settled in Berks county is not known. The first record of a baptism of the Coldrens at the Muddy Creek Church (whose Reformed congregation was organized in 1743, the Lutheran in 1733), under date of 1785, is that of Mary Coldren. The family record given below of Mathias Coldren and his immediate descendants was taken from an old Bible which James J. Coldren received from his grandmother when he was a boy. On the lid of this Bible is inscribed in a bold hand, evidently written with a quill pen: "John Coldren His book 1790."

Mathias Coldren married Nancy Neethawk (or Neathawk), and we have the following record of the children born to them: John was born Dec. 28, 1781; William, born Aug. 1, 1783, is mentioned below; Mary, born April 2, 1785, Abraham, born April 19, 1787, and Elizabeth, born March 3, 1789, had no families as far as known; Jacob, born May 5, 1791, left no family; Susan, born Dec. 19, 1794, married Samuel Coldren, but we have no record of a family; Mathias, born April 6, 1796, died Nov. 27, 1839, leaving two sons, one of whom died without issue, the other moving years ago to Mifflinburg or Mifflinville, Pa.; Hannah, born Dec. 31, 1798, married a Miller, and their children were, Jacob, Isaac, Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Cooser;



Jacob, born April 5, 1800, was the father of eleven children, Lydia (born Nov. 7, 1824, married a Rohland and had a family), John (born Jan. 17, 1826), Isaac (born Oct. 20, 1827), Franna (born May 23, 1831, married a Roth and had a large family), Henry (born March 9, 1834), Eli (born Oct. 1, 1836), Jacob (March 14, 1839), Levi (born July 24, 1841), Edward (born Dec. 1, 1844), Mary (Mrs. Weinhold, May 1, 1849) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Weinhold, born Dec. 29, 1851).

William Coldren, born Aug. 1, 1783, was the grandfather of Darius D. Coldren. He lived in Lancaster county, about three miles south of Adamstown, and followed farming. He owned a tract of seventy-five acres, upon which he lived and died. His death occurred when he was about seventy-five years old, and he is buried in the cemetery at Muddy Creek Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Frankhouser, also lived to the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of a large family, namely: Peter, born in 1802, married, and all his children were girls; John, born in 1804, had a large family; Isaac, born in 1806, is mentioned below; Abraham, born in 1807, had a family; Mary or Polly, born in 1809, married Henry Steimer, and one daughter of this union is still living; Lydia, born in 1811, died unmarried; Samuel, born in 1814, had a large family; Rachel, born in 1816, married Levi Steffy, and had one son; Jacob, born in 1818, had no children; William, born in 1821, had a family, all sons.

Isaac Coldren, born Jan. 16, 1806, on his father's farm at Stone Hill, Lancaster county, died Aug. 10, 1867, on his farm, two and a half miles south of Adamstown. He owned fifty acres of land there and followed general farming and the hotel business. He and his wife, Mary (Pennypacker), are buried at the Muddy Creek Church before mentioned. She was born April 30, 1803, daughter of Daniel Pennypacker (his wife was a Musser), and died June 16, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Coldren had the following family: Samuel P. is the father of Darius D. Coldren; Elizabeth married Henry G. Mohn, and lives at Adamstown, Lancaster county; Jesse is deceased; Harrison is deceased; Mary married Christian Messner, and lives in Lancaster county.

Samuel P. Coldren was born Dec. 6, 1833, in West Earl township, Lancaster county, and attended public school in that neighborhood. He was taught by Squire Henry Becker. His school days over, he helped with the work on the farm, and later learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for a period of thirty years. Coming to Schuylkill Haven in 1881, he was employed as a blacksmith at the rolling mills for twenty-four years, after which he assisted his son, Darius D. Coldren, for eight years before his retirement. He still makes his home at Schuylkill Haven. On Sept. 10, 1856, he married Elizabeth Matz Dewees, who was born Jan. 16, 1837, daughter of John M. Dewees. To this union was born a large family, viz.: John, born Feb. 20, 1858, married Catherine Becker; Lyman, born Sept. 21, 1859, married Carrie Harner; Augustus D., born April 12, 1861, died April 25, 1914, married Elizabeth Mengle; Darius D. is mentioned below; George D., born Oct. 1, 1865, married Katie Justace; Elizabeth D., born July 13, 1867, married Evan Thomas, a manufacturer, of Schuylkill Haven; Pierce D., born May 26, 1870, married Rebecca Drumheller; Mary Jane, born Jan. 11, 1874, married Samuel Bast; Robert D., born May 6, 1875, married Bertha Clemens; Chester, born March 21, 1877, is unmarried, and is now in the West; Harry, born April 19, 1879, who lives at home, married Margaret Miller.

The Dewees family, to which Mrs. Coldren belongs, has long been settled

in Pennsylvania, and William Dewees, her grandfather, was born in Denver, Lancaster county. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that calling for many years. In his later years he removed to Stark county, Ohio, to make his home with his son George, and died there at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, Elizabeth (Martin), died at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa. They had three children: John M., Mrs. Coldren's father; George M., who moved to Stark county, Ohio; and Jacob, who died young.

John M. Dewees was born Feb. 26, 1807, at Reamstown, Lancaster county. He followed the same trade as his father, that of shop carpenter, making all kinds of household furniture. He was also an undertaker, making his own coffins. In 1835 he was commissioned captain of the 12th Company, 55th Regiment, of the Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the 2d Brigade, of the 6th Division, composed of the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks and Schuylkill, his commission bearing date Aug. 3, 1835, and good until Aug. 3, 1842, given and signed by Gov. Joseph Ritner. He was also a surveyor, and he served as justice of the peace, his first commission bearing date of 1840. He was a justice from the aforesaid date until 1879, having held the office for nearly forty years. Legal papers made and issued by him are noted for their neatness, accuracy and excellent penmanship. Lawyers and court officials often complimented him on his elegant penmanship, which he did mostly with the quill. In 1834 he married Leah G. Matz (born Feb. 11, 1812), daughter of George Matz. They had three daughters and two sons, the sons dying in infancy. Of the daughters: Elizabeth M. married Samuel P. Coldren; Sarah M. married Adam M. Grill; Rachel M. married Jere H. Miller. John M. Dewees was a man of ordinary means, but proved himself to be of great usefulness in this section between 1840 and 1875. He was intensely interested in the educational system provided by the act of 1834, and in 1835, when an effort was made to repeal this law, he labored hard to interest the people and explain to them the importance of the educational advantages provided for by this act. He was a lover of music, especially of the fiddle, zither and accordeon. He was the owner of a small tract of land in Spring township. He died Dec. 14, 1881, and is buried at Mohns Hill burying ground.

Darius D. Coldren attended public school at Reading and Port Clinton, Pa. When sixteen years old he began work in the rolling mill at Port Clinton as a rougher, and followed this kind of employment for a period of seven years, becoming a master roller. In 1887 he engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes at Schuylkill Haven, carrying on the business for one year, until he decided to enter the hosiery manufacturing line at Pine Grove, this county. He had a large knitting factory at that place which he operated for one year, transferring his business then to Harrisburg, where he also conducted it for one year. Returning to Schuylkill Haven, he engaged in the men's furnishings and merchant tailoring business, which occupied him for about ten years following, until he embarked in the manufacture of underwear, in 1900. Mr. Coldren was at first associated with Walter F. Meck in this business, under the firm name of Meck & Coldren, the partnership being dissolved in 1902, when Harry A. Reber bought Mr. Coldren's interest. The same year, 1902, Mr. Coldren established the plant which he has since carried on as sole proprietor, and he is giving employment, at this writing, to between fifty and sixty hands. The business is located at St. John and Union streets, Schuylkill Haven. Within a few years, by 1906, it had already given such

promise of expansion that Mr. Coldren enlarged his plant, opening another mill which connects with the old one, the two mills giving eight thousand square feet of floor space. The product is fine-ribbed underwear for ladies and children, and the Snow White brand has achieved such wide reputation that the goods are shipped, not only to all parts of the United States, but to Australia and Africa as well. The business is in thriving condition, owing to Mr. Coldren's admirable methods, for he has given close attention to its requirements. However, it has not claimed all of his time. He was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Haven Foundry Company, and he is still secretary of the board of directors of that concern, as well as a director of the Schuylkill Haven Board of Trade. Though he has assisted his town greatly in the building up of its manufacturing interests, he has not felt that his responsibility ended therewith. He has served as councilman of the borough, and has been particularly active in church work as a member of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, being at present a trustee of his church and a teacher in the Sunday school; he served as superintendent of the Sunday school during the first four years after its organization. Fraternally Mr. Coldren is a Mason, belonging to Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, and to Reading Lodge of Perfection (fourteenth degree). He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum. In political conviction he is a Republican, though he favors the doctrines of the Prohibition party.

On March 28, 1890, Mr. Coldren married Harriet G. Kerkeslager, daughter of Alexander W. and Mary Elminda (Miller) Kerkeslager, of Schuylkill Haven. Three daughters have been born to this union, namely: Helen K., Mary Roth and Harriet Elizabeth, the last named dying when two and a half years old.

The Kerkeslager family, to which Mrs. Darius D. Coldren belongs, is of German ancestry. John Kerkeslager, Mrs. Coldren's great-grandfather, was a native of Lancaster, Pa., born Feb. 17, 1766, and married Eva Christian Spayd, born Feb. 17, 1762, at Lancaster, daughter of Peter and Anna Spayd. They subsequently removed to Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., and he owned a large farm near that town, giving his time to agricultural pursuits, and also to his trade, that of tailor. He and his wife both died there, Mr. Kerkeslager April 26, 1824, his wife April 19th of the same year. They had three children: John Peter, born Nov. 15, 1790, who died in infancy; Michael, born Sept. 12, 1793; and Rebecca, born Aug. 15, 1800, who died in infancy.

Michael Kerkeslager spent his youth and early manhood at Hummelstown, and learned his father's trade. He was also a well known school teacher in his day, following the profession for a number of years in Dauphin county, and later at Schuylkill Haven, to which place he removed about 1822. He was a pioneer resident of the borough, and spent the rest of his days there, living retired during his closing years. On Jan. 10, 1816, he married Catherine Cider, who was born Jan. 15, 1796, and died March 11, 1873. He survived her only a few months, dying July 7th, and they were buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had a large family, born as follows: Jeremiah, Nov. 1, 1816; Sarah, Sept. 4, 1818; George W., April 25, 1820; Rebecca, Nov. 21, 1821; Noah, Sept. 9, 1823; Michael, May 15, 1825; Elijah, April 19, 1827; Martha, June 24, 1829; William, June 27, 1831; Joseph, July 8, 1833; Catherine, Jan. 28, 1836; Alexander W., June 26, 1838; and Peter, Jan. 26, 1841. All of this family are now deceased.

Alexander W. Kerkeslager was born at Schuylkill Haven, and was one

of the most prominent citizens of his generation in that borough. When only fourteen years old he began to learn the trade of butcher, and he continued to follow that calling throughout his life, becoming one of the best known men in Schuylkill county. For several terms he served his fellow citizens as chief burgess. He was a Republican in politics, and a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, Sr. O. U. A. M., and Sons of America lodges in the borough, and belonged to St. Peter's Evangelical Church. His death occurred Jan. 1, 1886. He is buried in the Union cemetery.

On July 13, 1861, he married Mary Elminda Miller, who was born at Schuylkill Haven, Feb. 27, 1840, daughter of Conrad and Mary (De Long) Miller, and still resides there, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Darius D. Coldren. Mr. and Mrs. Kerkeslager had two children: Harriet G., born April 4, 1863, wife of Darius D. Coldren; and Minnie Eva, born Feb. 18, 1866, now the wife of J. V. Poley, of Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

F. P. MORTIMER, SR., leading dealer in ready-to-wear and ready-to-use goods at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., is a member of the third generation of his family to reside at that place, where its representatives have been prominent as merchants for over three quarters of a century. A number of the family are still counted among the prosperous business men of the town.

The family is of English extraction and has long been settled in Pennsylvania, since before the Revolution, during which period its members were associated with the Colonial cause. John Mortimer, great-grandfather of F. P. Mortimer, Sr., lived and died in Robeson township, Berks Co., Pa. His children were: William, Michael, Washington and Morgan.

William Mortimer, grandfather of F. P. Mortimer, Sr., was an early settler in Schuylkill county, coming from Valley Forge, Chester Co., Pa., in 1826. He became one of the most prominent citizens of this county, which he represented in the State Senate, refusing reelection. He owned the property now belonging to J. Miehle & Son, Inc. (the site of the past Mountain City building), conducted a hotel where the Miehle Sons, Inc., are now situated, and in connection also carried on a mercantile business for many years. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and one of the local leaders of the party.

William Mortimer, Jr., son of William, above, also became a prominent business man of Pottsville. He was a dry goods merchant, owning and occupying the corner where his son, F. P. Mortimer, does business, No. 1 Centre street. For many years he was a director of the Miners' National Bank of Pottsville. He was a native of Valley Forge, born in 1810, and died Aug. 14, 1875, in Pottsville. His wife, Susan Frances Simpson, daughter of John Simpson, died March 18, 1898. Fourteen children were born to this union, namely: Mary Frances, who died May 25, 1898, aged about sixty years, was the wife of William H. Robinson, of Schuylkill Haven; Sarah Matilda is the widow of John Engle, of Pottsville; Emma I., who died Aug. 14, 1913, one hour after her brother Charles, was the wife of James I. Muir, a prominent dealer in powder and mining supplies of Pottsville, whose death occurred a few years before hers; Susan J. is the widow of Dr. Charles T. Palmer, and lives at Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles W., who died Aug. 14, 1913, at Atlantic City, N. J., was a prosperous business man of Pottsville, engaged as a dealer in men's furnishings; George Wesley, who died Nov. 21, 1911, was a prominent real estate and insurance man of Pottsville; F. P. is mentioned

below; William Horace is in the jewelry business in Pottsville; Minnie Allen married John J. Garvin, of Pottsville, photographer and dealer in photograph supplies; Joseph Gilmore is a jeweler of Pottsville; Walter, William John, Ellen W. and James died in infancy or early childhood.

F. P. Mortimer, Sr., was born Jan. 20, 1853, at the corner of Centre and Norwegian streets, Pottsville, on the site of his present dry goods store. He had public school advantages in his early life and also attended a private school. His first work was as messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company, he being the first boy employed in that capacity at Pottsville, and his salary was ten dollars per month. After that for some time he was employed as a messenger between Pottsville and Philadelphia. He learned telegraphy and was employed as a telegrapher by Focht & Co., of Philadelphia, for one year. In 1872 he entered the employ of the firm of Richard & Morris, of Pottsville, who conducted a general store, and with whom he obtained his first experience as a merchant, remaining with them one year. He was next employed by Mr. Althouse, who had a dry goods and notion store, and with whom he continued only a short time, however, going from him to Mr. Junkerth. Mr. Junkerth later failed, and Mr. Mortimer had charge of the selling of the stock. On April 16, 1874, he established the business which he has ever since successfully carried on. It has grown with the development of the town, how much may be judged from the fact that his first store had less than five hundred square feet of floor space, while his present store is just twenty times as large. He began very modestly, doing all his own work as well as buying and selling. Now there are twenty-five clerks employed in his up-to-date store, and his business occupies a three-story and basement building, as well as a storage house. His business is conducted along modern lines, Mr. Mortimer engaging New York buyers, who are constantly in the market picking up attractive things for the house, and he is well known to many of the large eastern firms as well as in his home community. On April 16, 1913, when the thirty-ninth anniversary of the opening of the business in Pottsville was celebrated, he received many congratulatory letters and telegrams from various large firms with which he has done business, and his clerks presented him a loving cup filled with roses. He is one of the best known men in Pottsville and one of the most popular, and is not only working hard to promote the success of his own business affairs but also in the interest of the locality. We quote from an article in a recent paper: "He represents a strong cog in our business and civic machinery. He is a man who has made good for himself and such men always add great strength to a community." Mr. Mortimer is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On Feb. 11, 1878, Mr. Mortimer married Clara H. Seltzer, daughter of the late Conrad Seltzer, of Pottsville, mentioned elsewhere. Five children have been born to this union: Marion, now the wife of Harry Williams, resides at Gothenburg, Nebr., where Mr. Williams has a ranch of 14,000 acres; F. Pierce is mentioned below; Marguerite is the wife of Dr. John W. Freeston, dentist, and they reside at Pottsville; Norman and Elizabeth are at home.

F. PIERCE MORTIMER, JR., has the honor of being the first mayor of the new city of Pottsville, and was one of the leaders in the movement to have the new form of government established. This young man was born at Pottsville, July 20, 1883, and there received his education. He graduated from

the Pottsville high school, class of 1900. After leaving school he at once took up active work in his father's store, and in this modern establishment has obtained a thorough business training. There are few young men of the community who have been more active in its interests. Independent in politics, he was the first nominee for the office of city comptroller of Pottsville, in 1911, nominated on three tickets, Republican, Democratic and Keystone, but as the city charter was not granted at that time he was not elected. On Nov. 4, 1913, when the first election for city officers was held, he was the leading candidate for mayor, and won by a large majority, carrying seven of the ten precincts. Upon him and his fellow officials devolves the task of organizing and inaugurating the commission form of government in the new city of Pottsville, and the responsibility for its proper introduction. The campaign was one of the most vigorous in the history of Pottsville, the activities of the workers resulting in bringing out an unusually large number of voters, and the interest aroused will undoubtedly extend over the present administration, which is expected to demonstrate the value of the new plan for which so many citizens have been fighting. Mr. Mortimer took office Dec. 1st, and has the distinction of being the youngest mayor in Pennsylvania. He has been an active member of the local fire company. Athletics have always claimed much of his time and attention. For seven years he was especially interested in basket-ball, has played baseball as a semi-professional, and has served as president of the Baxter Association, one of the leading athletic organizations in this part of the State. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, Business Men's Association, Rotary Club, Historical Society and Y. M. C. A. He belongs to the First Presbyterian Church, and is a member of its choir, of which he is soloist. He has sung considerably for charity.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Mortimer married Edna C. Umbenhauer, of Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Capt. J. W. Umbenhauer, borough treasurer.

FRANK BROWN has been prominent in the business circles of Schuylkill Haven in several associations, notably the manufacture of shoes, in which he has been engaged for twenty-five years. He is now president of the Walkin Shoe Company, which was organized in 1910. Mr. Brown is a native of North Manheim township, this county, born near Landingville March 10, 1868, son of Edwin Brown.

Edwin Brown was born Dec. 7, 1835, near Kutztown, in Berks county, Pa., and was only a young man when he settled in Schuylkill county, making his home near Minersville. He became very well known as a boatbuilder, which business he followed for some years, and in which he was associated with the late George Adams at Landingville. Later he became engaged in farming in North Manheim township, in the same vicinity, and spent the rest of his life at that calling, dying April 30, 1872, at the early age of thirty-six years. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Brown had served in the Civil war, and he was a member of Post No. 26, G. A. R. He married Elizabeth Deibert, daughter of William Deibert, and member of a pioneer family of that county. She subsequently married William S. Zuber, of Orwigsburg, Pa., where she died and is buried. Her children by Mr. Brown were as follows: Mary, who married William B. Hein; Hannah, who died in infancy; Susanna, wife of John Gangloft (both are deceased); Amos, deceased; Katie, who married Manden Zuber, of Landingville; Frank; and

William, who lives at Chester, Md. By her second marriage she had four children: Henrietta, who is deceased; Alice, wife of R. S. Luckinbill; Emma, deceased; and Harvey, who lives at Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Frank Brown attended school in a log building near Landingville in his native township, and was reared upon the farm. When eighteen years old he began to learn the shoe business at Landingville, being employed in the factory there for three years, and became thoroughly familiar with all its details. For the next four years he traveled as a shoe salesman, and meantime, in 1889, became interested in the manufacture of shoes at Schuylkill Haven, as a member of the firm of Berger, Brown & Company. Twelve years later some changes were made in the ownership, and the business was continued under the name of the G. H. Gerber Shoe Company, Inc. In 1910 the present organization was effected under the name of the Walkin Shoe Company, with the following officers: Frank Brown, president; G. H. Michael, treasurer; F. B. Keller, secretary. The product consists of infants', children's and misses' turn and welt shoes, which have a reputation in the trade throughout the district east of the Rocky Mountains and in the South and Southwest. The equipment has been improved and enlarged as the increase of the business necessitated, and the plant now occupies a building 40 by 165 feet in dimensions, with a wing 26 by 30 feet. Two hundred and fifty hands, including a large number of skilled workmen, are steadily employed, which means that a large proportion of the industrial workers in Schuylkill Haven depend upon this establishment for occupation. The goods are of such excellent quality as to keep up the demand, and they are handled in the market according to the most up-to-date system and manner, for every department of the Walkin establishment is operated along the most modern lines, the executive, manufacturing and other divisions being in the most competent hands. Mr. Brown, himself, is a skilled workman, and keeps track of all the work at the plant, being able to instruct his employees in the practical work as well as the principles of his business, and his thorough knowledge of its requirements has been a factor of inestimable value in the growth of the concern.

Though his principal attention has been given to the shoe business, Mr. Brown has naturally taken on other responsibilities in the course of his active career. He was one of the organizers and an original director of the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, and is still a member of the board; is a director of the Textile Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Schuylkill Haven; of the Schuylkill Haven Fire Company, and several other important local concerns. His achievements entitle him to a place among the foremost business men of the county.

On July 10, 1894, Mr. Brown married Alice Ehly, whose parents died when she was very young. Six children have been born to this marriage, namely: Madeline S., Stanley H., F. Alfred, Hamilton, Paul (deceased) and Frederick. The family is associated with the Reformed Church.

THOMAS J. DAVIS, of Minersville, is an extensive coal operator and still engaged in the business, though his interests have been in outside fields for some time. His early training, however, was gained in the local territory, where he began in the humble capacity of slate picker, and made his way up through the various stages of mine work to important duties. At present he is one of the owners and general manager of the Kohinoor Coal & Coke

Company, operating near Logan, in Logan county, W. Va. He has also had valuable interests in the borough, but he has given them up since outside activities occupy so much of his time.

Mr. Davis is a native of Wales, born Aug. 21, 1843, and came to America from that country in 1848, with his father, Jacob Davis, who settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The father was a miner by occupation, and lived and died at Minersville. After picking slate at the breaker for a time Thomas J. Davis did inside work of various kinds at the collieries, cutting coal for a short period, and finally becoming foreman in the Potts Coal Company, in whose employ he rose to the position of superintendent. Subsequently he was similarly engaged by Kane, Haggert & Cook, and then with Miller, Graeff & Company, being one of the first to hold that position with the concern named. Following several months of prospecting in the South, he began operating in the soft coal fields in Tennessee, where he continued for thirteen years, at the end of that time selling his interests there and turning his attention to West Virginia, where he has heavy investments. About one hundred men are employed in the operations of the Kohinoor Coal & Coke Company, and there is a steady demand for the output.

Mr. Davis has also encouraged local enterprises, and for a time was vice president of the Union National Bank, of Minersville, but he resigned from the position when he found that frequent absences from the borough were necessary. He continues to hold membership in Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, Schuylkill county.

Mr. Davis married Anna Dando, daughter of Edwin Dando, of Minersville, and they have two children: Esther, wife of Matthew Beddou; and Thomas J., Jr., who is engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes at Schuylkill Haven. Edwin Dando, father of Mrs. Davis, was a native of England.

FREDERICK H. HAUSE is taking a place in the business circles of Pottsville thoroughly in keeping with the reputation attaching to the honored name he bears. A son of the late Frank Hause, he has continued the tobacco business which the latter established so many years ago, and his association with other local institutions of importance to the community shows him to be in active sympathy with everything affecting the well-being of the place.

The Hause family was founded in Pottsville by Emanuel Hause, grandfather of Frederick H. Hause, who was born May 14, 1801, in Chester county, Pa., and when a young man settled at Pottsville. At that time there were only a few houses in the town and he was the pioneer blacksmith here, continuing to follow his trade until his death, which occurred Feb. 20, 1859. His wife was born Aug. 21, 1808, in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and died Jan. 4, 1884. They are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. Their family consisted of the following children: Catherine married Henry Miller; Mary A. married Henry Shomo; Henry, who died in Pottsville, married Charlotte James; Lewis, who died in Ashland, Pa., married Joanna Wilson; Charles died unmarried in Pottsville; Frank is mentioned below; Edward, who died in Pottsville, married Clara Zweibel; Sarah married Andrew Turnbull; Isabella married Edward Lebold.

Frank Hause was born May 7, 1838, at Pottsville, and was given such public school advantages as the town then afforded. In early manhood he began dealing in tobacco, and built up his business so successfully that he became one of the leading men in his line in this part of Pennsylvania, having



a large wholesale as well as retail trade. He established himself at the corner of Centre and Norwegian streets. Mr. Hause was the first in Pottsville to handle the popular Miners' Extra tobacco, and for many years had the sole agency here for that brand. He also dealt in leaf tobacco, making large purchases in Lancaster county, Pa. In fact, he carried on his business with all the resources of a keen intellect to make the most of its possibilities. His other affairs received the same efficient care, and he had a part in the promotion and establishment of several enterprises of genuine service to the community. He was a prime mover in the organization of the Pottsville Steam Heat & Power Company, as well as active in the inception of other important enterprises for which he and various progressive associates saw the need. He was a director of the Pennsylvania National Bank of Pottsville and continued to serve as such until his death. He gave valuable service to the borough as a member of the school board, and was also known in his connection with the Union Veteran Legion and the Society of First Defenders. When twenty-two years old he enlisted for the defense of the Union and after serving a three months' term reenlisted, for three years. With his family Mr. Hause attended the Second Presbyterian Church. He built the substantial home at No. 315 West Market street where Mrs. Hause still resides, and where his death occurred June 6, 1900. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery.

On Feb. 4, 1868, Mr. Hause married Louisa S. Haeseler, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Swalen) Haeseler, and children as follows were born to them: Ralph E., who is a clerk in the Merchants' National Bank of Pottsville; J. Florence, living at home; Frederick H.; and Dorothy H., wife of Gustav A. Muehlhof, of Pottsville. Mrs. Hause takes an active part in matters of general interest in the borough. She is a member of the Historical Society of Schuylkill county and vice president of the Pottsville Mission.

FREDERICK HÆSELER, father of Mrs. Hause, was a resident of Pottsville from the early sixties. A native of Germany, he came to America with his parents in early life, and subsequently returned to the Fatherland to study, receiving a thorough education. He also had a comprehensive military training. Coming back to America he engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., before his removal to Pottsville, where he carried on a real estate business and organized several insurance companies. His learning and high principles gained him many friends. To his marriage with Catherine Swalen were born children as follows: John, Frank, Albert, Louisa S., Anna A., Emma S., Sarah and Catherine. Mr. Haeseler died in 1880, his widow in 1893, and they are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery.

Frederick H. Hause was born in 1880 at Pottsville, and received his education in the public schools of the borough. He began work with his father when a boy, and though only twenty years old when his father died continued the business, which was conducted under the name of the Frank Hause Estate until 1906. That year Frederick H. Hause bought the business for himself, and has since carried it on under his own name. The stand is one of the oldest in the city, and Mr. Hause not only commands a large wholesale and retail trade in the tobacco business, but also manufactures cigars, having factory No. 398. Among the well known brands which he produces are the "Agord" and "Ryo Hondo." Besides dealing in leaf and manufactured tobacco and cigars, he carries a large stock of snuff, pipes, etc., and small goods.

Mr. Hause is associated with the Pennsylvania National Bank of Pottsville, one of the leading banking houses in this section, of which he has been a director since 1911. Mr. Hause is a valued member of the Central Republican Club, and of the Schuylkill County Historical Society. His interests have been managed with acumen and good judgment, and he is justly regarded as one of the most competent business men of the borough.

Mr. Hause married Alverta Kehler, of Shenandoah, and they have one child, Marion.

JONATHAN HENRY WALBORN, now living retired at Orwigsburg, has been one of the leading men of his section of Schuylkill county for a long period. Diligent and enterprising during the years he was engaged in farming, he became associated with the live interests of the locality. For a number of years he has been active in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Schuylkill County, serving as secretary for the last twenty-two years. Mr. Walborn is a native of the county, born March 15, 1853, in West Brunswick township, son of Daniel Walborn and grandson of John Walborn.

John (or Johan) Walborn, the grandfather, was born near Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., June 30, 1799, and died Aug. 13, 1872. By occupation he was a farmer. Coming to Schuylkill county he settled in West Brunswick township, about two miles east of Pinedale, there continuing to farm until his death. He is buried at the historic Zion's (Red) Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Albright, was born Dec. 4, 1804, and died Oct. 30, 1884. They had children as follows: Daniel, born Sept. 19, 1825, died March 29, 1906; Urias, born Sept. 22, 1827, died Dec. 15, 1913; William, born June 28, 1831, died Sept. 17, 1914; Peter, born July 6, 1834, died Oct. 16, 1911; Rebecca, born Sept. 21, 1837, married Daniel O. Mohl, who is deceased; Catharine, born Aug. 2, 1845, married John Ketner, who is deceased; Cyrus, born Aug. 28, 1839, died Aug. 29, 1858; and Diana, born Oct. 21, 1848, died Nov. 20, 1912, married Martin Moyer. Of these children, Rebecca and Catharine are still living.

Daniel Walborn, son of John, was born Sept. 19, 1825, in Lebanon county, Pa., settling in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he came into possession of the old homestead. He was one of the prosperous farmers of his day and a trusted official of his township, serving for several years as member of the school board and as assistant assessor. During the Civil war he and Daniel Alspach were appointed to look for recruits for the army in West Brunswick township. As a devout member of the Lutheran denomination, he was an active worker in the old Zion's (Red) Church, served on the church council, as church treasurer, and was a member of the building committee when the present church building was erected in 1883. He reached the age of eighty years, dying March 29, 1906, and is buried at the Red Church. His wife, Christiana, daughter of Jonathan Albright and Molly (Berger) Albright, was born Aug. 18, 1822, and died Sept. 26, 1892. They were the parents of five children, of whom Lewis, Henry and Henrietta died young. Jonathan Henry and Joseph Albright are the survivors.

Jonathan Henry Walborn obtained his early education in the public schools, later attending the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa. For ten terms he was engaged in teaching in West Brunswick township, following farming during that period, and for five years he conducted a mercantile business at Drehersville, Schuylkill county. Retiring to the homestead place

in West Brunswick township, he resumed farming. In 1901 he moved with his family to his present residence on the farm which he purchased from the Thomas Hoy estate, the Hoy homestead, in Orwigsburg. For one year, 1913, he was engaged in the manufacture of shoes, but sold out his interests, and has not since engaged actively in business pursuits. However, he still retains his connection with the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which he serves as secretary; for twenty years he was secretary of the West Brunswick Horse Insurance Company. Like his father, Mr. Walborn has taken part in the administration of public affairs. For several years he served as member of the school board of West Brunswick township, and for one four-year term as director of the poor of Schuylkill county, to which office he was elected in 1897. His duties were discharged with the utmost fidelity and with due regard to the best interests of his constituents, and his services were a credit to the community as well as himself. Politically he has been identified with the Democratic party. He is a leading member of Zion's (Red) Church, in which he has held the offices of deacon and elder, giving the same conscientious attention to the duties of this position as he has to every other responsibility assumed.

On Jan. 7, 1881, Mr. Walborn married Sarah Elizabeth Hoy, born Jan. 7, 1860, daughter of the late Thomas Hoy and Mrs. Sarah (Faust) Hoy, of Orwigsburg. Two sons were born to this union: Ira Guy, Oct. 20, 1881, and Maurice Daniel, Nov. 29, 1892, both born in West Brunswick township. Mrs. Sarah E. (Hoy) Walborn died Nov. 10, 1911, and is buried at the Red Church.

IRA GUY WALBORN attended the public schools of West Brunswick township, the Orwigsburg high school, and Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., and taught two terms in the public schools of West Brunswick township. In 1899 he entered Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and after completing three years' work entered the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., in 1902, as a student in electrical engineering and the College of Arts, graduating with the degrees of bachelor of arts in 1904 and bachelor of science in electrical engineering in 1906. After graduation he followed his profession, electrical engineering, in Utah and Idaho. In March, 1908, he was employed by the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company, Pottsville, Pa., and has served as electrical superintendent for that company since April, 1912. On June 16, 1909, he married Frances Cary Mountjoy, born Aug. 1, 1881, daughter of the late Rev. John Mountjoy and Mrs. Rebecca (Shannon) Mountjoy, of Columbia, Mo. Two children were born, in Pottsville, Pa., to this union: One daughter, Rebecca Shannon, Oct. 21, 1912, and one son, Jonathan Mountjoy, Jan. 23, 1915. Mr. Walborn is a member of the Lutheran congregation at the old Red Church. Fraternally he is connected with Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Free and Accepted Masons; Black Diamond Commandery, No. 466, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta; and the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. He is a member of the Pottsville Club and an associate member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

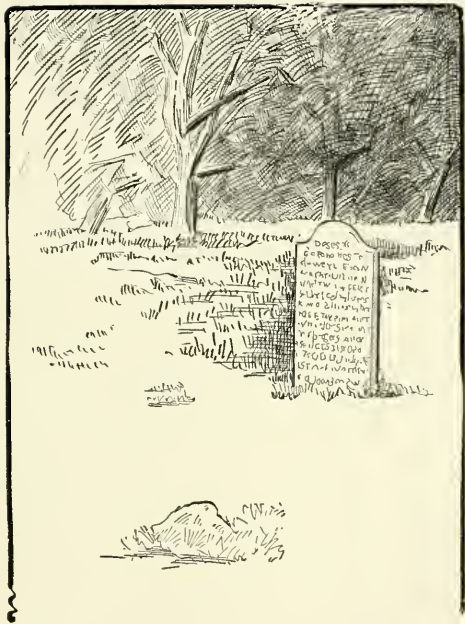
MAURICE DANIEL WALBORN attended the public schools of West Brunswick township and Orwigsburg. From the Orwigsburg high school he entered the First National Bank of Orwigsburg in April, 1909, and has served since as teller. He engages in writing various lines of insurance. On May 7, 1913, he married Stella Heist, who was born April 30, 1892, daughter of Oscar Heist and the late Louisa (Boettger) Heist, of Orwigsburg. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Orwigsburg and is serving as a member of

its church council and as secretary. Fraternally he is connected with Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Free and Accepted Masons; Bethel Commandery, No. 319, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta, of which he is recorder; Grace Lodge, No. 157, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Industrial Council, No. 437, Independent Order of Americans; and Washington Camp, No. 86, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

JOSEPH ALBRIGHT WALBORN, son of Daniel Walborn, was born July 8, 1857, in West Brunswick township, and obtained his early education there in the public schools. He also attended select school at Shoemakersville and Port Clinton, and during his young manhood taught school for six years in West Brunswick township. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed for a period of twenty-one years, in 1908 removing to Pinedale, Schuylkill county, where he is engaged as a huckster. He has been a leader in church work, and as a public official of his locality served fifteen years as assessor of West Brunswick township; twenty-one years as school director, during all of which time he was secretary of the board; eight years as township clerk, and subsequently as member of the election board. Politically he is a Democrat. In religion he is a devout Lutheran, and has been deacon of his church for the last thirty years, and for forty years an official of the Sunday school, of which he was superintendent for eight years.

Mr. Walborn married Sallie A. Boyer, daughter of Daniel C. and Kate (Breisch) Boyer, and two sons have been born to them: Claude Daniel, now living at home, taught two terms of school after graduating from the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., in 1906; and Guy Franklin, also a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School (1908), has been teaching school in District No. 7, West Brunswick township, since his graduation. Both sons are members of the Lutheran congregation at Zion's (Red) Church, in which they have been active workers.

CONRAD WEISER was the most prominent historical character in the county of Berks (which originally included Schuylkill) to 1760. His great prominence arose from his intimate connection with the Provincial government of Pennsylvania for thirty years. He was the principal judge of Berks county from 1752 to 1760. He was born Nov. 2, 1696, at Afstaedt, a small village in the county of Herrenberg, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and there he acquired a general education, which included the principles of the Christian religion according to the catechism of Martin Luther. Whilst in his fourteenth year he emigrated with his father and family (which included himself and seven other children) to New York, landing June 17, 1710. At that time several thousand Germans were sent to America by Queen Anne. Shortly after their arrival they were removed to Livingston Manor by the governor of New York, to burn tar and cultivate hemp to defray the expenses incurred by Queen Anne in conveying them from Holland to England and from England to America. They labored until 1713 in this employment under the direction of commissioners; then, finding they were existing under a form of bondage, they protested against the treatment and thus effected their release. About one hundred and fifty families of them, including the Weiser family, removed to Schoharie, forty miles west of Albany. Whilst spending the winter of 1713-14 at Schenectady, the elder Weiser was frequently visited by an Indian chief of the Mohawk tribe, and during one of these visits the chief proposed to Conrad



GRAVE OF CONRAD WEISER  
In Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pa.



to visit the Mohawk country and learn the language of the Mohawk tribe. This proposition was agreed to.

Conrad Weiser was in his eighteenth year when he went to live with the Indians. He was a strong young man, but all his strength was necessary to endure the sufferings which he was compelled to undergo whilst living with them. He had scarcely clothing sufficient to cover his body during the winter of that trying year. Besides much suffering, he was frequently threatened with death by the Indians during a state of intoxication. In July, 1714, he returned to his father's home at Schoharie. In this time he had acquired a considerable knowledge of the Mohawk language, and while at home he increased this knowledge by acting as interpreter between the German settlers of that vicinity and the Mohawk Indians. The settlers having been disturbed in their possessions, Conrad Weiser's father and a number of others migrated to Pennsylvania. They located in Tulpehocken in the spring of 1723, in the midst of the Indians; and there they also commenced improvement of the land without permission of the land commissioners. The Indians complained, but the settlers were not disturbed. Subsequently the Indians released their rights, and about 1733 they removed beyond the Blue mountains.

In 1720 Conrad Weiser was married to a young woman of Schoharie. He continued at that place until 1729, when with his wife and five children he removed to the Tulpehocken settlement, locating on a tract of land near the present borough of Womelsdorf. Shortly after his arrival, his ability and success as an Indian interpreter became known to the Provincial government, and the governor employed him in negotiation with the Indians. His first services in this capacity were performed in 1731, and from that time for nearly thirty years he was constantly engaged in this important work. He assisted at numerous treaties, and in the published proceedings of these treaties his name appears prominently. His integrity was particularly recognized and publicly complimented. He was one of the most prominent men in the French and Indian war. His numerous letters indicate his zeal, courage and patriotism. He served in the war as a colonel, and his services were of great value to the government and to the people of Berks county.

The first proceedings for the erection of Berks county were instituted in 1738. In this behalf Mr. Weiser was very active, and he continued active until the county was established, in 1752. The town of Reading was laid out by the Penns in 1748, and in the sale of the town lots Mr. Weiser acted as one of the commissioners. He was prominently identified with the first movements in building up the town, and in developing the business interests of the place. The governor of the Province appointed him as the justice of the peace in 1741, and he filled this office for a number of years. When the county was erected, in 1752, he was appointed one of the first judges. He acted as president judge of the courts till his decease, in 1760. He lived at Reading mostly during the latter part of his life.

Conrad Weiser died on his Heidelberg farm July 13, 1760, and his remains were buried in a private burying-ground on the place, where they have remained since. He left a widow and seven children: Five sons, Philip, Frederick, Peter, Samuel, and Benjamin; and two daughters, Maria (married Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg) and Margaret (married a Finker). He was possessed of a large estate, consisting of properties at Reading, and lands in Heidelberg township and in the region of country beyond the Blue mountains. In Heidelberg he owned a tract which included the privilege of a court-baron,

granted to him in 1743, the tract having originally contained 5,165 acres as granted to John Page in 1735, and having then been erected into a manor called the "Manor of Plumton." At Reading one of his properties was a business stand, and it has continued to be a prominent business location from that time till now, a period embracing over 150 years.

For upward of fifty years, various unsuccessful efforts were made in behalf of erecting a suitable memorial to Conrad Weiser. In 1892 and 1893, Prof. M. L. Montgomery delivered a lecture before local teachers' institutes in different parts of the county entitled "Life and Times of Conrad Weiser" for the purpose of securing a memorial, and the Reading Board of Trade led the school authorities of the county to set aside November 2, 1893, for observance by the teachers and scholars as "Weiser Day," and to facilitate this observance 3,500 copies of the lecture were distributed gratuitously to all the schools of the city and county. It was not until October 30, 1907, that a modest tablet was placed in the west wall of the Stichter Hardware store on Penn Square by the Historical Society of Berks county, which reads as follows:

POSTERITY WILL NOT FORGET HIS SERVICES.—WASHINGTON.  
 IN MEMORY OF  
 COL. CONRAD WEISER,  
 PIONEER, SOLDIER, DIPLOMAT, JUDGE. AS INTERPRETER AND  
 INDIAN AGENT HE NEGOTIATED EVERY TREATY  
 FROM 1732 UNTIL NEAR THE CLOSE OF  
 THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.

THE WEISER BUILDING WHERE HE OFTEN MET  
 THE INDIANS  
 IN CONFERENCE, WAS ERECTED BY HIM  
 ON THIS SITE IN 1751.

BORN IN GERMANY IN 1696, ARRIVED  
 IN BERKS IN 1729, DIED  
 IN 1760, NEAR WOMELSDORF, WHERE  
 HIS REMAINS ARE BURIED.

HIS UNSWERVING HONESTY SET A SHINING  
 EXAMPLE TO  
 FUTURE GENERATIONS.—UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY THIS  
 TABLET WAS ERECTED IN 1907 BY THE  
 SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE COUNTY.

SAMUEL H. SHANNON, M. D., was preeminent among the popular physicians of his day in southern Schuylkill county, and though thirty-five years have elapsed since his death his name is still affectionately spoken among the older residents of that section. A professional man first, last and always, he never held any public office or attempted to control any of the affairs of the community in which he made his home, yet his influence wherever his duties called him was so strong that his opinions and ideas had an appreciable effect in the wide circle of his acquaintances and friends, who





*Saml<sup>l</sup> H. Shannon*



regarded him as a competent adviser in the ordinary concerns of life as much as in his capacity of physical healer.

The Doctor was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., and a member of the family from which the town of Shannonville, in that county, derives its name. His great-grandfather settled there upon his emigration from Ireland, and his homestead remained in the possession of his descendants for several generations. Robert Shannon, son of the emigrant, was one of the five commissioners appointed by the State authorities to fix upon a site for the seat of justice and organize the county of Montgomery, which was done in 1784. Their judicious selection of Norristown, and the handsome borough which has grown up as the result, make it apparent that the early generations of the family were as conspicuous for intellectual qualities and good sense as the later representatives. The Shannons have always been counted among the most respected families of their section of Pennsylvania.

Robert Shannon, son of Robert, and father of the late Dr. Shannon, was born in 1785, and was a farmer and merchant in Montgomery county throughout his active years, dying in 1844, at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife, Elizabeth (Porter), was of Revolutionary stock, a niece of Gen. Andrew Porter, and of a family also associated with the early history of Montgomery county. She was a most estimable woman, possessed of strong traits of character which made a deep impression for good in the family circle and in the community, and led a life of exemplary usefulness. Her death occurred in 1865, when she was eighty years of age. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shannon.

Samuel H. Shannon was born April 27, 1814, at Shannonville, and spent his youth upon the homestead farm. After attending the local schools and obtaining the best education possible in the home neighborhood, supplemented with a limited amount of tuition under private instructors, he entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he completed the course, graduating in 1836, with honor. The same year he located at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, which was his field of labor throughout his medical career, the scene of a busy and successful life which terminated Jan. 17, 1879. In these forty years he achieved prosperity as well as fame. His skill, developed in the varied round of duties which fall to the lot of the general practitioner whose patronage is scattered over a country district, made him no more welcome than the warm sympathy, tender solicitude and sincere interest which he always seemed to feel for the afflicted, and his generosity never allowed him to withhold his services because of any inability on the part of his patients to recompense him. He loved his work, and though it was often arduous continued in it with practically unabated zeal almost to the close of his life. His unremitting attention to its demands, indeed, is believed to have shortened his days. Though in his sixty-fifth year at the time of his death, he had never seemed to realize his age, being physically and mentally as sound as men years his junior until a few months before his decease. But he overtaxed himself by turning out in inclement weather to look after a critical case several miles from his office, when he himself should have been under a doctor's care, and he never recovered from the strain. It was typical of his unselfishness, and not regarded as anything unusual at the time, for he treated all with the same devotion, regardless of his own inclinations. Dr. Shannon made friends

wherever he went by his undeviating affability and courtesy, and he was no respecter of persons, esteeming those with whom he came into contact for their real worth, and judging no one by his worldly circumstances. Although he acquired wealth by his able management of the income from his profession he never made the acquisition of means his object in life, and his donations to religious and benevolent purposes, together with the private charities of which only the recipients were aware, proclaimed broad sympathy with all his fellows and an intimate understanding of their needs. His hospitable mansion was always the stopping place of the non-resident ministers of his church. For several years Dr. Shannon was physician at the county almshouse, resigning the position in favor of his brother, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Shannon.

Dr. Shannon became the owner of several valuable farms in Schuylkill county, besides other real estate, and for many years he was a director of the Miners' National Bank of Pottsville. In 1856 he was offered the Democratic nomination for Congressman in his district, but declined, having no aspirations for the publicity or power of political preferment.

Soon after beginning practice Dr. Shannon married Esther Mannon, who was a most devoted helpmate, and four daughters were born to this union: Jane Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Mary Kathryn; Elizabeth Tamzen, Mrs. Willis L. Bryant; and Harriet Esther. Dr. Shannon is buried in the Episcopal Churchyard in Schuylkill Haven, and a fine monument marks his grave. Mrs. Shannon died April 19, 1888.

WILLIS L. BRYANT, late of Schuylkill Haven, a resident of that borough for twenty years, was a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and for a number of years engaged extensively in the lumber business in Jefferson county, this State. In 1889 he located at Schuylkill Haven, and became well and favorably known in the borough and surrounding territory during the score of years he maintained his home there. He died at his residence in Schuylkill Haven, Oct. 31, 1909. Mr. Bryant married Elizabeth Tamzen Shannon, daughter of the late Dr. Samuel H. Shannon, and she survives him, occupying the old family homestead in the borough which as in the days of her father is noted for its open hospitality. She and Mr. Bryant always lived there.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHANNON, M. D., late of Schuylkill Haven, was the youngest child of Robert and Elizabeth (Porter) Shannon, and was born at Shannonville, Feb. 9, 1829. He attended the district schools there until twelve years old, at which time he entered West Chester Academy, in Chester county, Pa., following his studies at that institution for four years, after which he took the medical course at Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia, graduating with the degree of M. D., April 7, 1849. Locating at Schuylkill Haven, he was engaged in practice there to the close of his life, becoming well beloved in the wide territory over which his work called him, and prominent among his fellow physicians in this section. For more than twenty years he was attending physician at the county almshouse, and he and his brother, practicing here at the same period, made the name of Shannon as well known and esteemed in Schuylkill county as it has been for generations in Montgomery county. His death occurred Aug. 8, 1878.

Dr. Shannon was twice married, his first wife being Sally Reed, daughter of Mark and Sarah Reed. She died in 1863, and he subsequently married, Oct. 3, 1867, Mary Elizabeth Bast, daughter of Gideon and Mary Bast.

BENJAMIN BANNAN, journalist and political economist, was born in Union township, Berks Co., Pa., April 22, 1807, and died July 29, 1875. His father was a farmer and teacher, occupied in agricultural pursuits during the spring, summer and fall, and teaching in the winter. He died when his son was but eight years old. Benjamin went to school only about two years altogether during the next seven years; for at that time schools were open for only three or four months a year, during the cold weather. It was at Unionville that he became inspired with the idea of becoming a printer and editor, from reading the *Village Record*, to which the teacher subscribed. Having acquired the utmost that was taught in the schools of that day, at the age of fifteen he was indentured to learn the printing business in the office of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*, of which George Getz was proprietor, remaining there six years. During his term the same industry and honesty of purpose and action which characterized his whole life won the regard of his preceptor, who eventually asked him to become his partner and associate in business. Meanwhile, at the close of his apprenticeship, he had repaired to Philadelphia, where he worked in several printing offices, finally in the establishment of Lawrence Johnson, the celebrated type founder, where he added the art of stereotyping to his already thorough knowledge of printing. After a visit to Reading, where he received the offer already noted, he thought it advisable to decline it, and directed his steps to Pottsville. On his arrival there he found the office of the *Miners' Journal* in the hands of the sheriff; and, believing that this was a fair opportunity and a field for future operations, concluded to purchase it. Almost all his ready funds were invested in this enterprise, and the subscription list numbered but 250. This took place in April, 1829, and he was connected with this one paper nearly forty-four years. On July 1, 1866, he disposed of a half interest in the establishment, and, wishing to retire from business, in January, 1873, sold the other moiety; nevertheless his attachment to the *Journal* was so great that he continued writing for the paper and attending to the coal statistics, as when he was sole owner. The number of subscribers had increased to over four thousand, and its weekly circulation was only exceeded by that of three other political journals in the State, outside of the larger cities.

Mr. Bannan's first vote was cast for John Quincy Adams for president, in 1828, and he voted at every succeeding presidential election as long as he lived, and always in opposition to the Democracy. Indeed, during his whole life he never voted for a Democrat when there was a contest between the political parties. He was always a firm and undeviating supporter of protection to American industry, and proposed and organized the first tariff league in 1840, after the disastrous effects of the first compromise bill had become apparent; which led to the adoption of the tariff of 1842, the most beneficial measure, in many respects, ever passed by Congress. In 1841 and also in 1861 he collected signatures to the longest petitions ever laid before the national legislature, praying for protection to home industry. For fifteen years he held the position of school director, and for fourteen years was president of the board. During this period he suggested to Governor Pollock the present admirable normal school system of the State, in all its details, which was afterwards adopted. It is justly claimed for him that he was the first to propose a plan for a national currency; as far back as 1857 he first originated it and published a series of articles on the subject. His views were communicated to several prominent bankers, who acquiesced in his suggestions and admitted that such a currency as he proposed would be the best obtainable, but

thought his scheme could not be carried out, as the States had usurped from the general government the power to issue money and as the latter had so long acquiesced in their action the States would never surrender it. He even prepared circulars embodying his views and distributed them among the two houses of Congress, but they received very little attention from any of the members. Four years elapsed and the war of the Rebellion broke out, and the national currency became a necessity. He communicated with and afterwards visited Secretary Chase, recalled the circular, and compared it with the bill Secretary Chase had prepared, and the latter was found to be in perfect accordance with Mr. Bannan's plan of 1857, except in a few unimportant particulars and one important feature not incorporated in the bill—the introduction of an expanding limit. This was not done, as it was impossible to foresee what the exigencies of the country might demand. The idea of having an issue of currency in proportion to the wealth of the country and expanding it on that basis seems to have been original with him. It was submitted to the late Stephen Colwell, of Philadelphia, who was also a writer on currency, and who had collected all the works written on currency and money, in all languages, from all countries, numbering more than seven hundred volumes and pamphlets, and in none of them had he observed the expression of a similar idea.

As a thinker and writer on important public matters Mr. Bannan belonged to an advanced school, and earned for himself an honored and respected name; and wherever he was known, either at home or abroad, his opinion and advice were solicited and made use of. As a practical man he was farseeing and liberal, and was ever among the foremost in proposing and carrying out ideas and projects tending to the improvement and advancement of his fellow men, particularly of the laboring classes. As a writer on matters pertaining to the coal trade, his experience of over twoscore years in the anthracite region fitted him with special and peculiar qualifications. As a coal statistician he was the foremost in the country. The trade grew up with himself, and in reality it had almost become second nature to him; particularly on account of the use he made of the opportunities that fell in his way in the matter of statistics. On coal his figures and tables are made use of in every publication in the country and abroad. In two large works he is not only quoted, but highly complimented, and his tabular statements given are conclusive. As a high test of the value of the statistics he collected in the coal trade, we need only refer to the fact that the Bureau of Statistics at Washington on several occasions honored him by asking him to furnish them with information on this important subject. The great work which he undertook to publish, and which he had prepared for publication principally by Samuel H. Daddow, mining engineer, Mr. Bannan only furnishing the statistics and outlines for the same, is entitled, "Coal, Iron and Oil." It was the most expensive single volume issued by any publisher during the Rebellion, reflects great credit upon him, and elicited from the *London Mining Journal* the statement that no single volume ever published in England affords so much information on the subjects treated of in that publication.

Influenced by the peculiar circumstances of the time, Mr. Bannan eventually published a monograph on "Our National Currency and how to improve it," which takes the ground, as originally suggested in his first circular in 1857, of adopting an expanding limit to its issue, keeping the paper issue unconvertible into coin on demand hereafter, but allowing a proportion of it to be

received in payment of duties; the legal tenders of the government to be received in payment of taxes and debts due to the government; the issue of national banknotes to be apportioned to the several banks in proportion to their wealth; the fractional currency to be cancelled and a debased silver coinage substituted which would, therefore, always remain at home; this was done in England nearly fifty years ago, and as a consequence England has always retained her silver. These features may strike the average reader as being somewhat novel and startling at first, but Mr. Bannan discussed his propositions so clearly and forcibly that by many it is believed they will be received with more favor as they are studied and comprehended by impartial and unbiased minds. Mr. Bannan was a worker all his life; it was only when he could no longer hold the pen that he at last suffered it to drop from his fingers. In losing him the country lost a man whom it cannot replace, and whose merits will always be acknowledged.

THOMAS FOSTER was prominently identified with the business and political affairs of Schuylkill county and Pottsville. He was born in Portsmouth, N. H., July 20, 1819, and came to Pottsville in 1830, at the age of eleven years, making his home with his uncle, Solomon Foster, who had preceded him by several years. At the age of fifteen years Mr. Foster removed to Philadelphia with his uncle, Solomon, and for the next two years was engaged with him in the whip manufacturing business. At the age of seventeen he returned to Pottsville, and was apprenticed to Haywood & Snyder, machinists, builders of engines and mining machinery, but did not follow the trade, and engaged in the dry goods and grocery business in partnership with James Focht. After several years the firm of Focht & Foster was dissolved, and Mr. Foster entered the retail shoe business with Frederick L. Foster, on South Centre street, Pottsville. In 1858 Mr. Foster bought out the shoe business of his uncle, Solomon Foster, at Centre and Market streets, Pottsville, and engaged in that business until his death.

Politically Mr. Foster was a Democrat, and took a keen interest in politics all his lifetime. Elected county commissioner in 1851, Mr. Foster was to a great extent personally instrumental in the building of the present County Jail, successfully opposing the erection of a smaller building, as contemplated by his colleagues, having a firm belief that Schuylkill county was destined to become one of the most populous counties in the State.

In 1862 Mr. Foster was married to Amanda M. Ruch. To this union six sons and one daughter were born. Mrs. Foster, who was born Aug. 25, 1822, is still living. Mr. Foster died at Pottsville, Dec. 13, 1886.

CHARLES D. KAIER, deceased, was long accounted the chief animating spirit of business and social progress in Mahanoy City. Many undertakings affecting the public welfare inaugurated by him, or guided to successful issue through his efforts, have become permanent institutions of the borough and vicinity and keep alive an influence which it was his pride to exercise always for the benefit of his fellow citizens. The ability he developed with increased responsibilities carried him far beyond his early ambitions. With their realization he found himself in important business relations with the community, and he assisted in advancing its affairs in many ways. His judgment was so favorably regarded that his faith in an enterprise was sufficient to guarantee its success, and he aided many local projects as much by the con-

fidence his personal investments engendered as by the investments themselves. The thoroughness characteristic of his race was apparent in everything he undertook.

Mr. Kaier was born March 6, 1839, in Baden, Germany, and there spent his early life, coming to this country at the age of about fifteen with his parents, Andrew and Crescentia (Witmer) Kaier. The family lived at Morristown, Pa., for a couple of years after their arrival in the United States, Andrew Kaier finding work at his calling, that of blacksmith, and Charles beginning to learn the trade of baker and confectioner, at which his early years were spent. In 1856 they removed to St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where the youth finished his apprenticeship in the bakery of Fred Epping and remained until his enlistment as a Union soldier, in the spring of 1861. He responded promptly to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 men, becoming a private in Company H, 9th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three months, and served out the term, being discharged Aug. 21, 1861. The next year he married and moved to Mahanoy City, which was the center of all of his interests from that time on. Forming a business association with Frederick Gantert, he was so engaged until he began the bottling of ale and porter, on his own account, erecting a building for the purpose at No. 113 East Centre street. It was in this venture that Mr. Kaier made his first notable success and gave evidence of the ability which continued to carry him forward until he was the acknowledged leader in the borough and all of upper Schuylkill county. His large brewery was the outgrowth of the comparatively modest bottling establishment. In time he took the local agency for Bergner & Engel, the great brewing firm of Philadelphia, which he represented in Schuylkill, Columbia, Carbon and Northumberland counties, Pa., and he developed the possibilities of the territory so effectively that the business experienced a surprising expansion, the agency becoming one of the best paying in the State. Meantime Mr. Kaier was working towards his particular ambition, to start a brewery of his own, and while doing his utmost in behalf of his employers was acquiring the necessary familiarity with the details of the business in which he hoped to find his road to fortune. In 1883 he erected a brewery at Mahanoy City which was the beginning of the great plant now operated by the Charles D. Kaier Company, Limited, who are also engaged as wholesale dealers in liquor and tobacco. The plant has had an interesting history during the thirty years and more of its existence. The founder laid his plans well and executed them so skillfully that by 1890 the business needed better accommodations, and the brewery was rebuilt and enlarged to afford the facilities required to keep pace with its growth. The equipment was brought thoroughly up-to-date. Nothing was left undone which the increase of trade warranted, in fact preparations were confidently made for its further extension. The mere statement that the plant of the Kaier Company is still the leading industrial establishment of the borough shows how well this was accomplished. Mr. Kaier conducted it alone until Sept. 1, 1892, when a partnership was formed under the name of Charles D. Kaier Brewing Company, Limited, and he remained at the head of the concern until his death, several years later. By that time it ranked with the largest breweries in the State, with an annual production of over 100,000 barrels, and affording employment to 150 men.

While Mr. Kaier's main interest was always in the business which bore his name he harvested rich rewards in other fields as well, for the most part in his home county. Looked up to as a judge and an authority on matters



of prime importance in the material evolution of this region, it was his pleasure to give his encouragement and support to the various enterprises incidental to the broadening of the life of the community. He was connected with several banks, at Shenandoah, Girardville and Mahanoy City, at the time of his death being vice president of the Union National Bank of Mahanoy City. Originally as an accommodation for the brewery business, he founded the Broad Mountain Ice Company, of which he was virtually the head to the end of his days. He also controlled the Anthracite Light, Heat & Power Company, which is still doing business at Mahanoy City. Many of the most desirable improvements of the borough originated with him or counted upon his sanction for their favorable reception. But nothing indicated more unmistakably his public spirit than the beautiful opera house which he erected, and which "in the completeness of its appointments and the elegance of its decoration is unsurpassed in the State." Such was the comment made in a Mahanoy City paper at the time of his death. It was burned a few years ago, and at the time of her death his widow was planning to replace it with a structure even more splendid, for it was her pride as well as his. Much other property was acquired by Mr. Kaier in the course of his prosperous career, and there was never anything questionable about its acquisition or indeed about the business methods he used in accumulating any part of his large fortune.

Mr. Kaier's liberality was not confined to generosity in his business transactions and open-handedness in connection with public enterprises. He gave freely to church work and charities, without regard to the religion or nationality of the recipients, but though many of his gifts were known there were many unknown except to the beneficiaries. His death, which occurred in Philadelphia, May 31, 1899, was mourned in many circles in the town and surrounding territory whose vital interests had been so close to his heart. He had been in poor health for several years prior to his decease, and had gone abroad in the hope of obtaining relief, but the most skillful medical aid in this country and Europe was employed in vain. Mr. Kaier was a member of Severn Post, No. 110, G. A. R., of Mahanoy City, and of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, of Philadelphia. He was buried in the family lot in St. Fidelis cemetery at Mahanoy City, having been a member of the Catholic Church. Politically he was a Democrat.

In 1862 Mr. Kaier married, at Pottsville, this county, Margaret Curry, a native of that place, the ceremony being performed in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She survived him until Dec. 4, 1913, and it is a singular coincidence that like him she did not close her life in the beautiful home at Mahanoy City, her death taking place in New York City, where she was visiting. Mrs. Kaier rests beside her husband in St. Fidelis cemetery. Their family life was ideal. Companions in the truest sense, they cooperated in works of benevolence, and after her husband's death Mrs. Kaier kept up the home at Mahanoy City and continued to take a zealous interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the town, where she had the loving friendship of the many who were proud to be in her circle of acquaintance. A member of St. Fidelis German Catholic Church, she gave bountifully to all its enterprises, but she did not stop there, having the same broad sympathies which characterized her husband's life and character. Her spirit of helpfulness will keep her memory alive among the residents of Mahanoy City for many a day. From the time of Mr. Kaier's death she was the head of the Charles D. Kaier Company, Limited, and nowhere were her tact and kindness more apparent than in her relations with her

employes, all of whom entertained the highest regard for her. Her wholesome, intelligent mind saw opportunities for usefulness everywhere, and was reflected in a life so well rounded and harmonious that her memory is a benediction to all who knew her. Mrs. Kaier was always proud of having had the honor of presenting the first American flag to the first company of soldiers organized in Pottsville for service in the Civil war.

Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kaier six are still living, and she was survived by twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The daughter Ella married John B. Leiberman and is deceased; Josephine is the wife of M. J. Haughney, of Mahanoy City; Margaret became the second wife of John B. Leiberman, whom she survives (she lives at Mahanoy City); Crescentia is the wife of Charles Kirby, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Amelia is the wife of Henry Schreyer, a merchant of Mahanoy City; Mary, who is unmarried, lives at the old home in Mahanoy City; Charles F., the only son, is manager of the Kaier estate. He lives with his sister Mary at the old home in Mahanoy City, at Sixth and Centre streets. It is one of the landmarks of the borough, having been occupied many years by Dr. Philip Weber, one of the first physicians here.

CHARLES NAPOLEON BRUMM is the son of George Reinhardt Brumm, of Zweibruecken or Du Pont, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, and Salome Zernholdt, of near Strasburg, Alsace-Lorraine, France; both parents were of Huguenot stock. He was born at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., on the 9th day of June, A. D. 1838; acquired all his education in the common schools with the exception of one year at Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pa.; served an apprenticeship and worked for four years as a watchmaker; studied law two years in the office of the late Howell Fisher, Esq. He left his studies and enlisted in the Civil war, entering the service as a private under the first call of President Lincoln for three months' men, and was elected first lieutenant of Company I, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers. After the expiration of his term he reenlisted, Sept. 15, 1861, for three years; was elected first lieutenant of Company K, 76th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Nov. 18, 1861; was detailed on the staff of General Barton, as assistant quartermaster and aide-de-camp, which position he held under Generals Barton and Pennypacker, until the expiration of his term of service; resumed the study of law under the late Judge Parry.

Mr. Brumm applied for examination for admission to the bar in 1868, but was not permitted to be examined, because of an order of court as follows: "The Court having learned that the applicant has been instrumental in spreading reports derogatory to the dignity of the Court, at Harrisburg, we therefore appoint John W. Ryon, Frank Dewees, Decatur Nice, John W. Roseberry, and Christopher Little a committee to investigate his actions, and report their findings to Court." These reports were based on the following facts: During the Civil war the anthracite coal fields, and especially Schuylkill county, had a large element of disloyal citizens known as "Copperheads" and "Buckshots." So violent did they become that the government found it necessary to draw a number of regiments of infantry, artillery and cavalry from the front and quarter them in this locality to prevent rioting, and to enforce the draft, among the troops so employed being the 10th New Jersey Infantry, Dana Troop Cavalry, Durell's Battery, Hawkin's New York Battery, and several regiments of the Invalid Corps. After these troops had been recalled, lawlessness reigned supreme in this section, and gave rise to the organization known as the Molly Maguires. Criminals charged with murder and other high crimes could not be

convicted. The better citizens organized themselves into a society known as the Loyal Legion, by means of which a move was started to have certain legislation passed at Harrisburg, for the protection of our citizens, among which were: 1st, the State Police bill, known as the "Snapper police bill;" 2d, the Jury bill, requiring minority representation on the board of jury commissioners; 3d, the Criminal Law Judge bill, which created a criminal court having jurisdiction over Schuylkill, Lebanon and Dauphin counties, with exclusive criminal jurisdiction in this county. To aid and bring about the passage of these bills, Benjamin Bannan, editor of the *Miners' Journal*, and Charles N. Brumm were selected by the Union League to go to Harrisburg. They got the bills passed through the Legislature, and the then governor, John N. Geary, signed the bills. Mr. Brumm's successful efforts in the passage of these bills were the acts complained of by the court. The committee appointed to investigate these acts never reported to court; or if it did, no action was ever taken on such report.

In the meantime, the applicant presented his petition for examination to Judge Pearson of Lebanon and Dauphin counties, who made the following order: "Whereas, the applicant, Charles N. Brumm, was refused admission to the Schuylkill county bar, for reasons unknown to the law, and contrary to any rules of court in this Commonwealth, we therefore appoint Messrs. Funk, Miller and Weidman, as a committee to examine said applicant for admission." After the examination they certified him to the court for admission, whereupon he was sworn in as a member of the Lebanon county bar. Application was then made in the Schuylkill county court, by Hon. Owen Parry, ex-judge, for admission on this certificate, but the court still refused to take any action, until some time in 1871, when "the gang" was about to submit the bill known as the Additional Law Judge bill. Brumm and his friends opposed the passage of said bill, when Brumm's former preceptor, Howell Fisher, Esq., was notified that if Brumm and his friends would withdraw their objections to the passage of that bill they would admit him to the Schuylkill county bar. This being agreed to, he was sworn in without any further examination, or report ever having been entered.

During this time Mr. Brumm was appointed deputy revenue assessor. The Income Law bill was then in force, and as many of the miners were earning sufficient to require them to make a return of their incomes it was very dangerous to go through the outlying districts to make the assessments. Many threats and attacks were made upon the assessor by the lawless element, but through his determined, fearless conduct he escaped without serious injury.

Mr. Brumm was always very much interested in all public questions, and took a leading part in politics even in his early days. He stumped the county during the Fremont campaign in 1856, although only eighteen years of age, and has been on the stump in the States of New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. He has always been a bitter enemy of ring rule and political bosses. In 1878 he was elected to Congress, to represent the Thirteenth district of Pennsylvania, but was counted out by 192 votes. President Harrison appointed him deputy attorney general, but he declined to accept the appointment. He was tendered the post of minister to Brussels by President McKinley, but declined that position also. He was counsel for District No. 9, United Mine Workers' Association, before the strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902, and was the author of the basis upon which the strike was settled, viz.: that the tolls should

be eliminated from the sliding scale, and wages regulated exclusively on the price of coal. He was elected to the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses, and to fill the unexpired term of Hon. George R. Patterson, deceased, in the Fifty-ninth Congress, and to the Sixtieth Congress, serving nearly fifteen years. Mr. Brumm became so disgusted with the autocratic rulings of Joseph Cannon, speaker of the House, and the conduct of the political bosses at that time, that he refused to run for Congress again, but became a candidate for judge of the Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions and Equity courts of Schuylkill county, and was elected in 1908. So bitter was the gang against him that an official elected on the same ticket filed exceptions to his election account; and, notwithstanding that said exceptions were entered and dated after the time limit for the filing of any exceptions, yet proceedings went on for some time, until finally they were withdrawn upon motion of petitioner.

The Judge had not been long on the bench when the famous ballot-box stuffing cases were all brought before him for trial, and petitions were filed on affidavit of various citizens, asking the court to impound the ballot-boxes, which was done in every instance, and resulted in the Sheriff, Capt. Clay W. Evans, securing the boxes before the custodians knew the order had been issued. The result was that some twenty-odd ballot-box stuffers and election officers were convicted and punished, with the effect of putting a number of the professionals out of business and securing fairly honest elections.

Some time after this the old opposition showed again, when "the Judge's enemies, headed by the official who filed exceptions to his account, got a man whom he had restrained from inciting to riot to have articles of impeachment preferred against him before the Legislature at Harrisburg. After the taking of considerable testimony the majority of the committee, consisting of Hons. Judson W. Stone, D. Lloyd Claycomb and Donald Glenn, reported against the impeachment, while Hons. Morris J. Speiser and A. W. Mitchell reported in favor of it; but when it came to a vote of the House on the minority report there was but one vote cast in its favor, after which the majority report, exonerating the Judge, passed unanimously."

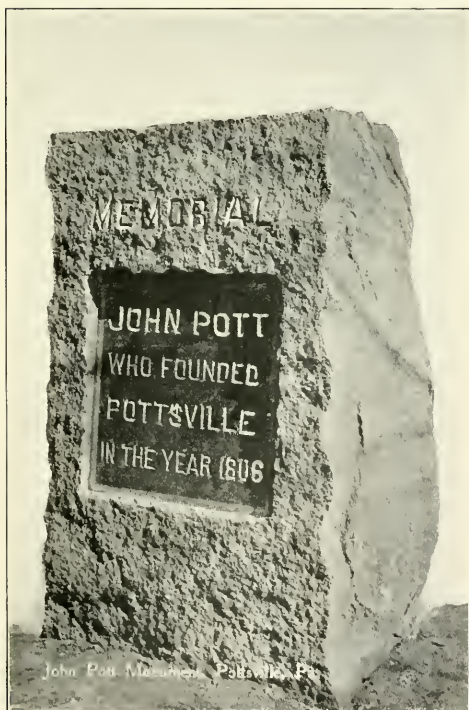
Mr. Brumm was married to Virginia James, a daughter of William James, one of the pioneer coal operators of Schuylkill county, and his wife, Susan James, who is a descendant of the old Pennsylvania Schindel and Marlin families, and a sister of J. Harry James, ex-district attorney. They had nine children of whom six are living: Howell Lincoln, Charles Claude, Susan Ida, Joan Lily, George Franklin and Seth Arthur.

JOHN POTT, SR., the founder of the city of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, was a member of a distinguished family of English descent. A well authenticated tradition has it that during the Masonic disturbance in England the older representatives were forced to abdicate the rights of citizenship and take refuge in Holland. The original founders of this numerous family in America were Wilhelm and his two sons, John Wilhelm and Johannes, and his brother Dagenhart, who settled at Germantown, Pa., in 1734. One of these sons, John Wilhelm, who died in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1767, married Mench Hoch on Dec. 28, 1755. To them were born two sons: William, who married late in life and removed to Franklin county, where he died without issue; and John.

According to the account in a recent history of Berks county, John Pott



BUILT BY JOHN POTT, 1810—DESTROYED BY FIRE, 1896





(or Potts, as the name was then) had settled in Amity township, that county, prior to 1754, in which year he paid a federal tax there of fifteen pounds, which is evidence of the fact that he was a large landowner. At the same time John Potts' brother "Thomas" Potts lived in Colebrookdale township, that county, where he paid a tax of forty-five pounds. It is traditional that these brothers emigrated together from Breisen (Preussen), Germany, but this is uncertain, as it is also claimed they are Welsh. One of the sons of the brothers in later years settled across the Blue mountains, now Schuylkill county, and became the founder of Pottsville, the county seat and prominent mining town of the anthracite coal district. Pottstown, a flourishing city of Montgomery county, near Amity township, was also founded by a member of this family, which was prominent in Berks and surrounding counties during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

From the beginning of their residence in Oley township, Berks county, the Potts were engaged in the mining and manufacture of crude iron. John Potts, Sr., learned the iron business with his father, and in 1790 purchased an old forge near Pottsville, Schuylkill county, since known as the "Pioneer Furnace," which he modernized and converted into a plant better suited to his purposes. This enterprise was from time to time added to and enlarged until it grew into one of the most important industrial institutions of Schuylkill county. It also became the nucleus around which sprang up a village, which in honor of the proprietor of the furnace was named Pottsville. Such was the beginning of the present capital of Schuylkill county, whose existence is due to the energy and courage of John Pott, Sr., who, when the county of Schuylkill was still an unbroken wilderness, pushed out into its frontiers and established an industry which carried with it all the concomitants of civilized life. Mr. Pott continued in the conduct of his furnace until the time of his death, in the year 1827, and lived to witness the partial growth of the city which he had founded. He was not wedded exclusively to his private affairs, but spent equally as much time in bringing about proper municipal regulations and conditions in the community. He was public-spirited, possessed unusual energy, and was endowed with broad intelligence, together with the somewhat rare gift of organization. To these essential qualities of a progressive man in pioneer times, were also added the subtler and more humane qualities which are requisite to the rounding out of the complete man. He was kind and generous in the extreme, one whose life apparently was not for self, but for the common interest and the common good of those he had attracted to himself.

John Pott, Sr., was united in marriage with Maria Leshner, and to them was born a family of nine children: John, Jr., Magdalena, Benjamin (born June 10, 1793), James, Abraham, Mary, Catherine, William and Jacob. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church and gave it the support of not only material means, but also of a consistent and constant devotion. After the death of John Pott, Sr., his sons John (Jr.) and Benjamin succeeded to the management of the iron business, but conducted it for a short time only, when it was disposed of to other parties.

FRANKLIN BENJAMIN GOWEN, railroad manager and financier, was born in Philadelphia Feb. 9, 1836. Mr. Gowen was educated at Emmitsburg, Md., and in the Moravian Seminary at Lititz, Pa. In 1858 he entered the business of mining coal near Pottsville, at what is now known as the Beech-

wood colliery, but soon abandoned this enterprise, and took up the study of law. Mr. Gowen was admitted to the bar in 1860, rising to distinction in his profession. In 1862 he was elected to the office of district attorney of Schuylkill county, conducting the affairs of his office with a vigor hitherto unknown in the county. On resuming the general practice of his profession, he was retained as counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company and for the Girard Coal Trusts in connection with their large interests in the mining region. In 1869 he was elected to the presidency of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and filled the office until 1881, when, because of opposition to his plans for the relief of the finances of the road, he failed of reelection, but was again chosen as president in 1882.

In 1877 Mr. Gowen went to England to promote the finances of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and presented the affairs of the railroad in all the details in such a masterly manner as to convince the English creditors fully. A pamphlet issued in London, containing a full report of a meeting, states: "At a general meeting of the share and bond holders of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and of the Perkiomen Railroad Company," held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon street, London, June 6, 1877, at which Mr. Gowen met the English creditors of his company and obtained their acquiescence in the proposition for its relief, which he went abroad to promote, Mr. Thomas Wilde Powell, of the firm of Haseltine, Powell & Co., a gentleman largely interested in the Reading Railroad, was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with a short speech, in which he introduced the subject to be considered, and paid a high compliment to the integrity of the management of the road and to the efficiency and ability of Mr. Gowen personally. After fully presenting his plan, and satisfactorily answering all objections presented, the meeting adopted resolutions of acquiescence, and tendered Mr. Gowen a vote of thanks "for the able and interesting address which he has given to this meeting."

In 1872 Mr. Gowen was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania, and ranked as one of the ablest members of that body.

Mr. Gowen conceived and established the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in 1871, as the Laurel Run Improvement Company. In less than a year the name was changed to its present form. It is now the largest land and mining company ever organized in this country.

Mr. Gowen in 1873 conceived, organized and put into effect the movement against the famous organization known as the "Mollie Maguires," which had maintained a reign of terror in the coal regions for twenty years, and which the ordinary machinery of the law had been unable to suppress. In the trials which followed this movement, in 1876, Mr. Gowen was one of the counsel for the Commonwealth, and was the first attorney to break down the ever ready "alibi," the invariable refuge of the "Mollies." Mr. Gowen was an orator of force and eloquence, as well as eminent as a financier and railroad manager. His famous argument in the case of the State vs. Thomas Munley, in one of the Mollie Maguire trials, was published (Pottsville, Pa., 1876). After retiring from the presidency of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company Mr. Gowen resumed the practice of the law, which he followed until his death, which occurred in Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, 1889.

GEN. HENRY PLEASANTS, soldier and civil engineer, was born in Buenos Ayres, South America, Feb. 17, 1833, son of John Pleasants, of Phila-



delphia. He arrived from South America in 1846, and entered the Philadelphia high school, where he graduated in 1851. He pursued the practice of railroad engineering with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1857 he began to practice mining engineering at Pottsville, Pa., and continued to follow that branch of the profession until he entered the army in 1861, being mustered in on Sept. 11th. He was promoted from captain of Company C to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sept. 20, 1862. In June, 1864, he was commanding the 2d Brigade of the 2d Division, 9th Army Corps, then stationed in front of Petersburg, and there he rendered a most efficient service, which became memorable in the annals of the war as the Petersburg Mine Explosion, the details of which are well known to every reader of history. It was said by General Meade and Major Duane, chief engineer of the Army of the Potomac, to be the first work of the kind ever attempted. For this act he received a letter of congratulation from General Meade himself. On Oct. 1st he was promoted to the rank of colonel and on Dec. 18th he was mustered out, his term of service having expired; but on March 13, 1865, he was advanced to the rank of brevet brigadier general.

On his return to Pottsville he resumed the practice of his profession, and at the organization of the Laurel Run Improvement Company, afterwards the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, in 1871, he was made the chief engineer of the company, which position he held till the time of his death, in 1880, at the age of forty-seven years. General Pleasants anticipated deep mining by twenty years, by sinking the Pottsville Shafts to a depth of 1,576 feet, from the surface to the rail of the Primrose gangway, the bottom of the shaft. The work was begun in 1872, and completed in 1877.

JAMES A. NOECKER has been practicing at the Schuylkill county bar since 1897, and during that period has devoted practically all of his time to his profession, even his public duties having been principally within the field of legal work. The important connections he has established among his fellow citizens are a reliable indication of his standing, which places him among those who have brought honor and distinction to the community, where in the earnest pursuit of his own interests he has found many opportunities for service of great value, particularly in his home borough. He resides in Schuylkill Haven, and maintains law offices in Pottsville.

The Noecker family is one of long residence in Pennsylvania. The first of the line to come to America located originally in New York State, and later moved to Pennsylvania with several other families, settling in the Tulpehocken valley, in Berks county, with Conrad Weiser. They were pioneers in that section. John Noecker, the great-grandfather of James A. Noecker, lived in Manheim township, Berks county, in the portion later known as South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, where he had a farm of one hundred acres upon which he lived until his death. He had two children, John and Elizabeth, the latter the wife of John Dewalt. The farm was divided between the two children, each receiving fifty acres.

John Noecker, grandfather of James A. Noecker, spent all his life on the homestead place, died there, and is buried at the Summit Church. He married Sarah Reed, and they became the parents of the following family: Lewis was the father of James A. Noecker; Sarah married Jared Berger, and they removed to South Bend, Ind., where she is still living, at the age of eighty-two years; Fiirtha married a Mr. Schenck, of the State of Indiana; Emma mar-

ried a Mr. Dewalt, and resides in Indiana; Catharine, who married Hiram Berger, lives in Nebraska; Mary married William Reber, and resides in Schuylkill Haven.

Lewis Noecker was born on the old homestead farm in South Manheim township, which is situated two miles south of the borough of Schuylkill Haven, and always made his home there, following farming all his life. He died on that place Aug. 15, 1915, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His widow, Mary (Moyer), has resided in the borough of Schuylkill Haven since his death. She is a daughter of Philip Moyer, and member of an early family of the Tulpehocken valley in Berks county. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Noecker, namely: Kate L.; William H.; Franklin M.; James A.; Sallie A., wife of Frank Matz, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles, M. D., who is practicing his profession in Scranton, Pa.; George A., of Pottsville, Pa.; Carrie A., wife of Harry Nissley, of Lebanon county, Pa.; Lewis S., who now owns the old homestead farm in South Manheim township; and Mary, married to William Repp, of Harrisburg.

James A. Noecker was born Sept. 20, 1868, on the old Noecker homestead in South Manheim township, and began his education in the local public schools, later attending at Schuylkill Haven. Then he took a course at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1891, after which he was engaged in teaching until 1896, meantime commencing to read law, under Judge Marr and George Gerber. He was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar in September, 1897, and shortly afterwards to practice also in the Supreme and Superior courts of the State and in the United States District court. The next few years were occupied chiefly in the public service. Having been elected to represent his district in the State Legislature in 1898, he served one term in that body with credit to himself and his constituency, and on Jan. 1, 1900, he was appointed deputy district attorney of Schuylkill county under District Attorney M. P. McLaughlin, giving able service in this capacity for the next three years. During that period, in 1902, he was elected borough solicitor of Schuylkill Haven, in which office he has been retained continuously since, a fact which speaks well for the public spirit and integrity he has displayed in the discharge of his duties. His private practice has shown a steady gain from the beginning, not only in volume but in the importance of the work intrusted to him, and the high character of his clients is sufficient evidence of the standards which have guided him. Mr. Noecker organized the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, for which he has been solicitor ever since its establishment, in 1899. In fraternal affiliation he is a Mason, holding membership in Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, and he also belongs to the Pottsville Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Noecker married Ethyle I. Hancock, daughter of Samson Hancock, of Carbon county, Pa., and they have one daughter, Margaret, now five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Noecker are members of the Reformed Church at Schuylkill Haven.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT was one of the oldest residents of Tower City and for years held a high place among the most influential citizens of that borough. Though he had been living retired from business pursuits for some years before his recent death his interest in the progress and prosperity of the community

had not lessened, and his judgment was esteemed by all his old-time associates. For a number of years he was one of the leading merchants of Tower City, attaining substantial success in business though he started with little means, the solid position he made for himself being entirely the result of his own exertions.

Mr. Elliott was of English birth and parentage, his parents, George and Isabella (Taylor) Elliott, having spent their entire lives in England. They had two children, William and Isabella, the latter deceased. The father followed mining. After his death the mother remarried, becoming the wife of Richard Bainbridge, of Yorkshire, by whom she had four children: Ellen, Thomas, Richard and George. The last named was a soldier in the Crimean war.

William Elliott was born Aug. 19, 1830, in Durham, England, and had few advantages in his youth, having been but seven years old when he commenced working in the mines, at the old operation known as the Kalloe shaft. He was variously employed about the collieries until the year 1857, when his stepfather was killed in a mine accident and he gave up his work there. In May, 1857, he came to this country, making the voyage from England to New York City in a sailing vessel, which was five weeks on the trip. Coming at once to Schuylkill county, Pa., he located at Donaldson and went to work in the mines on Middle creek, later finding employment at East Franklin. Turning to railroad work, he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a number of years, meantime, in 1875, settling at Tower City, which was ever afterwards his home. When he arrived here there were but a few houses on the site, and less than one hundred inhabitants, but he felt that the place had a future, and about two years after his arrival he gave up other work and made an independent business venture, starting a general merchandise business, which until his retirement, in 1903, was conducted by the firm of William Elliott & Son. In 1877 he put up a substantial building for store and residence, living there until his retirement, and by close application to his growing trade made it steadily profitable, gaining credit for himself and holding an honorable place among the most reliable merchants of the borough. Mr. Elliott also took a good citizen's part in the administration of the municipal government, in which his cooperation was welcomed by his townsmen, who elected him a member of the council for eight years, and he was president of that body for several years. For almost half a century Mr. Elliott was a member of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., and he was also a Royal Arch Mason.

In 1852 Mr. Elliott was united in marriage with Jenima Little, who was born on the Isle of Man, and died in 1860. Of the children born to this union two grew to maturity, Richard and Mary. The son, who died Oct. 14, 1911, lived at Tower City and was his father's business associate for many years. The daughter is the wife of Joseph Salem, of Tower City, who has been for fifty years an engineer at the East Brookside colliery. They have a family of five children, Frank, Maggie, Joseph, Bella and Lester. In 1862 Mr. Elliott married (second) Mary Tobias, of Donaldson, who died without issue. On Nov. 14, 1875, he married (third) Mrs. Matilda Dietrich. No children were born to this marriage. When Mr. Elliott retired from active business Mrs. Elliott purchased the residence on Grand avenue, Tower City, which was his home until his death, Jan. 16, 1916. No residents of the borough have been held in higher estimation.

George Boyer, Mrs. Elliott's grandfather, was a native of Germany, but was only a boy when he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., and he settled near Orwigsburg, dying upon his farm there. He married Maria Freed, and they had the following children: Henry, David, William, Peter, Catherine (who lived to the age of eighty-five years) and Leah.

David Boyer, Mrs. Elliott's father, was born in Schuylkill county, and established his home at Orwigsburg, where he died. By calling he was a gunsmith. His wife, Hannah (Beck), a native of Carbon county, Pa., also died in Orwigsburg. Their children were: Violet, who married Henry Schuck; Matilda, wife of William Elliott; Lawrence, who lives in the State of Washington; George, who died in New Jersey; William, who lives at Easton, Pa.; Charles, who died when twenty-one years old; and Annie, who married Phoenes E. Gerber, of Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Elliott first married Frederick C. Jenkins, a native of Wales, who was for some time superintendent at the Tamaqua gas works. He entered the Union service during the Civil war, and died from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Cold Harbor. All her children were born to this union: Violet Hannah, wife of Isaac Mossop, who is a manufacturer of Wiconisco, Pa., president of the Lykens Bank, and a director of the Tower City National Bank; Annie B., wife of Albert E. Schoener, of Orwigsburg, Pa.; and Mary, wife of James Thompson, of Monroe county, Iowa. For her second husband Mrs. Jenkins married John Dietrich, and lived on the site where now is the village of Johnstown, Schuylkill county.

WILLIAM S. PUGH, of Pottsville, is achieving deserved reputation in a busy career whose divers interests he has handled with impartial success. He has always been considered an able man in his profession, civil and mining engineering, but he has taken hold of everything else intrusted to him with such evidence of being equal to its responsibilities that his associates have come to have unlimited faith in his powers. He is a native son of Pottsville, and the city has reason to be proud of his accomplishments, for much of his best effort has been given directly to her development. As municipal engineer continuously since 1892, most of the progressive evolution of her public works of modern origin is due to his foresight, and the economical adaptation of local facilities to local needs has been looked after systematically under his care. Aside from his profession he is best known as one of the most popular Masons in Schuylkill county, at present serving as Deputy Grand Master in his district, a position he has held for six years.

Mr. Pugh was born June 27, 1871, son of John Pugh and Rosanna Beidelman. His father was born in Manchester, England, in 1835, came to this country in 1836, and resided in Pottsville until his death in 1902. He served during the Civil war as a member of Company G, 48th Regiment, and was severely wounded in the battle of Antietam. In 1866 he married Rosanna Beidelman, who survives him, making her home in Pottsville.

William S. Pugh was reared in Pottsville and had the public educational advantages afforded here, graduating from high school in 1888. From 1888 to 1902 he was a student in the office of A. J. Womelsdorf, the well known civil and mining engineer of Pottsville, meantime preparing very thoroughly for his chosen calling, taking a full engineering course in the International Correspondence School of Scranton (of which he was one of the very first students) supplemented with a variety of practical work



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which has been invaluable as experience and in developing his talents. In 1892 he was elected borough engineer, and filled the position without interruption until the city government was inaugurated in 1913, when he was chosen city engineer by the unanimous vote of the city council; during all that time he also acted as Commissioner of Highways.

For the last twenty-one years, from 1894, Mr. Pugh has been also engaged in independent work in his profession, in which he has acquired an extensive practice, doing special work for many of the large corporations in the coal region. Incidentally he has been called upon for testimony in court in many important cases in his own and neighboring counties, and he is frequently consulted as an expert engineer.

There is hardly a member of the Masonic fraternity in Schuylkill county better known than Mr. Pugh, and in the six years of his service as District Deputy Grand Master he has been widening his circle of acquaintances steadily. He is a past master of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M.; a past high priest of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; a past eminent commander of Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T.; a member of Philadelphia Consistory, A. A. S. R., and a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

In 1896 Mr. Pugh married Jennie June Edwards, daughter of Hon. Joseph J. Edwards, of Saint Clair, who was a member of the State Legislature from Schuylkill county in 1882-83.

MAJ. PETER A. FILBERT, of Pine Grove, had a long and prosperous business career at that place before his retirement some twenty years ago, and has been enjoying a life of honorable leisure among the scenes of his early activity. He is a man of substantial qualities and forceful personality, and few residents of Schuylkill county are better known.

The family name of Filbert is one of the oldest in the Teutonic language, being derived from "fiel brecht," which means very bright or illustrious. This appellation was borne by many of the old Teutonic chieftains, whose descendants carried it into all the countries of western Europe in their early conquests. Formerly the name was spelled "Philbert" and "Philibert," and in England it exists in both the forms "Philbert" and "Filbert," while in France and Italy it has survived as "Philibert."

St. Philibert, who founded the Abbey of Jumieges, on the north bank of the Seine, and died in 683, had been an Abbot at the Merovingian court. He was so greatly beloved by the peasantry that at his death they took his day, Aug. 22d, to gather the hazel nut which ripened in that locality about that time, and called it St. Filbert's nut. The admiral of the French fleet that made the demonstration against Morocco several years ago belonged to the French branch of the family. Philibert, Prince of Orange, was one of the generals of Charles V., and fell in the Italian campaign of 1529; several counts of the name ruled over Savoy in the twelfth century, and the descendants of Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy became kings of Sardinia, and later kings of Italy.

The American branch of the family traces its ancestry to the great-great-grandfather of Mr. Filbert, (I) John Samuel Filbert, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Jan. 8, 1710, and who with his wife Susanna came to the New World on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Percy, master, sailing from Rotterdam, and took the oath of allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain and the

Province of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia Aug. 30, 1737. He spelled the name "Filbert," but Rev. John Caspar Stover, who kept the baptismal records of the family, spelled it "Philbert." The children of John Samuel Filbert were: John Thomas, 1737-1784, married to Catherine Batteiger; Maria Catrina, born 1739, married to John Heinrich Ache; Anna Elizabeth, born 1741, married to John Henry Webber, a captain in the Revolutionary war; John Phillip (1743-1817); John Peter, born 1746, who was a delegate from the 1st battalion of Berks county militia to the convention held in Lancaster July 4, 1776, to elect three brigadier generals for the Pennsylvania and Delaware militia, and who was elected sheriff of Berks county in 1785; and Maria Christina, born 1749, married to Jost Ruth. As the father and three sons had the first name "John" in common they dropped it in active life, and the only places it can be found are on their baptismal records and tombstone.

Samuel Filbert and his wife Susanna settled immediately on coming to this country in Bern township, Lancaster (now Berks) county, at the present site of Bernville. Samuel Filbert and Godfried Fidler each gave an acre of ground to the North Kill Lutheran Church at Bernville, and a log church was built in 1743 on the part donated by Samuel Filbert. Tradition says that he paid half of the cost of the building, which was used as a church on the Sabbath and as a school on weekdays. In 1791 the log church was replaced by a brick building, at which time his son Phillip acted as president of the building committee. In 1897 the present handsome brownstone edifice was erected on the same ground. Back of the chancel in the new building is a beautiful stained glass window dedicated to "Samuel Filbert, Founder, 1743." He died Sept. 25, 1786, and is buried in the center of the old churchyard.

(II) John Phillip Filbert, son of Samuel and Susanna, was born Dec. 7, 1743. He was commissioned as a captain of the 8th Company of the 6th Battalion of Berks county militia June 14, 1777, and was recommissioned in 1780, 1783 and 1786, so that he served as an officer of the Pennsylvania militia during the whole period of the Revolution. Capt. Phillip Filbert's battalion was mustered into the Continental service on Dec. 13, 1777, for sixty days, and was engaged under General Washington in the Schuylkill valley, between Valley Forge and Germantown. He was married to Anna Maria Meyers and had three children: Samuel, mentioned below; John, married to Anna Maria Leiss; and Catherine, married to William Machimer. He died Aug. 20, 1817, and is buried at Bernville.

(III) Samuel Filbert (about 1770-1795), eldest son of Phillip and Anna Maria, married Sibylla, daughter of Francis Umbenhaur, a captain in the Revolutionary war. He left two sons: Joseph, who died in 1804, and Peter.

(IV) Peter Filbert, son of Samuel and Sibylla, was born at Bernville, Berks county, in 1794. His father died when he was about six months old, leaving his two sons to the guardianship of their grandfathers Phillip Filbert and Francis Umbenhaur. In 1814 he enlisted with the troops called out for the defense of Baltimore against the British army, and marched under Captain Smith to Springfield camp, near that city, and after the retreat of the British was honorably discharged from the service. In 1818 he married Elizabeth, daughter of John Stoudt, and the next year removed to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, to take charge of the Pine Grove Forge. Peter and Elizabeth Filbert had the following children: Samuel P., married to Lavina Lamm; Edward T., married to Mary Clayton; Peter A.; Leah, married to Dr. John Kitzmiller; Rebecca, married to F. W. Conrad, D. D.; Sarah, married



to Richard Musser; John Q. A., who married Mary Beltzhoover; and William H., the youngest, who also served as a private from the State of Pennsylvania under the first call, in the 10th Regiment, and later in the 96th Regiment, three-year troops.

Peter A. Filbert, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Stoudt) Filbert, was born Nov. 20, 1833, at Pine Grove, and there received his early education in the public schools. Later he took a course in a commercial college at Baltimore, Md., returning to Pine Grove, where he was engaged in merchandising and milling throughout his business career. In 1868 he became engaged in the milling business as a member of the firm of Filbert & Bro., and in 1869 became interested in merchandising. For some time he was a member of the firm of Miller, Filbert & Co., and after the death of D. J. Kitzner, of that company, was associated with Mr. Miller, operating a general store until his retirement from active business. He retired in the year 1896 from active pursuits, with a record remarkable for success attained by the exercise of his ability and sound judgment. During the Civil war Mr. Filbert volunteered for the Union service under the first call, and was elected lieutenant of Company D, 10th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving under Colonel Meredith. He was mustered out in July. Reenlisting in August, he was mustered into the service Sept. 2d as senior captain of the 96th Pennsylvania Regiment, commanding as lieutenant colonel after the seven days' fight at Harrison's Landing, on the James river, in Virginia, and he was in command of the regiment during the advance on Fredericksburg. Upon the last call he again enlisted for the third time, and was mustered in as major under Col. James Nagle, was in command during his term, and was discharged with that rank. He is a Mason in fraternal connection.

Mr. Filbert married Theodocia Reitzel, daughter of Jacob Reitzel, of Clear Spring, Washington Co., Md., and they have two daughters, Corinne and Augusta.

PETER ORWIG, son of George Gottfried and Glora Orwig, was born at Sculp's Hill, a short distance south of the site of Orwigsburg, where his parents settled in 1747. Peter married in 1773, but there is no record of the maiden name of his wife, Hannah. Two children were born to them: Maria Rebecca, April 17, 1774, and Johann Heinrich, Dec. 27, 1775.

Mr. Orwig served as justice of the peace for a number of years. In 1786 he owned 50.4 acres of land in the immediate vicinity of the present site of the borough of Orwigsburg. On Sept. 20, 1778, he purchased from the Webb estate the present site of McKeansburg. On Feb. 20, 1795, Mr. Orwig received a patent deed for the site of Orwigsburg from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for 309 acres, 26 perches, with allowances of six per cent for roads. The deeds of the first lots purchased in Orwigsburg are dated April 7, 1795. Seven deeds bearing that date are recorded, from Peter Orwig, of Brunswick Township, in the county of Berks, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Esq., and Hannah his wife.

REV. GEORGE MINNIG was one of the pioneer Lutheran ministers of Schuylkill. His name appears frequently also as Mennig and Muench, the last being probably the original German form of the name. He succeeded Rev. John Knoske, in 1811, coming here when the county was organized, and continued in his labors down to a time within the memory of persons now liv-

ing. Rev. George Minnig was born in August, 1773. He studied under the Rev. Dr. Lochman, at Lebanon, and was licensed in 1811, and ordained in 1816. He resided near Friedensburg, and preached in all the Lutheran Churches in the lower end of the county, except Frieden's and West Penn. He organized Clouser's Church near Llewellyn. Later it appears he moved to Orwigsburg, and, it is said, was at the time the only Lutheran minister in the county. It seems he also preached, at least occasionally, south of the Blue mountains, as there are two different paths across the mountains, each known as "Minnich's Path," from the circumstance of his crossing there frequently on foot or on horseback. He labored in this field about twenty years. In 1833 he moved to Bernville, Berks county, where he served a number of congregations. He died of apoplexy, at Bernville, April 7, 1851, aged seventy-eight years.

W. B. ROCKWELL, of Pottsville, has for some years been associated with the operation of two public utilities most important in the development of the city. Since 1910 he has been manager of the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company and of the Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat & Power Company, both of which have been powerful elements in extending the reputation and influence of the section which they serve, the former operating seventy miles of trolley road, centering at Pottsville, and reaching to Mauch Chunk. The Light, Heat & Power Company has interests in the towns of Pottsville, Palo Alto, Mount Carbon, Port Carbon, Minersville, Orwigsburg, New Philadelphia, Cumbola, Middleport, Tamaqua, Frackville, Gilberton, Girardville and Ashland, in Schuylkill county, and Centralia borough and Conyngham township, in Columbia county. The two companies have over four hundred employes, and the gross yearly receipts are in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars.

Since settling in Pottsville, upon assuming the duties of his present position, Mr. Rockwell has been extremely public-spirited in furthering the interests of other concerns in the city having in contemplation the material advancement of the municipality, and his attitude has been thoroughly appreciated by its citizens.

Mr. Rockwell was born Jan. 19, 1858, in New York City, son of H. B. Rockwell, one of the pioneer citizens of Scranton, Pa., in whose upbuilding he took a conspicuously useful part. The family has been one of the most prominent in Lackawanna county, this State, for many years.

MONCURE ROBINSON, a civil engineer of national reputation, was born in Richmond, Va., in 1802, and completed his education at William and Mary College. In 1821 he was employed by Governor Pleasants, of Virginia, to locate an extension of the James River canal. About 1825 he visited England to become familiar with the construction of canals, and as the Darlington & Stockton Railroad was then in operation he spent considerable time there in acquiring a knowledge of railway business, and doubtless while there became acquainted with the great English railway engineer, George Stephenson. Having carefully studied the nature of these improvements, he returned to the United States, and was at once employed by the Canal Commissioners of Pennsylvania. At this time he made survey of the portage road over the Allegheny mountains, and his plan was largely adopted. In

1833 the Pennsylvania Legislature was considering whether the Philadelphia & Columbia railroad should continue the use of horse power or adopt locomotives. This action resulted in favor of the latter through the requested advice of Mr. Robinson, who stated "that it would take four days to transport merchandise from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna river by horse power when it could be effected in six hours by locomotive power." While under the employ of the Commissioners he made the survey for the Danville & Pottsville railroad, and later built the eastern part, with its many well planned planes. About this time he also built the Little Susquehanna railroad. The next work which Mr. Robinson was called upon to do was that of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, which is regarded as his great achievement. While with this company, he was sent to England with his estimates and plans, to be submitted before capitalists there. His efforts here were eminently successful, he having secured from one individual a loan of two millions of dollars. In 1840 the Czar of Russia sent word to Mr. Robinson to take service as head engineer over the great system of railways he was devising in his empire. This he declined, but gave him much valuable advice. Mr. Robinson died at his home in Philadelphia in 1892, aged ninety years.

JUDGE CYRUS L. PERSHING was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1825. When he was five years old the family residence was changed to Johnstown, Pa., where his father died in 1836. Thrown on his own resources, by means of money earned by teaching school and clerking in the offices of the State canal and railroad, he paid his own way at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated. After leaving college he entered as a student at law the office of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, in Somerset, Pa., when he was admitted to the bar, shortly after which he commenced the practice of the law at his home in Cambria county, Pa. In September, 1856, Mr. Pershing was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the district of his residence. The district was Republican by a clear majority of 2,500, and in 1854 had been carried by the Republicans by over 5,000 majority. After an energetic canvass in the limited time between the nomination and the election in October, Mr. Pershing was defeated by the small majority of 284. In 1858 he was again nominated and defeated. The dissensions growing out of the Kansas slavery excitement that year brought disaster to the Democratic ticket, State and Congressional.

Mr. Pershing represented Cambria county in the State Legislature in 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, serving on important committees during the whole period. At the session of 1863 he was chairman of the committee on Federal Relations, and in 1864 was the nominee of the Democrats for speaker of the House. In 1866 Mr. Pershing represented his district in the Union National convention, which met in Philadelphia in August of that year. In 1868 he was placed on the Democratic electoral ticket in the presidential contest of that year. In 1869 Mr. Pershing was nominated as the Democratic candidate for judge of the Supreme court, but was defeated by a small majority. In 1872 he was nominated for president judge of the judicial district composed of Schuylkill county by the conventions of the Labor Reformers and Republicans; his election necessitated his removal from Johnstown to Pottsville. In 1875 Judge Pershing was nominated for governor by the Democratic State convention. Governor Hartranft was elected by the large

majority which his party commanded in the city of Philadelphia, but the State, outside of that city, gave Judge Pershing a handsome majority.

Judge Pershing was reelected president judge of the Schuylkill district in 1882, and again in 1892. In the years 1876 and 1877 he presided over the trials of the Mollie Maguire conspirators, which excited great interest throughout the country.

Owing to ill health Judge Pershing resigned in 1898, and lived in retirement until his death, which occurred June 30, 1903.

MARTIN M. BURKE, of Shenandoah, a lawyer of foremost place at the Schuylkill county bar, owes his standing to many elements in his character besides his professional ability. His concern for the common interests of the borough and its people has kept him in close touch with his fellow citizens, and his freely expressed sympathies with the most significant progress of the town have caused him to be regarded as a reliable friend of all good works, a dependable factor in their achievement and a champion of beneficial movements in whatever form they appear.

Mr. Burke is of Irish origin, as his name would indicate, though it is really a corruption of (De) Burgo and was so written in the early days when it carried its original significance, i. e., from the fort, earth, hill, or city. The family went into England from Normandy with the Conqueror, and afterwards into Ireland with Strongbow.

John Burke, grandfather of Martin M. Burke, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, where he lived until 1866, in which year he came to America, joining his son Edward, who preceded him to this country by about a year and a half. Soon afterwards he located at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thence removing to Lost Creek, this county, a village in West Mahanoy township, where the remainder of his life was spent. In the old country he followed farming, but during his residence in the United States he was a mine worker.

Edward J. Burke, son of John Burke, was born in Ireland about 1840, and there passed his youth and early manhood. He did farm work, and was also engaged as a lighthouse-keeper. Coming to this country in the sixties, about a year and a half before his father, he lived with the latter at Ashland and removed with him to Lost Creek, where he has continued to reside ever since. He took up mine work upon settling here, and was not only successful on his own account, but has done much to improve the conditions in the mines and among miners by his intelligent and unselfish labors in their behalf. He has done responsible work in connection with the opening of new mines in the county, and his skill was given substantial recognition in his appointment as one of the first board of examiners of miners in the Fifth Anthracite district. All efforts for the betterment of the classes whose welfare has been so close to his heart, no matter whence they emanate, have had his indorsement and generous support, and he has won a deserved place in the affectionate esteem of all who know him. For seven years Mr. Burke was a member of the school board of West Mahanoy township, in that position also giving his best energies to promote the general good. He is a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religion. Mr. Burke married Margaret L'Velle, daughter of Martin L'Velle, the latter a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and a prosperous farmer. Nine children have been born to this union, five sons and four daughters, viz.: Martin M.; Mary E., wife of Patrick J. Coyle, who is an assistant mine foreman at Shenau-

doah; Catherine, wife of William J. Walsh, superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company's office at Mahanoy City, Pa.; Bridget L., wife of Matthew F. Giblon, justice of the peace, of Shenandoah, Pa.; Rev. John F., priest of the Catholic Church at Frankford, Philadelphia; Patrick H., attorney; Margaret V., at home; Edward J., merchant, of Shenandoah; and Michael L., who was killed at Philadelphia in 1910 while playing football (he was a third year student at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, at the time of his death).

Martin M. Burke was born June 16, 1865, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he spent his boyhood, acquiring a good education in the common schools. Like many young men ambitious to enter professional life, he taught school in his young manhood, following this vocation for a period of ten years, from September, 1880. His first school was in West Mahanoy township. In the fall of 1890, having given up teaching, he became a law student in the office of his uncle, M. M. L'Velle, Esq., of Ashland, and on Sept. 6, 1892, was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar, where he has been practicing ever since. He is a resident of Shenandoah, but has maintained offices in both that borough and in Pottsville, his patrons coming from a wide area. He now has a partner, being senior member of the firm of Burke & Burke, who have established offices in Shenandoah at the corner of Main and Centre streets. Mr. Burke's solid qualities have gained him the confidence of the best people in all his associations, but they have been particularly valuable, of course, in holding clients, who have had no cause for hesitation about intrusting their interests to his care, and he has retained their respect through long years of close association. As to public affairs, educational progress has always had his special encouragement. In religion he is a Catholic. He and his wife and son are members of the Church of the Annunciation, and he holds membership in the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia. Fraternally he belongs to the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; to the Phoenix Fire Company; to the Pennsylvania Society of New York, and to the Elks lodge at Shenandoah, of which he is a charter member. For several years he has been city attorney, a position he still holds.

On Sept. 12, 1893, Mr. Burke was married, by Rev. H. F. O'Reilly, in the old Annunciation Church at Shenandoah, to Mary Ella Foley, second daughter of James and Margaret (Tobin) Foley. Her father, a retired miner, was during the latter years of his active life assistant mine foreman at the Indian Ridge mine of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Mr. and Mrs. Foley were natives of Queen's County, Ireland, and came to America when very young, with their parents, settling at Heckscherville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have one son, Clarence L'Velle, who was born Dec. 2, 1894; he is now a student in the Jesuit Fathers' University at Fordham, New York.

PATRICK H. BURKE, junior member of the law firm of Burke & Burke, was born near Shenandoah. After receiving ordinary educational advantages in the local township school he started work at the mines, beginning, like most boys, as a slate picker. Having given evidence of intelligence and ability he was later assigned to duty as colliery clerk with the Lehigh Coal Company of Shenandoah, being so employed until he gave up the position in 1890, after which for three years he held a clerkship in the office of the county controller at Pottsville. Meantime he had taken up the study of law, having registered

as a law student in 1899, and in 1903 he began to apply himself closely to preparing for the profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1906, and immediately joined his brother in the practice at Shenandoah, where they both reside, though their interests are by no means limited to that borough.

Mr. Burke was married at Shenandoah Oct. 30, 1906, to Anna C. Watson, daughter of the late Hon. M. C. Watson, State senator and a prominent merchant of Shenandoah. Her mother's maiden name was Anna Monaghan. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burke: John F., Joseph W., Edmund and Mary Eileen. The family belong to the Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation at Shenandoah.

EDWARD J. BURKE, youngest surviving son of Edward J. and Margaret (L'Veille) Burke, was born March 28, 1883, in West Mahanoy township, Schuylkill county, and there received a public school education. He has had an active career, and by his success in business has shown that he possesses substantial qualities quite as strong as the traits which have made him so popular personally. The firm of E. J. Burke Company, of which he is senior member and manager, has one of the best patronized establishments of the kind in this part of Schuylkill county. The store at Nos. 113-115 North Main street, Shenandoah, is well stocked with house furnishings of all kinds selected with the view of giving the local trade an adequate choice of modern goods, and customers appreciate the unusual facilities afforded for supplying their wants as well as the obliging service rendered to every patron of the store. Mr. Burke has proved himself worthy of the esteem in which he is held, and he never misses an opportunity to show his interest in the town. He is a member of the Phoenix Fire Company of Shenandoah, an honorary member of the Shenandoah Fire Department, was the organizer of the Polish-American Fire Company of the borough, and is a member of the International Association of Fire Engineers; he also belongs to the Shenandoah lodge of the Knights of Columbus (No. 618) and B. P. O. Elks (No. 945). As a business man he holds membership in the National Efficiency Society of New York City and in the National Carpet Club, New York City. Like all the rest of his family, his religious connection is with the Church of the Annunciation in Shenandoah.

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The Burke and Alvord Memorial contains the following account of the name and family:

The name of Burke, Bourke or Bourck, as it is variously spelled, was originally written De Burgh, and in that form is an ancient name and of much note in the Old World. It may be traced back to the eighth century, and has for its head Charles, Duke d'Ingheim, fifth son of the Emperor Charlemagne. In the fourth generation from him we find Baldwin de Bourg, his great-grandson, a renowned Crusader, whose son Baldwin founded the House of Blois in France, and was the (a) progenitor of the noble families of Burgh and Vesey in Ireland.

Early in the fourteenth century lived and died John, Earl of Comyn, and Baron of Tonsburgh in Normandy, a descendant of the above, "who, being general of the king's forces, and governor of his chief towns, obtained the surname of de Burgh," a name particularly pertinent, not only on account of its meaning, which signifies "pertaining to a city," but also because the name had belonged to one of the earliest progenitors of the family. Being, there-

fore, a prominent Norman family, it is not unnatural to suppose that they found their way to England when the connection between the two countries became so intimate that the first Norman kings of England passed a great part of their time in what was to them their old home. Accordingly we find them mentioned in early English history from time to time, verifying their descent from the stanch old Crusader by deeds of piety and fidelity to their king.

In the reign of Henry II a branch of the De Burghs went over into Ireland. Prior, in his "Life of Edmund Burke," says, "The Burkes, or Bourkes, though now thickly strewn over the whole of Ireland, particularly the southern part of it, were not an aboriginal, or as their English invaders term them, a *mere Irish* family; but descended from the Norman Burghis, or De Burghs (of which Burke is merely a corruption), who went thither as adventurers under Strongbow, in the reign of Henry II; not as temporary marauders, whose visits might soon be over, but to conquer an inheritance, seize upon such possessions as their strength would permit and permanently hold what they had thus seized. The name figures in Irish history from this time down until it is merged in other names equally famous, and perhaps more familiar to modern ears. Even then it is retained as the family name. It is frequently involved in the wars and struggles which pervaded that riotous kingdom, and in most cases is found on the side of law and order, when law and order was the dangerous and unpopular side.

It was William Fitzaldelm (uncle of Hubert De Burgh, Chief Justiciary of England during the reign of Henry III) who accompanied Strongbow into Ireland, remained there with the little English colony, was appointed governor of Wexford by the king, and afterwards intrusted with the management of affairs in the kingdom. In 1177 he was appointed governor of Ireland and about that time founded the monastery of St. Thomas, near Dublin. He obtained a great part of the Province of Connaught; died in England in 1204. His son, Richard De Burgh, Lord of Connaught and Trim, had the conquests of his father confirmed to him by King John in 1215, on condition of his doing homage therefor and paying the yearly rent of three hundred marks. He was made lord lieutenant of Ireland in 1227. Died on a voyage to France in 1243.

His two sons, Walter and William, became incorporated into the two noble families of Ulster and Clanricarde, Walter, the elder, marrying Maud, daughter of the Earl of Ulster, and becoming Earl of Ulster in her right upon the death of her father. He died in 1271 and was succeeded by his son Richard.

William, the younger brother, served with his father in France, was in many battles with his brother, and died in 1270. His son William was appointed Custos of Ireland and died in 1324. The descendants of William were governors of Connaught for many generations, and the one who was governor during the reign of Henry VIII was made by that king Earl of Clanricarde and Baron of Dunkellin. He died in 1544. His son and successor, Richard, was lord lieutenant of Ireland, a position later occupied by one of his descendants, in 1650.

The Earls of Mayo are descended from a collateral branch of the De Burghs, having, with the Earls of Clanricarde, a common ancestor in William, who was Custos of Ireland in 1308.

CHARLES M. KAUFMAN occupies an important place in the business activities of Tower City, Schuylkill county, being at the head of several of the most valuable enterprises of the borough. His uniformly successful management of these various interests stamps him as a man of versatile ability, with keen insight for conditions and remarkable breadth of judgment. He belongs to thrifty old Pennsylvania stock of German origin, two brothers, Jonas and Christian Kaufman, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, having come to this country in 1680. They were among the first settlers in Lancaster county, Pa., and their descendants located in the Lykens valley, in what is now Schuylkill county, when the Indians were still numerous in that region. Time and again the savages forced them to leave their settlements, but after taking their families to Pine Grove to safety they returned and held possession of their homes.

Samuel Kaufman, the great-grandfather of Charles M. Kaufman, was born in the Lykens valley, Schuylkill county, in what is now known as Hubley township, where he spent all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning a large, fertile farm there. He died there when comparatively young, and is buried with his wife Eveline (Klinger) at Klinger's Church in that township; she also passed away in Hubley township. Mr. Kaufman was a Whig in political sentiment, and a Lutheran in religious faith. His children were: Samuel, a civil engineer, served one term as county commissioner and represented Schuylkill county in the Pennsylvania Legislature for one session, and he was long cashier of the First National Bank of Minersville; Jonas was the grandfather of Charles M. Kaufman; Jacob, deceased, was a merchant in Lykens Valley; Emanuel followed merchandising for a time, went West, enlisted for service in the Civil war, and had been promoted to captain when he died, of typhoid fever; John, a farmer, is deceased; Henry is deceased; Elizabeth married William Alspach; Molly was twice married, first to a Mr. Reed and later to Jacob Becker, of Trevorton, Northumberland county.

Jonas Kaufman, grandfather of Charles M. Kaufman, was born in 1815 in the Lykens valley. He learned the trade of millwright, at which he was profitably engaged for many years. For a time he lived in Lancaster county, and afterwards built many mills in the west end of Schuylkill county, finally settling at Llewellyn, in Branch township, where his latter years were spent. He had been in the mercantile business at Valley View for a time, until 1845, when he removed to Llewellyn, at which place he was similarly engaged until 1850. Then he sold out and devoted all his time to contracting, employing many men in the construction of breakers and houses. His death occurred at Llewellyn in 1859, and he is buried in the cemetery of Clouser's Church, in Branch township. Like his father, he was a Whig and a Lutheran. Mr. Kaufman married Sarah Boyer, daughter of Peter Boyer, who originally lived in Berks county, Pa., removing to Stone Valley, Northumberland county, where he died. To this union were born the following children: John, deceased, was a merchant and postmaster at Wiconisco, Pa.; Benjamin was a coal operator, one of the owners of the Brookside colliery, was a member of the State Legislature from Schuylkill county, and died at Tremont; Elias is the father of Charles M. Kaufman; Sarah married Frederick Fulmer; Mary J. married Adam Miller; Esther married Lewis Beach; Catherine died unmarried.



Elias Kaufman was born May 16, 1838, at Valley View, Schuylkill county, learned the carpenter's trade, and in time became a boss carpenter. He was the pioneer at Tower City, where he settled in 1868, built the first breaker at the Brookside colliery, and later became outside superintendent of that colliery, which was owned by Savage Brothers & Kaufman (the latter his brother) and later by Repplier, Gordon & Co. Mr. Kaufman continued with the latter company until its interests were purchased by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, in whose employ he remained until the year 1885. He was one of the most competent mine men in this section, for three years winning a cash prize for good management at his colliery. In 1885 he engaged in general merchandising at Tower City, where he opened a large, up-to-date store, which he carried on until 1912, since when it has been owned and conducted by his sons Frank H. and Edward H., who are doing business under the name of Kaufman Brothers. Elias Kaufman has always maintained a public-spirited interest in local affairs, especially the improvement and progress of the schools. He has been a member of the school board, and was serving when the present fine high school building was erected in 1894, the other members of the board at that time being: W. F. Jones, president; B. F. Stuck, secretary; H. G. Lebo; W. L. Zerbe; Jacob Searer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Kaufman are the oldest residents of Tower City. He married Lydia Ann Haertter, who was born Sept. 25, 1839, in Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and the following children have been born to them: Jonas C., of Tower City; Charles M.; John N., deceased; Luther G., a merchant of Reinerton, this county; William J., of Floral Park, N. Y.; Emma D., wife of Prof. David Detler, of Annville, Pa.; Lydia Ann, wife of Charles Boyer, of Atlanta, Ga.; Sadie E., at home; Edward H., of the firm of Kaufman Brothers; Franklin H., of that firm; and three who died young. The family are Lutherans in religious belief. Mr. Kaufman is a Mason, belonging to Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont.

Charles M. Kaufman was born July 2, 1862, at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, and for a few years during his early boyhood attended the public schools. In 1872, when but ten years old, he went to work as a slate picker at the Brookside colliery. In 1885 he took charge of a general store at Tower City. For a number of years he has been associated with big enterprises in his section. In 1891 he was one of the promoters of the Williams Valley railroad, and was one of the organizers of the company, of which he was elected president and general manager. On Jan. 22, 1902, the Tower City National Bank was organized, the original board of directors being: C. M. Kaufman, president; G. Schoffstall, vice president; W. O. Schwalm, secretary; W. E. Kahler, cashier; original directors, W. F. Knecht; J. I. Delaney; F. J. Douden; Isaac Mossop; W. O. Schwalm; I. A. Evans; A. Fortenbaugh, and Ellsworth Schwalm. Mr. Kaufman is still president of the bank, but the other officers have changed, Mr. Knecht being now vice president. A. D. Lewis is the cashier, and A. C. Schreiner, teller. The present directors are: Isaac Mossop, F. J. Douden, Ellsworth Schwalm, I. A. Evans, A. Fortenbaugh, W. E. Kahler, C. M. Kaufman, W. F. Knecht, John Pfeiffer. Mr. Fortenbaugh, who is a resident of Harrisburg, Pa., is president of the Halifax National Bank and a director of the Harrisburg Trust Company. In 1904 Mr. Kaufman assisted in the organization of the Williams Valley Bank, at Williamstown, Pa., and was the first secretary of the board.

In 1900, upon the organization of the Citizens' Water Company of Tower City, Mr. Kaufman was made president and is still serving in that capacity, and also as superintendent. In 1896 he established the Greenwood cemetery in Porter township, near Tower City, one of the finest burial places in Schuylkill county, which he still owns, and which is cared for in the manner typical of everything handled by him. Mr. Kaufman owns considerable real estate, timber and farming land, in the vicinity of Tower City. He is a member and past master of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, Pennsylvania.

EDGAR W. BECHTEL holds a foremost place among the practitioners at the Schuylkill county bar, with which the name has been long and honorably connected, several members of the family having distinguished themselves for eminent ability in the law.

The Bechtels are of German descent, and have been settled in eastern Pennsylvania since Provincial days. Mr. Bechtel's great-grandfather was a native of Bucks county, this State. John Bechtel, the grandfather, was also born there, near Doylestown, Oct. 6, 1798. For a number of years he made his home in Berks county, this State, where he was well known as proprietor of the "Half-Way House" between Reading and Kutztown, and besides conducting the hotel he was a mail contractor and stage owner, transporting passengers and the mail between Easton and Harrisburg, by way of Allentown and Reading, and from Reading to Pottsville. From Berks county he removed to Northumberland county, Pa., where he was settled for about a dozen years engaged in farming and hotelkeeping on what was known as "Warrior Run Farm." The stone tavern which stood upon that property, a few miles from Watsonstown, was a popular stopping place in its day. Thence in 1847 Mr. Bechtel removed to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and in 1851 to Middleport, same county. He became postmaster at the latter place and continued to hold the position during the administrations of Pierce, Buchanan and Johnson. Politically he was an ardent Democrat and maintained an active interest in local, State and national campaigns. His death took place in the latter part of December, 1872. Mr. Bechtel was twice married, his second wife being Eliza S. Beiber, of Berks county, who was born in 1808, daughter of John S. Beiber, a native of Maiden-creek township, Berks county. Mrs. Bechtel died at Middleport in June, 1880. John Bechtel was the father of the following children: James B., who died in 1873, was a resident of Reading, Pa., where he served as district attorney; Louise became the wife of Samuel Young, of Reading, Pa.; Alfred B., deceased, was a traveling salesman and clerk; Elmira, deceased, was the wife of George L. Medler, of Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county; Francis W. was the father of Edgar W. Bechtel; Hettie became the wife of David F. Ritter, a resident of Middleport, Schuylkill county; O. P. was president judge of Schuylkill county for thirty years and was succeeded by his son H. O. Bechtel, the present incumbent; T. H. has been in the wholesale notions business for many years, belonging to the firm of Jones, Bechtel, Shibly & Company.

FRANCIS W. BECHTEL, father of Edgar W. Bechtel, was born April 11, 1837, in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of John and Eliza S. (Beiber) Bechtel. His early education was acquired at Middleport, where

he was later clerk in the post office, and during his young manhood he was engaged in teaching for some years, two years in Berks county, whence he returned to Middleport, where he taught three years. Then he became principal of the schools at Schuylkill Haven, this county, continuing thus until 1863, in which year he became freight and ticket agent for the Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven Railway Company at Minersville, holding that position one year. Meantime he had been appointed clerk to the county commissioners, and held that position four years. In the fall of 1862 he had registered as a law student in the office of Franklin B. Gowen, at Pottsville, where he studied for some time, completing his course in the office of another celebrity of that day, Hon. John W. Ryon. On May 18, 1868, he was admitted to practice in Schuylkill county, and in 1870 was admitted to the Supreme court of the State, before which body he prosecuted many cases to a successful conclusion. His work took him into the courts of many counties of Pennsylvania besides his own, and he had a highly creditable career from the time of his admission to practice until his death, which occurred March 14, 1906. In 1870 he was elected solicitor of Schuylkill county, and filled that office for three years, until 1874. For many years Mr. Bechtel was one of the most prominent Democrats in the county, serving as chairman of the county committee, and was highly valued in its councils. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the Union, and in 1863, when southern Pennsylvania was invaded, he enlisted in Company B, 27th Regiment, Pennsylvania Emergency Corps, and he was at Wrightsville in June of that year, when the Confederates burned the bridge. After this engagement the regiment was sent to Carlisle, thence to Chambersburg, and from there to Hagerstown, Md., being mustered out in the fall of 1863, after two months' service.

On Aug. 6, 1863, Mr. Bechtel was married to Alicia Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, and granddaughter of Alexander Campbell, founder of the religious sect bearing his name. They had three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Mary A., deceased, was the wife of Philip E. Womelsorff, a civil and mining engineer, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Pa.; Elmer F., a civil and mining engineer, now at Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa., married Irene Scheuman, daughter of William Scheuman, of Pottsville; Edgar W. completes the family.

Edgar W. Bechtel was born Dec. 28, 1866, at Pottsville, where he received his early education in the public schools, graduating from the high school. Thereafter he taught for four years, one in Pine Grove and three at Mount Carbon, before taking up the study of law with his father. On Sept. 5, 1892, he was admitted to the Schuylkill county bar, at which he has since been practicing, and during the early years of his independent practice he was deputy district attorney during Mr. Ryon's term and later for one term district attorney. He and his father had offices together in Pottsville until the latter's decease, and Mr. Bechtel is still established in the same quarters. He has shown the talents characteristic of the family in the legal profession, and the nature of his clientele indicates that his personal standing is equal to the best in the county.

On Nov. 28, 1894, Mr. Bechtel married Myra L. Whitehouse, daughter of David and Maria (Shakespeare) Whitehouse, natives of England, and sister of W. J. Whitehouse, a well known attorney of Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel have had three children, born as follows: David W., Dec. 9, 1895; Mary A., Feb. 27, 1898; and Virginia A., Jan. 18, 1900.

GEORGE W. RYON is a representative of one of Pottsville's most honored families. He is a son of Hon. James Ryon, late a prominent lawyer, who served as president judge of Schuylkill county from 1862 until 1872, and represented the county in the State Legislature. He was also extensively interested in coal operations. In 1856 he was married to Charlotte A. Wolf, daughter of George Wolf, Lancaster county's largest iron manufacturer at one time, and of this union three children survived their parents, being George W. Ryon, Mrs. Florence R. Patterson (since deceased), and John P. Ryon. Judge James Ryon was a brother of Hon. John W. Ryon, a prominent lawyer of this county. He was a native of Tioga county, and was the son of Hon. John and Susan (Tubbs) Ryon. His American genealogy is traceable beyond the French and Indian war, and he is a lineal descendant of Colonel Dorrance, who fell at Wyoming, while two other ancestors served on the American side during the Revolutionary war, one as a staff officer under Washington.

Judge James Ryon and his brother, Hon. John W. Ryon, had their offices together, although not partners. Both were noted land lawyers, and when together were frequently engaged in important ejectment suits, both in the courts of Pennsylvania and in those of the United States. Just as frequently they were on opposite sides of a litigation, when the fight was equally interesting. Both were considered very able trial lawyers in any branch of the law. Judge Ryon died in 1900 from the result of an accident, while John W. Ryon died in 1901.

George W. Ryon was born at Columbia, Lancaster county, on March 24, 1862. He was educated in the Pottsville high school, and was graduated at Lafayette College in 1884, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts, and three years later that of master of arts. He was admitted to the bar of Schuylkill county in March, 1887, and has practiced law ever since. He early identified himself with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, having enlisted in 1887 as a private in H Company, 8th Regiment, and by various promotions he became lieutenant colonel and assistant commissary general on the staff of the commander-in-chief, Gov. Robert E. Pattison. Colonel Ryon retired from the service at the expiration of his term. He was married, Oct. 9, 1888, to Mary Bruner, a daughter of Dr. William and Jane (Woodworth) Bruner, of San Francisco. Four children have been born to this union, the eldest being James Bruner, born July 23, 1889, married to Emily Peck, of Lock Haven; he is now a forester of the state, being a graduate of Mt. Alto Forest Academy. George Wolf, born June 18, 1892, a graduate of the agricultural course of Pennsylvania State College, is now engaged in that business; he married Annette Umbenhen, a daughter of Rev. J. H. Umbenhen, of Pottsville. Walter Greenland was born July 5, 1894, and John Woodworth, born Sept. 20, 1901. Mr. Ryon is a Democrat in politics and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, being a member of the board of trustees.

JOHN PERCY RYON, also a son of Hon. James Ryon, was born at Pottsville, Sept. 25, 1866. He attended both Lafayette College and Lehigh University and was for several years connected with the engineer corps of the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroads. He later resigned, entering the brick manufacturing business, having constructed the Auburn Vitrified Brick plant, now a corporation, and later the Schuylkill Pressed Brick Company, both of which are in a flourishing condition. He has been active in street paving contracts in the East, and is a dealer in building materials of all kinds. In 1892 he was married to Blanche C. Silkman, of Scranton, and

to this union were born two children: John Leslie, born Aug. 4, 1894, has been educated at Lawrenceville Academy and Lafayette College, where he is now a student, and is active in athletics; Helen was born in 1908. Mr. Ryon is identified with several clubs of town, including the Pottsville club.

FREDERICK PORTZ, JR., belongs to a substantial German family of Pottsville, which has several members among the prosperous business men of the city. He started out on his own account as successor to C. F. Seltzer, carrying on the old established harness business at No. 117 East Norwegian street. Mr. Portz was born at Pottsville Oct. 24, 1874, son of Frederick Portz, Sr. His grandparents lived and died in Bavaria, Germany, the grandmother passing away in 1878, the grandfather in 1905.

Frederick Portz, Sr., was born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 13, 1841, and there grew to manhood. He served in the 13th Infantry, in the war between Prussia and the South German States. Mr. Portz came to America in 1867, landing at New York City March 12th, after a voyage of nineteen days. For fourteen years he was employed at Yuengling's Brewery, Pottsville, Pa., in the position of foreman of the fermenting department, and in 1881 he engaged as a liquor dealer on his own account, at No. 122 North Centre street, where he has since been doing business. He has been a well known worker in the Democratic party for many years, and in 1892 was elected a member of the board of county poor directors of Schuylkill county, to fill a vacancy for one year. In 1903 he was reelected for a full term of three years, and in the fall of 1906 was a candidate, this time on the "Lincoln Party" ticket, suffering its general defeat in the county. He is a member of Humane Fire Company, and fraternally belongs to Hayden Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran Church. On May 19, 1872, Mr. Portz married at Pottsville Lucinda Klare, who was born in Pottsville in 1851, and seven children have been born to this marriage: Catherine E. married Howard Manwiller and second Gustaf Zierle; Frederick is mentioned below; Emma L. married Fred Bernett, a merchant of Pottsville; George A. married Martha Schwartz; Harry K. married Hester Jones; Edward and Valentine died within the same week.

Henry Klare, father of Mrs. Frederick Portz, Sr., was born March 7, 1811, in Hanover, Germany, and learned the tailor's trade in his early life. Coming to America on a sailing vessel in 1849, he spent thirty-six days on the water, landed at Philadelphia, and after one day's stay in that city came to Pottsville, where he became employed at his trade. He continued to follow it throughout his active life, and died April 2, 1899, aged eighty-eight years. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. His wife, Catherine (Luther), like himself a native of Germany, accompanied him to America, and she died at the age of sixty-five years. They had a large family, namely: Catherine married Thomas Miller; Christian W. is a resident of Pottsville; Matilda married Fred Eberle, of Pottsville; Lucinda married Frederick Portz, Sr.; Henry A. is a resident of Pottsville; William is deceased; Charles lives at Pottsville; Mary is the wife of August Appelstadt, and resides at Pottsville; George A. is deceased; Lewis is a resident of Philadelphia. Henry Klare's father served under Napoleon I, was in the disastrous campaign of Moscow, and never returned home.

Frederick Portz, Jr., attended public school at Pottsville, and when a youth of sixteen became errand boy for the firm of Bright & Company, hardware dealers, in their Pottsville store. As he grew familiar with the business he

was made clerk and he was employed by the same company for the long period of twenty-three years, during his last seven years with them having charge of the store. He withdrew from this connection when ready to enter business, on his own account on April 13, 1914, purchasing the stand of Charles F. Seltzer, who had the oldest business of its kind in the city of Pottsville. The stock is large and complete, including light and heavy harness, foreign and domestic saddlery, equipment of all kinds in fact, for horses, stables, carriages, and a repair shop is also maintained. Mr. Portz also deals in trunks and bags, and has introduced a line of sporting goods, carrying a stock which is up to date in every particular and adequate for every demand of the local trade. He has made a promising start in the venture.

Mr. Portz has a wide acquaintance in Schuylkill county and is well known in fraternal bodies, being a member of Pottsville Lodge of Elks (No. 207), the Independent Americans and Royal Arcanum, as well as of the Humane Fire Company. Politically he is a Democrat, in religious connection a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He married Clara Krebs, and they have three children: Frances Krebs, Marion Louise and Clara Jane.

**THOMAS FAMILY.** HENRY THOMAS, son of Thomas Thomas, of Newport, Monmouthshire, South Wales, was born in August, 1822. In 1852 his father emigrated to Australia, while the son came to America, locating in Minersville, Pa., where he followed the occupation of mining. On June 12, 1855, he married Mary Lewis, of Minersville, Pennsylvania.

Mary Lewis was born on a farm (the family homestead for many generations) known as Pen-y-fan, near Abberbeeg, Monmouthshire, South Wales, on July 3, 1833. Her father, Lewis Lewis, died when she was three years old. She continued to live at the farm with her mother, Cecilia (Madoc) Lewis, and her several brothers and sisters until she was thirteen years old. In 1846 Mary Lewis, with her mother and eldest brother, David Lewis, emigrated to America, landing at New York City in April. They came to Pottsville May 1, 1846, and subsequently settled in Minersville, afterwards moving to Tamaqua. Upon the death of her mother and brother David in 1852 she returned to Minersville, where she met Henry Thomas, and married him in 1855.

On May 3, 1864, Henry Thomas moved to Mahanoy City, when it was yet a wilderness, taking up his residence on the site of the present Thomas home on East Centre street, where two of his sons still live.

In 1871 Mr. Thomas met with an accident at the mines operated by C. B. Knevals & Co., known as the Primrose colliery. The accident was so serious that for several months his life was despaired of. Recovering from the injury and unable to work at the mines, he embarked in the tea and coffee business, and later opened a store, selling dry goods, notions and groceries. In 1875 he again engaged in mining, with his son David, at Shoemaker's colliery, operated by Fisher, Hazard & Co. Owing to poor ventilation of the mines (prevalent in those days) he contracted miner's asthma, which was the cause of his death, Feb. 15, 1885. His health being impaired by work at the mines, he embarked again in business in 1878 and so continued until 1885. He was a member of the Welsh Congregational Church and also a member of the Ivorites—a Welsh organization—for a number of years. Politically he was a Republican in national politics, but in local politics he was independent, voting for the man rather than the party. He was assessor of the Fifth ward of Mahanoy City for several years prior to his death. His wife, Mary (Lewis) Thomas, survived him twenty-eight years, dying Feb. 1, 1913.



*Thos. L. Thomas*





Nine children were born to Henry and Mary (Lewis) Thomas, four of whom grew to maturity, as follows: David Madoc Thomas (married Rebecca Williams, of Providence, Pa.), Charles Thomas (1858-1886), Thomas Lewis Thomas (married Augusta A. Dillman, of Mahanoy City, Pa.), Johnathan (July 13, 1863-November, 1864) and Cecilia (July 13, 1863-July, 1864), John Thomas, infant daughter (March 11-March 14, 1869), Melanchthon (Oct. 5, 1872-August, 1873), infant son (born and died same day, October, 1874).

DAVID M. THOMAS, the eldest son of Henry and Mary (Lewis) Thomas, was born in Minersville April 1, 1856. He came to Mahanoy City in May, 1864, and attended the public schools of that town. For a number of years he followed the occupation of mining, after which he embarked in the book business in Mahanoy City and Scranton, Pa. From 1901 until 1908 he was employed by the International Correspondence School at Brooklyn, N. Y. At present he is employed at the wholesale grocery store in Mahanoy City. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A., of Mahanoy City, and the Citizens' Band. David M. Thomas married Rebecca Williams, of Providence, Pa., and they have had five children: Lewis Orton Thomas, a resident of Philadelphia; Mabel, wife of George G. Lewis, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Charles Allen Thomas, of Mahanoy City; Ronald Thomas (Nov. 19, 1893-Feb. 15, 1894); Mary M. Thomas, nurse in the Bellevue Hospital, New York City. David M. Thomas has had three grandchildren, Mary Theresa Lewis, Dorothy Lewis and Charles Joseph Lewis (March 28, 1915-April 10, 1915).

*Charles A. Thomas*, the third child of David M. and Rebecca (Williams) Thomas, was born in Mahanoy City June 17, 1890. He attended the public schools of Scranton, Brooklyn and Mahanoy City, entered the Mercersburg Academy, at Mercersburg, Pa., in 1906, and graduated in 1910. Since then he has been employed as bookkeeper at the wholesale grocery store owned by T. L. Thomas.

CHARLES THOMAS, the second son of Henry and Mary (Lewis) Thomas, was born at Minersville, Oct. 8, 1858. He came with his parents to Mahanoy City at the age of five years, and was educated in the public schools of that borough, after which he worked for a time at the mines. He learned the trade of painter and paper-hanger. Fraternally he was a member of General Grant Lodge, I. O. O. F., Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A., and the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. Becoming ill with typhoid fever, he died Nov. 16, 1886.

THOMAS L. THOMAS, the third son of Henry and Mary (Lewis) Thomas, was born in the Delaware (now Duncott), near Minersville, May 11, 1861. At the age of three years he accompanied his parents to Mahanoy City, where he has since resided. He was educated in the public schools. From 1871 until 1876 he worked around the collieries; the only education he received at that time was obtained by attending the night schools for working boys. In 1877 he entered the high school, graduating in the class of 1880. In the fall of 1881 he entered the Eastman Business College, graduating in January, 1882. From March to September, 1882, Mr. Thomas was employed by John M. Taylor & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, of Philadelphia. In September, 1882, he returned to Mahanoy City to enter the employ of David E. Focht as bookkeeper. On Nov. 1, 1890, David E. Focht was succeeded by Daniel Stull & Co., the new firm being composed of Daniel Stull and D. L. Van Horn, and Mr. Thomas remained with the firm in the same position that he filled with Mr. Focht. On Feb. 1, 1900, at the death of Mr. Stull, a co-partnership was

formed, the interested principals being Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Thomas, who took over the entire business of Daniel Stull & Co., the firm name being changed to Van Horn & Thomas. On Jan. 1, 1911, Mr. Van Horn retired from the firm and Thomas L. Thomas became sole proprietor. He transacts a general wholesale grocery business, supplying the retail trade throughout a large area of surrounding territory, as well as in Mahanoy City.

Fraternally Thomas L. Thomas belongs to Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A., General Grant Lodge, No. 575, I. O. O. F., Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M., Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., Rajah Temple of Reading, and the A. A. S. R. of Philadelphia. He is also a member of the board of education of Mahanoy City. Politically Mr. Thomas is a Republican, leaning towards Progressive principles.

On Feb. 21, 1901, Thomas L. Thomas was united in marriage to Augusta A. Dillman, daughter of the late Daniel D. Dillman, a prominent lawyer of Schuylkill county, and his wife Isabel C. (Bowman) Dillman. Four children have been born to them: A daughter (born and died Nov. 24, 1901), Muriel Isabel Thomas, Harold Lewis Thomas (born Dec. 18, 1905-died Dec. 28, 1905), Vivian Mary Thomas. Both little girls are regular attendants at the public schools.

JOHN THOMAS, the sixth child of Henry and Mary (Lewis) Thomas, was born at Mahanoy City March 11, 1866. He received his education in the public schools of that town and has since been employed in his father's store, in Williams' store at Gilberton, and as driver for the wholesale grocery store. Fraternaly he is a member of Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A.

BOWMAN. The history of the Bowman family in America extends back for nearly two centuries and covers at least seven generations. Tradition regarded as strictly historical would add a period of several generations more in the Fatherland. The family name was originally spelled "Bauman," meaning builder or architect, a spelling still preserved by the German cousins across the sea and by one branch of the family in America.

The crest on the family coat of arms, in which an uprooted tree is borne over the right shoulder, would seem to indicate some significant relation to the family name. A German tradition relates that the early ancestors were German Swiss who emigrated to Alsace (a province ceded in 1870 to Germany, to which it anciently belonged), and that they finally settled in Prussia, first at Weisbaden on the Rhine, and subsequently at Ems, on the Lahn. The character and position in society of German Baumans have been ascertained from the trans-atlantic relatives, who represent that they were gentlemen of very considerable eminence; that they were men of wealth; that they built up villages and founded schools; that they had many men in their employ to whom on occasion they issued letters which served as passports from province to province. In short, they appear to have exercised some of the rights and prerogatives which once belonged to the old feudal nobility, and, in fact, the family coat of arms is said (by heraldic authority) to denote the grade of earl. They owned a silver mine named Melbach, about fourteen miles south of Weilburg.

There appear to be several branches of the family in this country, although the relationship is hard to trace. It is an interesting fact that from this original stock there have sprung in one generation four bishops in the church, in three different denominations, namely: the late Rev. Bishop Samuel Bowman, of the

Protestant Episcopal Church, resident of Lancaster, Pa.; the late Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman, D.D., LL.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, resident at Newark, N. J.; the late Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman, of the Evangelical Church, at Lebanon; and the Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman, of the Evangelical Church, at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

From 1727 to 1775 immigrants poured into the American colonies, due no doubt to the wars raging in Germany. The continual drafting of soldiers, and the desolation caused by the armies tramping down wheat and corn fields, and pillaging, caused the justice-loving tillers of the soil to turn their longing eyes to the English colonies on this side the Atlantic.

Hans Dieterich Bauman sailed to America in the ship "Adventurer" Oct. 2, 1727. His son, Capt. Henry Bauman, served in the war for American independence, and his grandson, Maj. Hans Dieter Bauman, served in the war of 1812.

PETER BOWMAN, the principal subject of this sketch, was the son of Maj. Hans Dieter Bauman and Margarethe (Newhard) Bauman. The Newhardt or Neihardt family had its origin in the village of Neihardt, in Odenwald, Germany. In 1140 Conrad Neihardt was an armorer, becoming so proficient in the art that Emperor Frederick Barbarossa elevated him to the dignity of a patrician and gave him a coat of arms. He settled in the province of Zweibruecken and was elected to the Senate. His descendants served in the Thirty Years' war. In 1737 Michael Newhardt came to America, settling on the frontier of Bucks county, Pa. His granddaughter, Margarethe Newhard, united her fortunes with the Bauman family in 1796.

Peter Bowman's paternal grandmother was Catherine Dreisbach, whose grandfather, Simon Dreisbach, came to America in 1743 in the ship "Lydia," from Oberendorf, in Wittgenstein, along the Danube river, in Bavaria. Simon Dreisbach was very prominent in Colonial history in Pennsylvania.

Peter Bowman was the eighth child of Maj. Hans Dieter Bauman. He and his twin brother, Henry, were born July 10, 1814, in the old stone mansion built by his father in 1813 at Bowmanstown, Pa. (the mansion is still standing). These twin boys were named for their grandfathers, Capt. Henry Bauman and Peter Newhard, the latter also an ardent patriot and a soldier of the Revolution. For three months every winter they attended the school which was provided by their father for the children of the district where he lived. The Yankee schoolmasters confused the German spelling "Bauman," and spelled the name Bowman ever after. Peter Bowman became a builder of railroads, collieries, street railroads and mine slopes, and later a prospector, owning extensive coal operations in Schuylkill county. He sank the second mine slope that was sunk in Schuylkill county, at Tamaqua, in 1848, known as the "Dunkirk Slope," operated by the Little Schuylkill Coal & Navigation Company. It was at this time, when engaged in the coal business at Tamaqua, that Mr. Bowman was closed in the mines for several days and his life was despaired of, but fortunately he was rescued in three days. In 1849 he was engaged in coal mining at Tuscarora and in 1858 he removed to Pottsville, having many collieries in that vicinity. In 1862 Peter Bowman came to Mahanoy City, when it was yet a wilderness, building the Bowman's colliery there and operating it for some years. He was also engaged in the mercantile business at Tamaqua in 1849, and at Mahanoy City in the early sixties.

Peter Bowman was the first treasurer of Carbon County, represented the legislative district of Carbon and Lehigh in the State Legislature in 1847, and

was reelected in 1848. He served as tax collector of Mahanoy City in 1892, when he was seventy-eight years old—a vote of confidence for an old respected pioneer citizen of the town. Fraternally he was a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 238, of Tamaqua. He died at Mahanoy City Dec. 4, 1901, aged eighty-seven years, four months, twenty-four days, and is buried in the family plot in the German Protestant Cemetery at Mahanoy City.

Mr. Bowman's first wife, Polly Romig or Romich, born Oct. 3, 1820, was the daughter of Conrad Romich, of Hanover township, Luzerne Co., Pa. Her parents were of the Moravian faith, their ancestors coming to the Province of Pennsylvania in the ship "Dragon" in 1732, from Ittlingen, Germany. She was a good wife and mother, remarkable for her intelligence and ambitious for the success of her children. She died in the prime of life, May 6, 1866.

"And to her in holier welcome was the mystical meaning given  
Of the words of the Master, 'Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'"

In February, 1869, Peter Bowman married Margaret Carl, who was a good and faithful wife. She survived him nine months, dying Sept. 11, 1902, and is buried in the German Protestant Cemetery at Mahanoy City. Peter Bowman was a Lutheran in faith.

Peter Bowman and his wife Polly (Romig) had eight children, five of whom grew to maturity. They were: Awilda (died in 1841, aged one year), Isabel C., Milton M., Mark D., Robert J., Mary F., Monroe J. (died in 1846, when six weeks old), and Lyman (died in 1847, when three weeks old).

ISABEL C. BOWMAN married Daniel D. Dillman, a prominent lawyer of Schuylkill county. She was a school teacher, and is a musician and artist of some ability, one of her oil paintings having been on exhibition at the New Orleans Exposition in 1885. She is a Chautauqua graduate of the class of 1900 and a member of the Daughters of the Revolution at Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Dillman have had three children: D. Walter Dillman, of Altoona, Pa.; Robert J. Dillman, who died in 1876; and Augusta A. (Mrs. T. L. Thomas, of Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania).

*D. Walter Dillman* was educated in the Mahanoy City schools, having graduated from the high school in the class of 1887. He is a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 357, of Mahanoy City. He is located at Altoona, Pa., as a civil and mining engineer, is municipal engineer for the towns of Lilly, Cresson, Mount Union and Gallitzin, towns in the vicinity of Altoona, and is now constructing the hydraulic waterworks at Gallitzin. He was formerly with the Lehigh Valley engineer corps, located at Sayre, Buffalo, Rochester and Mauch Chunk; also with the Harbison-Walker Company, of Lock Haven.

*Augusta A. Dillman* is married to Thomas L. Thomas, a wholesale grocer of Mahanoy City. She was born at Pottsville, but when three months old came with her mother to Mahanoy City, where she was graduated from the high school in the class of 1891. After teaching a year in her native town she went to the West Chester State Normal School for one year, graduating with honors in 1893. She then taught school for eight years in the grammar grades of her native town. She is a Chautauqua graduate of the class of 1898, a member of Liberty Bell Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, of Philadelphia, and the first treasurer of the Suffragist Club at Mahanoy City. Mrs. Thomas has traveled quite extensively through the United States (having been in twenty-seven States) and Canada. Being very fond of children, she organized a sewing class for little girls in 1910, which is still in existence, the children making great progress with their needlework. She has two interesting little

girls, Muriel Isabel and Vivian Mary Thomas. The family are Episcopalians.

MILTON M. BOWMAN (born 1843-died 1903) was an active, enterprising citizen, engaged with his father (Peter Bowman) in extensive coal operations, at one time mayor of Mahanoy City, and later employed at the Duquesne Steel Works, at Duquesne, Pa., and the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, Braddock, Pa. He married Emma Hoffman (died 1887), daughter of Rev. Francis Hoffman, of Reading. Their one child, E. Lynn Bowman, of Cleveland, Ohio, is railroad editor of the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*. He was news editor of the Lorain *Times-Herald* from 1910 to 1915. E. Lynn Bowman married Julia King, of Lorain, Ohio, and they have three children, Paul, Virginia and Priscilla. Milton M. Bowman is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery at Lorain, Ohio. E. Lynn Bowman and his family are affiliated with the Congregational Church.

MARK D. BOWMAN (born 1844-died 1902) was superintendent of several coal operations, namely, Shoemaker's colliery at Mahanoy City, and Sandy Run colliery near Upper Lehigh; had charge of the construction of several collieries, and was borough engineer of Mahanoy City and Shenandoah for a number of years. He is buried in the German Protestant Cemetery at Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT J. BOWMAN (born 1849-died 1912) was associated with his brother Mark D. Bowman in the engineering business, and was mayor of Mahanoy City for a term. He is buried in the German Protestant Cemetery at Mahanoy City.

MARY F. BOWMAN married George F. Silliman and resides at Altoona. Her son Walter A. Silliman is a civil and mining engineer, and her daughter Margaret, and one granddaughter, Dorothea Silliman, constitute the family. They are Episcopalians.

DAVID BOWMAN was the sixth child of Hans Dieter Bauman and Margarethe (Newhard) Bauman. He was born May 18, 1808, in Towamensing Township, Northampton (now Carbon) Co., Pa., and early attended the district schools provided by his father for the children of the district. He married Susan Lentz, daughter of John Lentz, of Mauch Chunk. He was engaged in hotelkeeping and the mercantile business at Parryville, Pa., and was also interested in the foundry at that place. In 1863 David Bowman came to Mahanoy City and entered the coal business with his brothers Jonas and Peter Bowman. Later he and his sons Oliver and John operated the Bowman's colliery. He was also engaged in the mercantile business at Mahanoy City at one time. David Bowman had seven children: Oliver Otis Bowman, Harriet (wife of James Jarard, of Mauch Chunk), John L. Bowman, Mary J. (wife of Dr. Phaon Hermany), Alexander Bowman, David A. Bowman, and Sallie (wife of Harry A. Swalm). David Bowman died Dec. 17, 1895; his wife Susan (Lentz) Bowman died April 27, 1898, and they are buried at Lehighon. They were Lutheran in religious faith.

OLIVER O. BOWMAN is engaged in the pottery business and the manufacture of porcelain ware at Trenton, N. J. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and a prominent citizen. He has two sons, William and Robert, and six grandchildren, Oliver Otis Bowman, Jr., Robert Bowman, Elizabeth, Helen, Ethel and Eleanor.

HARRIET BOWMAN, born Oct. 10, 1840, married James Jarard, and was proprietor of the "American House" at Mauch Chunk for many years. She

died May 8, 1905. Her only child, Oliver O. Jarard, married Mary Brown and has one son, D. Bowman Jarard (born Aug. 20, 1888).

JOHN L. BOWMAN was engaged in the photography business until 1872 at Mahanoy City. Then he was with his father in the coal business in different sections of Schuylkill county, finally locating at Aspen, Colo. He married Julia May, of Mahanoy City, who died in 1882. His children are: Hattie Bowman, of Philadelphia; Charles and John Bowman, of Aspen, Colorado.

MARY J. BOWMAN married Dr. Phaon Hermany, a prominent physician of Mahanoy City, and has had four children: Dr. Horace D. Hermany, Robert K. Hermany (died in 1872), Susan L. B. Hermany (Mrs. William Dyatt) and Sallie B. K. Hermany. Dr. Horace D. Hermany is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College. He is a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 357, of Mahanoy City, and Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, and is affiliated with the Methodist Church. He married Mary D. Mathias, the first president of the Suffragist Club of Mahanoy City. Susan Hermany married William Dyatt and has had two children, P. Hermany Dyatt and Margaret Dyatt (died in 1912).

ALEXANDER BOWMAN has been married thrice, first to Lizzie Barlow, daughter of William Barlow, of Mahanoy City, who died in 1876. His second wife was Mary Radenbush, who died in 1890, the third Lizzie Marshall. He has had three children: Lizzie Barlow Bowman (died in 1879), Sophia Bowman and Alexander Bowman (died in 1884).

DAVID A. BOWMAN was at one time a photographer at Mahanoy City, but is now engaged in the manufacturing business at Philadelphia. He married Isabel Henderson, of Port Carbon (died in 1904), and has three children, Pansy and twin boys, D. Jarard Bowman and W. Henderson Bowman.

SALLIE BOWMAN married Harry A. Swalm and resided for some years at Shenandoah and later in Philadelphia. At present they live in Mahanoy City. She has had two children: Estella (died in 1907) and Phaon H. Swalm, the latter a resident of Trenton, N. J. He married Muriel Townsend, of that city, on March 11, 1914.

JONAS BOWMAN, the fifth child of Maj. Hans Dieter Bauman and Margarethe (Newhard) Bauman, was born in 1805. He was engaged in the coal business with his brothers Peter and David Bowman at Mahanoy City for some years, and then went into the millinery business. He died in 1876. On Nov. 4, 1844, he married Catherine Koons, and they had thirteen children: Ellen Bowman, a gifted musician (1846-1873); Lewis Wilson Bowman (1847-1848); Sallie Bowman (1849-1879); Alice Bowman (1851-1898), who married James Roscholar; Emma Bowman, who married John Botz, of Wilkes-Barre; Lizzie Bowman (1855-1874), who married Thomas Jackson; Jennie Bowman, who married Hiram Blodgett, of Delano; John Bowman; Frank and Jonas Bowman, twins (born in 1861, in which year Jonas died); Howard Bowman; and twin daughters, Lillie (1867-1873) and Laura Bowman (who married Dr. E. J. Stoudt, of Philadelphia).

The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Jonas Bowman are: Garrett Bowman (1871-1892); Bessie Botz (1884-1886) and Maude Botz (married to Walter Jones, of Philadelphia, and has one child), daughters of Emma Bowman Botz; Lillie M. Blodgett (married Dr. John H. Bowman, of Berwick, and has three children, Catherine, Dorothy and Jack Bowman), daughter of Jennie Bowman Blodgett; Katherine Bowman, daughter of Frank Bowman, of

Quakake; Lillie Bowman, daughter of John H. Bowman and living in Philadelphia; and Hilliary Bowman, daughter of Howard E. Bowman, of New Haven, Connecticut.

WALTER F. MECK has various important connections in Schuylkill Haven, where he began business the year of his arrival as a manufacturer, the line in which he is probably best known. He has followed up the advantages at hand so ably for the widening of his interests and the building up of the industry which has received most of his attention, that he is given standing among the men who are looked to to maintain the activities of the borough which are of such vital importance to a large proportion of its residents.

The Mecks are of German origin. Jacob Meck, the great-great-grandfather, was a farmer in Oley township, Berks county, and Dewald Meck, the great-grandfather, was a farmer in Longswamp township, that county. The latter entered the United States service during the war of 1812, and gave up his life during that conflict.

Benjamin Meck was born July 28, 1804, in Longswamp township, Berks county. When he was eight years old he lost his father in the war of 1812, and from that time was hired out among strangers until he was grown to manhood. In 1825 he was married to Elizabeth Ruth (daughter of Jacob Ruth), who was born Feb. 6, 1808, in Spring township, Berks county. This couple resided in Spring and Lower Heidelberg townships until 1843, during which time he followed the trade of shoemaker, but having a longing for the fields he bought a farm of 175 acres in Bethel township, where he resided until his death, Jan. 19, 1889. His wife Elizabeth preceded him to the grave, dying June 15, 1885. He left an estate of \$36,000 to his heirs. To Mr. and Mrs. Meck were born fourteen children, eleven of whom survived childhood: Richard and Reuben, the eldest two, died when quite young; Charles, born June 16, 1831, followed the store business for thirty years in Schuylkill Haven, and then engaged in the lumber business until his death, in the fall of 1901; Catharine married Jonathan Himmelberger, a miller and farmer of Hanover, and died in 1893; Daniel followed farming on the homestead until his death, in 1874; Rebecca married Edward Haas, a school teacher and farmer, who died Feb. 21, 1900, and she now resides at Hamlin, Pa.; Elizabeth married Joel Strauss, a farmer, and died in 1874; Sophia passed away in childhood; Mary married William Werner, a farmer, and died in 1873; Benjamin engaged first in farming, later went into the store business at Mount Joy, and then removed to Muncy, Lycoming county, where he resided for thirty years, in 1904 buying the old homestead, where he died in 1907; Jonathan met his death accidentally, being struck on the head by a piece of flying stone at the Miller stone quarry at Annville, in 1902; Franklin clerked in stores at Lebanon and Schuylkill Haven until reaching his majority, when failing health caused him to go to Colorado, and there he died April 30, 1872; James, who was in the insurance business at Harrisburg, died Aug. 30, 1910; Jacob R. was born May 4, 1859, in Bethel township.

Jacob R. Meck received his early education in a country school and during 1875-76 attended Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa. His help being needed at home, he was called from school and assisted his father on the farm until 1879, when he took up the store business for his life work, and has followed that line ever since, at the same place. In the fall of 1879, D. M. Key appointed Mr. Meck postmaster at Meckville, which was named in his honor, and in

1884 he began the manufacture of cigars, which he continued until 1907, when other matters demanded so much of his time that he was obliged to abandon it. In the spring of 1891, seeing that his store room was entirely too small to enable him to render efficient service to his patrons, he built a three-story mansard building, 50 by 50 feet, on the opposite side of the street, which he occupied in the fall of that year. In the summer of 1902 he built a creamery and shirt factory, and in 1905 he bought the establishment of the Eagle Canning Company, at Fredericksburg, where he established a creamery and feed store in 1906. Mr. Meck is a very busy man and has been ever since his start in 1879, his business increasing every year, through his own efforts. Though he has been well occupied, Mr. Meck has found time to attend the exhibitions of his government and of other countries. In 1876 he visited the Centennial at Philadelphia, in 1893 attended the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1901 the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, and in 1907 the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. In politics Mr. Meck is a Democrat, and since his twenty-first year has been a staunch supporter of his party. In religious belief he adheres to the Reformed faith, and has been a member of St. Paul's Church, Hamlin, since his thirteenth year, being secretary of the church since 1880. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp No. 214, P. O. S. of A., which he joined Feb. 11, 1887.

On Oct. 27, 1877, Mr. Meck was married to Hettie Esther Becker, daughter of Samuel Becker, and to this union there were born seven children: (1) Walter F. is mentioned below. (2) Cora, born in 1880, learned dress-making at Lebanon. She is married to Calvin A. Kline, who since 1899 has clerked in his father-in-law's store. (3) Gertrude, born in 1882, married Galam Peiffer, and lives at home. (4) Howard, born in 1883, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in the class of 1902, taught school for three years, graduated with honors from the bookkeeping department of the Eastman business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1906, and from the dairy department of the State college in 1907, and now manages his father's creamery. In the spring of 1906 he married Annie Bensing. (5) Mary, born in 1885, married Harry Boltz, who is engaged in the bakery business at Lebanon. (6) Allan S., born in 1886, graduated in 1902 from public school with first honors, in 1905 from the Keystone State Normal School with honors, and in the fall of that year entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1908 with honors. During the summer of 1908 he was a student in the divinity department of Chicago University, was graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary in May, 1911, and is now pastor of Bethany Reformed Church, Ephrata, Pa. (7) Mabel, born in 1891, is assisting her parents at home and at the same time taking a course in music.

Walter F. Meck was born April 15, 1878, at Meckville, Berks county, and after attending the local public school and public schools at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., was a student at the Millersville State Normal School, in 1895-96. From that time until his removal to Schuylkill Haven, in 1900, he assisted his father in the store. That year, in company with D. D. Coldren and Milton Meck, he engaged in the manufacture of underwear as a member of the firm of Meck & Coldren, being thus associated until 1902. In that year he admitted Harry A. Reber, who purchased Mr. Coldren's interest, and the firm has since been operated under the name of Meck & Company, Milton Meck retaining an interest therein until 1911, when his share was bought by Messrs. Meck and



Reber, who have continued to carry on the factory to the present time. They do a large business in the manufacture of knit underwear, their plant, which is 48 by 90 feet in dimensions, being modern in arrangement and equipment, fifty people being regularly employed. Mr. Meck has become interested in other local enterprises, was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, and a member of its original board of directors, and is also a director of the Textile Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Schuylkill Haven. He is a young man of conspicuous ability.

On Nov. 11, 1903, Mr. Meck married Urie Klahr, daughter of Jacob and Amelia (Zurbe) Klahr, of Schuylkill Haven, and they are the parents of three children: Charles Jacob, Mildred E. and Dorothy Amelia. Mr. Meck is a prominent member of the Reformed Church, in which he holds the office of deacon at present, and is also a teacher in the Sunday school.

PANCOAST T. HOY, president and treasurer of P. T. Hoy & Sons Company, leading general merchants of Schuylkill Haven, is a typical member of a substantial family which has been settled in Schuylkill county from the early days. Irwin Hoy, his great-grandfather, was a pioneer resident of Orwigsburg, where he died in about the year 1840. He was a native of Berks county, but spent most of his life in Schuylkill county, obtaining a large tract of land in the vicinity of Orwigsburg, comprising several hundred acres, and with his sons another tract, of about 1,600 acres, where the city of Shenandoah is now located.

Henry Hoy, grandfather of Pancoast T. Hoy, was born Feb. 10, 1798, at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, and passed all his life at that place and in North Manheim township. He died at Orwigsburg April 14, 1859, and is buried there. By occupation he was a farmer, inheriting a tract of land from his father. He took some interest in the administration of public affairs, serving as poor director. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Evangelical Church, to which he belonged for many years. Henry Hoy was married five times, his first and second wives being sisters named Leymeister. His third wife was Elizabeth Wilttrout, his fourth Elizabeth Dubbs, his fifth a Karchner. There was one child by the first union, and eight by the third, namely: Susanna married Charles Rickert; Kate married John Swalm; Elizabeth married M. D. Kline; Mary married Henry Drine; Sarah married George Body; Reuben married Elizabeth Hammer; Thomas is mentioned below; Harry married Elizabeth Albright.

Thomas Hoy, son of Henry, was born Feb. 5, 1833, in North Manheim township. He received his education at Orwigsburg, attending the common schools, and later for three months the Arcadian school, and was brought up to farming, in which industry he had interests all his life. A man of energetic disposition and executive ability, he was not afraid to undertake any ordinary business enterprise, and his capability was prominent in the success of everything he handled. He owned the Fairview farm at Orwigsburg, which consisted of about 117 acres, and was one of the finest improved farm properties in this part of Schuylkill county, and in addition to general farming he carried on stock raising, dairying and butchering there for a time. He had the distinction of starting the first industrial enterprise at Orwigsburg, he and his partner establishing the first shoe factory there in 1873, conducted under the name of the Orwigsburg Shoe Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hoy and his associate traveled over the East and visited a number of shoe factories in order to gain

some knowledge of the business before starting up their own plant. The first move they made was to lease the old courthouse building at Orwigsburg for ninety-nine years, at one dollar a year. The concern was organized as a stock company, although this was against Mr. Hoy's wishes. He became general superintendent and treasurer, and it had a prosperous career under his able management. Eventually he sold his stock in this concern, and he was subsequently engaged in the butchering business and the manufacture of phosphate for some time. He was also one of the moving spirits in securing the water-works for the borough, although the idea met with great opposition at first. However, as the project was seen to be feasible, it met with more favor, and he was commended for his activity. Mr. Hoy acquired large property holdings. He had valuable timber and mineral lands in Lycoming county, Pa., and considerable property in Florida, five hundred acres, which included a valuable fruit farm and lots in various towns of the State; with Martin Sheaffer and David Brown he was the joint owner of real estate in Virginia containing granite quarries, and his real estate at Orwigsburg included the "Central Hotel" property. He organized the South Schuylkill Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was its president for a number of years. Mr. Hoy's versatile ability gained him such confidence among his fellow citizens that he was chosen to the highest office in their gift, that of chief burgess, which he held for two terms. During his incumbency of this position he secured a new charter for the borough, under which a number of desirable ordinances were passed and made effective, and much good was accomplished in the repairing of streets and sidewalks and the placing of street crossings. He had also served as president of the town council, and as member of the school board for a number of years. Politically he was associated with the Republican party, and was one of its most enthusiastic workers in his section. He was an Odd Fellow in social connection, belonging to Grace Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F. Mr. Hoy was indeed one of the most influential citizens of his day of Orwigsburg, and his death, which occurred in 1899, was considered a loss to the entire community. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Orwigsburg.

On Sept. 3, 1854, Mr. Hoy married Sarah Faust, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Fegley) Faust, of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and she survives him, being now (1914) in her eightieth year. She resides at Orwigsburg with her daughter Mrs. Deibert. Sixteen children were born to this union, namely: Rosie married Frank W. Reed; Pancoast T. is mentioned below; George W. is a resident of Waterloo, Iowa; Annie M. married William A. Drayer, of Cleveland, Ohio; Sarah married J. H. Walborn, and is deceased; Thomas F. died at Crystal River, Fla.; Theodore is living at Schuylkill Haven; Elizabeth is the wife of Samuel D. Deibert, a merchant of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Celia married William Marberger and (second) Harry Berger, and is living at Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary married Dr. C. R. Miller, and is living at Harrisburg, Pa.; Albert died in infancy; Katie married Lewis R. Shartle, and is living at Reading, Pa.; Morris is living at Goff, Idaho; Carrie married William Maxworthy, of Allentown, Pa.; Ida died in infancy; Edith died in infancy.

Pancoast T. Hoy was born at Orwigsburg July 27, 1855, and received his education there in the public schools. He was reared on the homestead place, remaining with his parents until 1875, when he became clerk for the late W. D. Kline, who had a general store at Schuylkill Haven. In his employ he

learned the details of the business, and eventually took it over on his own account, buying the Kline heirs out in 1894. His establishment is at No. 2 East Main street, corner of St. John street, and in March, 1913, he purchased the adjoining property on Main street, 33 $\frac{3}{4}$  feet frontage, which will be used to accommodate the expanding business. This store has had a continuous existence of nearly forty years at Schuylkill Haven, and is housed in one of the finest business blocks in lower Schuylkill county, erected by Mr. Hoy in 1894. The company was incorporated in March, 1910, with the following officers: Pancoast T. Hoy, president and treasurer; Lewis H. Hoy, vice president and manager; Rudy F. Hoy, secretary. The store is known for its well selected and complete stock of dry goods, groceries, fancy goods, notions, crockery and chinaware, etc., and the length of time which many of its patrons have been dealing with it shows how thoroughly competent and accommodating the service is. It has gained its place as a leading store of the kind in Schuylkill Haven by honorable methods and sincere efforts to give the utmost satisfaction to all customers. Mr. Hoy is also engaged in selling motor trucks and automobiles under the name of the P. T. Hoy Motor Sales Company. He and his sons are maintaining the highest reputation in business circles, and they are greatly esteemed by their associates in all the relations of life.

Mr. Hoy married L. Cora Huntzinger, daughter of the late Lewis Huntzinger and his wife, Christy (Rudy). They have had four children, namely: Lewis H., now associated with his father as vice president and manager of the business, was educated at the Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa., and is married to Esther Weiss, daughter of the late Prof. George W. Weiss, for many years county superintendent of the schools of Schuylkill county; Rudy F., secretary of the P. T. Hoy & Sons Company, was educated at Gettysburg College; Christine attended Mount Ida College, at Newton, Mass.; Helen is still in school. Mr. Hoy holds membership in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

HARRY K. PORTZ, of Pottsville, has the honor of being one of the first set of officials chosen to administer the affairs of the government in Pottsville, and as city comptroller is doing his share towards putting the business of the municipality upon a sound basis. In private life he is engaged as a civil and mining engineer, following his profession in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in Pottsville. Mr. Portz was born at Pottsville Sept. 22, 1882, and he is of German extraction, his father, Frederick Portz, Sr., having been born in Bavaria, Germany, where the grandparents passed all their lives. The grandmother died in 1878, the grandfather in 1905, when eighty-seven years old. Their son, Valentine, died in Bavaria the same year as his father. Their daughter, Henrietta, continues to live at the old family home.

Frederick Portz, Sr., was born Dec. 13, 1841, in Bavaria, Germany, and there grew to manhood. He served in the Thirteenth Infantry in the war between Prussia and the South German States. Mr. Portz came to America in 1867, landing at New York City March 12th, after a voyage of nineteen days. For fourteen years he was employed at the Yuengling Brewery in Pottsville, Pa., in the position of foreman of the fermenting department, and in 1881 he engaged as a liquor dealer on his own account, at No. 122 North Centre street, where he has since been doing business. He has been a well known worker in the Democratic party for many years, and in 1892 was elected

a member of the board of county poor directors of Schuylkill county, to fill a vacancy of one year. In 1903 he was reelected for a full term of three years, and in the fall of 1906 was a candidate, this time on the "Lincoln party" ticket, and suffered its general defeat in the county. He is a member of Humane Fire Company, and fraternally belongs to Hayden Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran Church. On May 19, 1872, Mr. Portz married at Pottsville Lucinda Klare, who was born in Pottsville in 1851, and seven children have been born to this marriage: Catherine E. married Howard Manwiller and (second) Gustaf Zierle; Frederick is a resident of Pottsville; Emma L. married Fred Bernett, a merchant of Pottsville; George A. married Martha Schwartz; Harry K. is next in the family; Edward and Valentine died within the same week.

Henry Klare, father of Mrs. Frederick Portz, Sr., was born March 7, 1811, in Hanover, Germany, and learned the tailor's trade in his early life. Coming to America on a sailing vessel in 1849, he spent thirty-six days on the water, landing at Philadelphia, and after one day's stay in that city came on to Pottsville, Pa., where he became employed at his trade. He continued to follow it throughout his active life, and died April 2, 1899, aged eighty-eight years. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. His wife, Catherine (Luther), like himself a native of Germany, accompanied him to America, and she died at the age of sixty-five years. They had a large family, namely: Catherine married Thomas Miller; Christian W. is a resident of Pottsville; Matilda married Fred Eberle, of Pottsville; Lucinda married Fred Portz; Henry A. is a resident of Pottsville; William is deceased; Charles lives at Pottsville; Mary is the wife of August Appelstadt, and resides at Pottsville; George A. is deceased; Lewis is a resident of Philadelphia.

Harry K. Portz began his education in the public schools of Pottsville, later attended a business college in the borough, and then filled the position of bookkeeper for the Pottsville Ice Company, for one year. Then for two years he was in the employ of F. G. Clemens, as extra man, in this association gaining his first experience at civil and mining engineering. In 1904 he engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in a similar capacity, and for five years thereafter was detailed principally on outside work, at present in charge of one of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company's collieries. He has applied himself earnestly to his profession and worked up a creditable reputation in that line. When the first city election took place, Nov. 4, 1913, he was the candidate for city comptroller on the Democratic ticket, and won by a majority of 661 votes over his opponent, C. B. Tyson. The election was a significant honor for so young a man and a tribute to the merit by which he has advanced himself so early in his career. Mr. Portz is a member of Lodge No. 207, B. P. O. Elks, and of the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

On Sept. 28, 1910, Mr. Portz married Hester Jones, daughter of William and Margaret Jones, of Ashland, this county, and they have two children: Margaret Lucinda, born March 29, 1913, and John Henry, born Dec. 20, 1914. They reside at No. 602 West Howard avenue. Mr. Portz is a member of the German Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH O'DONNELL, of Forestville, is one of the most progressive business men of Schuylkill county. For about forty years he has been a very successful general merchant, and he is a stockholder in various banks of the county, being particularly well known in that connection. Mr. O'Donnell is of

Irish birth and extraction. His father, Hugh O'Donnell, brought his family to this country from Ireland in the year 1850 and settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he continued to reside for many years. By occupation he was a shoemaker and as a tradesman was well patronized. He died at Mauch Chunk, Pa. To his marriage with Sallie Roaty were born children as follows: Joseph, John, Joachim, Gabriel, James, Mary and Veronica.

Joseph O'Donnell was born Jan. 21, 1842, in Donegal, Ireland, and was a boy when brought to America. His education was obtained in the public schools at Tamaqua, and he began work there as a slate picker at the mines, later running an engine at the High mine, at Tamaqua, for Mr. Leban. Subsequently he was employed at the Greenwood colliery, running a breaker engine for a while, put in a short period of employment at Summer Hill, and then went to Phillipsburg, N. J., where he learned the trade of pipe molder. He was there about three years, on his return to Pennsylvania locating at Coplay, in Lehigh county, where he was employed at the furnaces about one year. His next move was to Janesville, Carbon county, where he ran an engine, and after leaving there he spent some time at Harleigh, in Luzerne county, where he was similarly engaged. After that he ran an engine at Philadelphia until the spring of 1864, on April 4th coming to Forestville, Schuylkill county, and for several months thereafter running engines at the different collieries. In 1865 he spent a short time in the oil region in Venango county, this State, returning, however, to Forestville, and for a number of years thereafter was engineer at the Phoenix colliery No. 2, holding this position until 1874. Following that he was at Allentown and Hazleton, Pa., making only a brief stay at each of these places and returning to Forestville in 1876. During that year he visited the Centennial at Philadelphia, being there at the time General Grant formally closed the exposition. In 1876 Mr. O'Donnell engaged in the general mercantile business at Forestville, which he has carried on ever since. He carries a large stock of queensware and willow ware, besides flour, feed, groceries and provisions, and his store is a convenient trading center for many of the residents of that section of Cass township, being more quickly reached than the establishments in the borough of Minersville. Mr. O'Donnell has always been attentive to the wants of his customers, seeing that they had as good a selection as can be found in the vicinity and being thoroughly honorable about prices and his methods of dealing, facts which have not escaped the notice of his patrons. He laid the foundation of his fortune in his store, and still gives it all necessary attention, although his interests have widened considerably. He has valuable real estate holdings at Pottsville, and is a stockholder in the Merchants' National Bank of that borough. He was one of the organizers and original directors of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, and is still a member of the board of directors of that institution. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven and in the Union National Bank of Minersville.

Mr. O'Donnell is a Catholic in religious faith, and belongs to the church at Minersville, to which he contributes liberally. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Though past threescore and ten years he still maintains an active interest in business and in local affairs. A man of thrifty habits and honorable character, successful through his own efforts and carrying on business according to irreproachable standards, he commands the esteem of all who know him, and they are many in Schuylkill county.

Mr. O'Donnell married Isabella Harkins, like himself a native of Ireland.

She died April 17, 1913, and is buried at Minersville. Of the two children born to this union Mary died when seven years old, and the other died in infancy.

SAMUEL KEITER, late of Pottsville, where his widow still resides, was one of the substantial merchants of that borough in his day. He spent all his life in the same line of business. Mr. Keiter was born Dec. 22, 1847, in the city of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., son of Samuel Keiter and grandson of John Keiter.

John Keiter was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived and died. He married Susan Munshower, and they became the parents of the following children: Amos lived and died at Spring City, Pa., his death occurring when he was ninety-nine years, six months, five days old (he was twice married there); Jacob also lived and died at Spring City, Pa.; Mary married George Deary; Samuel was the father of the late Samuel Keiter, of Pottsville; Elizabeth married John Royer, and died at Limerick, Pa.; John died at Spring City, Pa.; and there was a daughter who lived and died in Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Keiter, son of John, was born near Spring City, Pa., and when a young man moved to Reading, where he passed the rest of his life, dying in that city when about twenty-eight years old. By calling he was a stonemason, and he became a boss on the canal in that capacity, following this work all his life. He married Sarah Griffith, who survived him many years, dying at Reading, Pa., when seventy-six years old, and they are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Four children were born to them: Mary, who died at the age of fifty-two years, was a school teacher in Reading for many years; George, who married Sallie Wasley, died Feb. 28, 1913, at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he was well known as a prosperous miller; Susan married Jacob L. Griffith, and they reside at No. 424 Benjamin street, Reading, Pa. (they have one child living, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel W. Wagner); Samuel completes the family.

Samuel Keiter, Jr., was but twelve years old when he came to Pottsville, and his first employment was as clerk in the store of Mr. Morris for some time during his young manhood. As he acquired familiarity with the business he developed ability which made him a valuable employee, and he was manager for some time for R. C. Boone, at St. Clair, this county, in whose employ he continued twenty-seven years. Returning to Pottsville, he embarked in business in partnership with a Mr. Rishel, under the firm name of Keiter & Rishel, and was so engaged the remainder of his life, dying Feb. 8, 1899; he is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. Throughout his residence here Mr. Keiter maintained an honorable place among the most respected merchants of the town, and he was also highly esteemed for his personal qualities. He was a Mason, belonging to St. Clair Lodge, F. & A. M. Mr. Keiter married Eleanor J. Lindenmuth, daughter of Jacob and Eleanor (Phillips) Lindenmuth, and she resides at No. 1121 West Market street, Pottsville, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Moll. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Mr. and Mrs. Keiter had but one child, Mary L., now the wife of George R. Moll, who is a clerk in the Union Safe Deposit Bank at Pottsville, and also the owner of the People's Meat Market on Centre street, located in the Thompson building. He is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter. The Molls are associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Moll has been especially active in Sabbath school work from her teens, having been a teacher in the Sunday school for the last twenty years. She has been a

leading worker of the W. C. T. U. in her locality, having filled the position of county president for the last five years, and is equally interested and active in other organizations important to the social well-being of the community, being a member of the board of managers of the Pottsville hospital, a member of the Y. M. C. A. auxiliary, and of the Civic Club. Mr. and Mrs. Moll have one son, Francis Keiter, born Nov. 27, 1903.

HARRY ALBERT REBER, of Schuylkill Haven, has already done so much to further the development of that borough that his career gives promise of unlimited usefulness. As a member of the firm of Meck & Company he is associated with one of the most successful manufacturing concerns of the place, and his efforts in the direction of social betterment have already borne good fruit. His broad sympathies and alert intelligence have made him alive to the needs of the community in other channels, and his interest has found expression in the acceptance of numerous responsibilities, in all of which he has acquitted himself most honorably.

George Washington Reber, father of Harry Albert Reber, was born in 1835 in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and died March 23, 1914, in Reading, Berks Co., Pa. During his young manhood he was engaged as a boatbuilder, later farmed for some years in South Manheim township, and eventually settled at Reading, where he lived retired until his death. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company K, 127th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, taking part in the battle of Fredericksburg, and doing his duty faithfully. Though wounded he was able to continue with his regiment to the close of his enlistment period, and received an honorable discharge. He married Anetta Achenbach, who was born in 1836 in Wayne township, this county, and died in February, 1878. Ten children were born to this couple, as follows: Leah, deceased, who was the wife of Albert Seigfried; Rev. John E., a Methodist Episcopal minister, who was located at Port Clinton, Schuylkill county; Elmira Jane, who died when fourteen years old; Catherine, the wife of John M. Brown, of Schuylkill Haven; George; William, Charles and Franklin, all three deceased; Lillie, wife of Thomas Murray; and Harry Albert.

Harry Albert Reber was born Nov. 27, 1874, at Schuylkill Haven, where he received his education in the public schools. He has found his life work at the place of his birth, and plenty of opportunity to work out his own ambitions as well as for the exercise of that spirit of usefulness which the progressive man of this generation holds necessary to a truly successful career. As a boy his first work was in the hosiery mills, where he remained one year, after which he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger, which he followed for a period of eight years. Then for two years he was engaged in railroad work, for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, in 1902 becoming a stockholder in the firm of Meck & Company. Since then practically all of his time has been given to the promotion of their business. He is one of the officials of the company and has been highly efficient in the expansion of its interests, much of the prosperity of the concern being due directly to his executive ability and capable management. His other business interests include connection with the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, of which he was an organizer and original director.

Though his success in business alone would entitle him to rank among the most desirable citizens of Schuylkill Haven, Mr. Reber has won special esteem

for his unselfishness in devoting his best efforts to the improvement of local conditions. His sincerity in this cause has manifested itself in various ways. As an ardent believer in Prohibition principles he has given considerable time to bringing them before the public, and has taken an active part in the work of the party, which he served one term as chairman of the county board of executive officers and four terms as county treasurer; in 1904 he was a presidential elector on the Prohibition ticket of the State, and in 1912 was Prohibition candidate for congressman. He has also been an active worker in the Sons of Temperance, has supported the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a member in good standing of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and Modern Woodmen of America. Religious enterprises have also claimed their share of his attention. He is a leading member of St. John's Reformed Church, which he is at present serving as elder, as superintendent of its Sunday school and also as teacher; in 1905-06 he was president of the Schuylkill County Christian Endeavor Union, and 1914 became county president of the County Sabbath School Association.

For several years Mr. Reber served in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and on April 28, 1898, at the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, enlisted for service, being a private in Company F, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers, which regiment was attached to the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps. The command was sent to Porto Rico, but not called into any engagement, as the peace protocol was signed shortly after its arrival.

On July 12, 1900, Mr. Reber married Emma Irene Fry, daughter of Valentine and Amelia (Liebensberger) Fry, of Schuylkill Haven, the former a native of Germany; Mr. Fry came to Schuylkill Haven in boyhood and engaged in boating on the canal. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reber: John William, Paul Valentine, June Sarah and Dawn Amelia. Mrs. Reber is an earnest member of the Lutheran Church.

H. I. SILLIMAN, editor of the *Pottsville Journal*, formerly the *Mine's Journal*, was born at Mahanoy Plane, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Dec. 15, 1876, and is a son of John H. Silliman and Hannah (Rhoads) Silliman. He is a grandson of John Silliman (he spelt his name Sillyman), who, with James, Thomas and Samuel Silliman, was among the very earliest settlers of Pottsville. John "Sillyman" came to Pottsville in October, 1817, with his oldest brother, Thomas. With Thomas he had charge of the Centre Turnpike Company, from Hamburg to Sunbury. The Sillimans claim to have been the fifth family that came to Schuylkill county.

On the maternal side, the subject of this sketch is a grandson of Andrew Jackson Rhoads, for many years a well known builder in Schuylkill county, he having located at Frackville, Gordon, Ashland and Shenandoah. The Rhoads genealogy stretches back to old Holland stock.

John Silliman 2d was for many years prominently identified with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, having been employed as train-master on the Shamokin division, with headquarters at Mahanoy Plane. Subsequently he was transferred to Tamaqua, and later went South and engaged in contract business, not only there but also in Jamestown, New York City and Springfield, Ill. He is now attached to the State Department of Public Health. At the age of sixteen years John H. Silliman, fired with a great patriotism, ran away and enlisted and served a three months' term.

James I. Silliman, a brother of John H., was one of the "First Defenders."





*A. J. Lilliman*



and died soon after being discharged from a three months' service, in 1861. He was the first Civil war soldier buried in Pottsville, his remains resting in the Presbyterian cemetery.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the Tamaqua public schools, and at the age of fifteen began his newspaper career. He was given practical training, starting at the very bottom of the business and learning every detail. When he had been at the printing business about nine months he was made foreman of the office in which he was employed. In 1897 he started a small newspaper, the Tamaqua *Herald*, which he continued successfully up to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in 1898, when he closed his newspaper office and enlisted in Company B, 8th Regiment, P. V. I. Returning from the war, he associated himself with J. M. Harris, and with him edited the Tamaqua *Evening Courier*, Mr. Harris serving as editor and manager and Mr. Silliman as associate editor. He continued in this capacity until 1909, when he became the editor and principal owner of the Pottsville *Miners' Journal*, the name of which he subsequently changed to the Pottsville *Journal*. The *Journal* had for many years been a morning paper, and in 1910 it entered the evening field.

Mr. Silliman is a director of the Merchants' National Bank of Pottsville, the Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat & Power Company, and the New City Building & Loan Association. He is a member of the Pottsville Club, which he has served two terms on the board of managers, and is also a member of the State Editorial Association, the Schuylkill County Historic Society, the Pottsville Rotary Club, the Pottsville Merchants' Association, the United Spanish War Veterans and the Knights of Malta. He was one of the founders of the State Hospital at Coal Dale, is a member of the board of trustees and vice president of the institution. In religion he is a Presbyterian and affiliated with the Second Presbyterian Church, at Pottsville.

On May 10, 1913, Mr. Silliman was united in marriage with Miss Argenta Fay Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Jones, of Pottsville.

JOHN VEITH, deceased. In the course of more than thirty years' service with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, much of the time as superintendent in control of the vast mining interests of that concern in Schuylkill, Northumberland and Columbia counties, the late John Veith became one of the most familiar figures in the coal region of this section of Pennsylvania. Having begun life as a miner he had a practical knowledge of the actual work which proved invaluable in the discharge of the important responsibilities of his later years. More than that, it was the basis of the sympathetic understanding which enabled him to handle large numbers of men so effectively, winning their respectful admiration by his thorough comprehension of their duties as well as his own.

Mr. Veith was a native of Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, born June 3, 1832, son of John and Margaret (Keene) Veith. The father, born in the same locality in 1806, followed mining, and met with an accidental death in 1847, while driving a tunnel. His widow came to America and lived in Schuylkill county, Pa., making her home at Silvercreek, and she died at Patterson, this county, in the winter of 1890. We have record of five of her eight children: Christian, John, Peter, Valentine and Mary, all of whom lived in Northumberland county, Pa., except Valentine, who settled in Kansas City, Missouri.

John Veith was reared and educated in Germany, and came to this

country in his nineteenth year, landing at New York in 1850. After spending about five weeks in that city he came on to Schuylkill county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1851, and first located at Port Carbon, where he found work as a miner. His intelligence and fidelity brought him to the notice of his superiors, and in 1863 he was promoted to boss, holding that position for various companies during the succeeding years. In 1872 he entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, his first position in that employ being as superintendent of the North Franklin collieries, Nos. 1 and 2, where he was stationed one year. He was next in the Locustdale district, then comprising nine collieries, from 1874 to 1877, until called to the assistance of William Herman, of Pottsville, mine inspector for the county. When Mr. Herman died, in March, 1879, Mr. Veith was appointed his successor, and he was known as mine inspector until 1887, in which year the title of the position was changed to "mining superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company." It required not only a wide knowledge of general mining work, but close familiarity with conditions in this immediate field, and that Mr. Veith proved fully equal to its demands was an evidence of superior intelligence and executive ability of a high order. He served under four general managers, General Pleasants, F. B. Neiding, R. C. Luther and W. J. Richards, performing all his duties most satisfactorily until his retirement, during which period he received a pension. However, he did not have long to enjoy his leisure, his death occurring eight months after he was retired, Oct. 8, 1905. Mr. Veith was a faithful member of the German Catholic Church. His politics changed with conditions in the country. Originally a Democrat, he subsequently adopted the principles of the Republican party, was again a Democrat in the Hayes-Tilden campaign, and in his later years supported the men and measures he considered best, regardless of party lines. He was a man of vigorous intellect, and his many years in a position of high authority gained him influential standing.

Mr. Veith married Anna Maree Hartmann, who was born Nov. 1, 1838, daughter of Peter Hartmann, a native of Rhine Prussia, who brought his family to America in 1848, settling first at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later moving to Kaskawilliam, this county. Mr. Hartmann died in 1891 at Pottsville. Mrs. Veith's death occurred Aug. 3, 1905, shortly before her husband's, and they are buried in Yorkville cemetery. They were the parents of sixteen children, of whom we have the following record: Elizabeth, born Nov. 9, 1854, at Silvercreek, Schuylkill county, died Sept. 10, 1857; Susan, born Aug. 19, 1856, at Middleport, Schuylkill county, is the wife of Joseph P. Knapp, formerly of Yatesville, this county, now a well known mine superintendent at Shamokin, Pa.; Mary, born Sept. 17, 1858, at Middleport, died May 5, 1896, was the wife of the late William T. Cooney, who was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, as private secretary; Peter, born May 30, 1861, at Silvercreek, is foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in the blacksmith department, at Pottsville, Pa. (he married Anna Hartmann); Margaret, born July 2, 1863, at Silvercreek, died in 1868; Emma, born Aug. 19, 1865, at Middleport, is the widow of William H. Gibson, of Pottsville, Pa.; John, Jr., was born March 19, 1867, at Middleport; Catherine, born July 9, 1868, at Middleport, lives at home; Clara, born April 26, 1870, at Middleport, lives at home; Callie, born June 30, 1872, at Ashland, Pa., is the wife of Thomas A. Flanagan, of Pottsville, Pa., accountant for the Coal & Iron Company; Dr. Charles A., born Aug.

22, 1874, at Ashland, died Nov. 6, 1908 (he married Agnes J. McGorman); Lena, born July 31, 1876, at Locustdale, died young; Agnes, born July 29, 1878, at Pottsville, is the widow of Charles A. Fluehr, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Bertha, born March 11, 1882, at Pottsville, lives at home.

John Veith, Jr., attended public school in Pottsville and learned the machinist's trade in the Philadelphia & Reading Company's shop, continuing in the employ of that company for about thirty years. He is now living retired, he and his sisters occupying the homestead at No. 410 East Market street, Pottsville, where they are highly esteemed.

EDWARD SHARADIN, of Schuylkill Haven, is the manager of the Eagle Underwear Mills now conducted by the estate of Daniel Sharadin. The mills were established a quarter of a century ago, and the Sharadins have been connected with them ever since the beginning. As manufacturers and large employers of labor they have, during all that time, maintained a leading position in the industrial circles of the borough. They have kept pace with the progress of the business, being provided with the best of facilities, and having laid the operations of the factory upon a systematic basis which insures prompt service to their patrons and the best products in the market. Daniel Sharadin, father of Edward Sharadin, one of the founders of the business and its leading spirit until his death, in 1907, was a native of Schuylkill county and of old Berks county stock. The family has been in Pennsylvania for several generations.

Jacob Scharadin, the grandfather of Daniel Sharadin, was born in Berks county, Pa., probably near Topton station on the East Penn railroad. Removing to Schuylkill county about 1830, he settled at Pinedale, in West Brunswick township, and passed the remainder of his life at that location, dying in 1873. Throughout his active years he was engaged in farming. In political opinion he was originally a Whig, later joining the Republican party. His children were: William, Abraham, Daniel, Charles, Eliza (Mrs. Kerchner) and Susanna (Mrs. Moyer).

Charles Sharadin, son of Jacob, was born in 1818 in Berks county, and was a boy when the family settled in Schuylkill county. He passed the remainder of his life near Pinedale, in West Brunswick township, and like his father was a lifelong farmer, owning a small tract of land, upon which he made his home. He served his fellow citizens for four years in the office of township supervisor, but he did not aspire to public honors of any kind, being a man of modest, unassuming character. His industrious and useful life won him the respect of all who knew him. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Sharadin married Elizabeth Geiger, who was born in Orwigsburg in 1821 and survived him a short time, dying at the age of sixty-six years. He died in 1885 when sixty-eight years old. They are buried at the old Red Church. Of the three children born to them, William lives at Hamburg, Berks county, where he was formerly extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick; Mary Ann is the widow of David R. Fall, and resides in Schuylkill Haven; and Daniel was the father of Edward Sharadin.

Daniel Sharadin was born April 11, 1842, near Pinedale, in New Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. He obtained a common school education in his home locality, and in his youth learned the trade of boatbuilder, at that time a profitable calling, owing to the activities on the canal. In 1866 he had made enough headway to engage in the canal transportation business on his

own account, owing a line of boats which plied on the Philadelphia & Schuylkill canal, between Schuylkill Haven and tidewater. To this business he gave his attention for over twenty years, giving it up in 1888, when he decided to enter the manufacturing field. In the spring of 1889, in partnership with Emanuel Baker, he established the knitting business which he and his estate, in turn, have since carried on. Baker & Sharadin erected the present mill when they started business, and the association lasted until Oct. 31, 1891, when Mr. Sharadin purchased his partner's interest and continued the Eagle Knitting Mills, as the factory was known, on his own account. He maintained an active connection therewith until his death, which occurred July 22, 1907, building up the trade steadily by a high grade of work, for which the mills became noted. Since his decease it has been directed by the estate of Daniel Sharadin, and is now known as the Eagle Underwear Mills. The plant is a two-story frame structure, 32 by 80 feet in dimensions, and changes have been made in the equipment from time to time to meet the demands of the necessary increase of output, modern methods being employed in every department to facilitate operations and economize space. About fifty hands are regularly employed, which indicates the important relation of the business to the industrial situation of the borough. Though his business required close attention Mr. Sharadin found time for public service, for three years filling the office of borough auditor at Schuylkill Haven with his customary ability, and for years he was president of the council. Politically he was associated with the Republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Reformed denomination. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. During the Civil war he enlisted in the service for the Union cause, on Sept. 15, 1862, joining the Pennsylvania Volunteer service, and received his honorable discharge July 10, 1863, at the expiration of his term. Mr. Sharadin's contribution to the business prosperity of Schuylkill Haven was one of material worth, and he was not only respected for his achievements in this world, but for his sterling character, which made his influence a power for good wherever he was known.

On June 4, 1864, Mr. Sharadin married Edith Catherine Wagner, and eleven children were born to this union, as follows: Charles, who lives in New York City; Thomas, deceased, formerly a resident of New York City, later of Schuylkill Haven; Henry, now of Reading, Pa., connected with the Keystone Correspondence School of that city; Annie, wife of Dr. George H. Moore, a physician of Schuylkill Haven, at present county coroner; Elizabeth, wife of William Dress, a merchant of Schuylkill Haven; William, who now lives at Palo Alto, this county; Daniel, of Jenkintown, N. J.; Edward, mentioned below; Blaine, who is employed at the Eagle Underwear Mills; George W., who died in infancy; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Tobias Wagner, grandfather of Mrs. Sharadin, was engaged in farming near Hamburg, Berks county, where he lived and died. His children were Benjamin, Jonas, George and Tobias. Of these Tobias was Mrs. Sharadin's father. For forty years he was engaged as a boss on the Schuylkill canal, in his later life removing to Landingville, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1869. He married Mary Shirey, and they were the parents of the following children: Anelia married Moses Betz; Edith Catherine married Daniel Sharadin; Rebecca married George Reber; Daniel is a resident of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Abbie married Amos Hoffman, and lives at Schuylkill Haven;

Priscilla married Frank Rehm; Susanna married J. D. Rohdes; Alice is the wife of George M. Hoffman.

Edward Sharadin was born March 12, 1876. He obtained his education in the public schools of Schuylkill Haven, and throughout his business career has been connected with the knitting mills established by his father, with whom he began work when only a youth. He had the advantage of excellent business training, and since his father's death has had the management of the mills, which are suffering no deterioration under his direction. He is a young man of substantial qualities, and universally respected in the borough and wherever his business and social relations have made him known. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and of the Schuylkill Fire Company.

Mr. Sharadin married Jan. 29, 1898, Mary Alma Welsh, daughter of Joseph and Ella (Heinbach) Welsh, and they have a family of four children: Harold Edward, Elizabeth Catherine, Robert Irvin and Mildred Alma.

G. M. KEISER, of Minersville, Schuylkill county, formerly of Scranton, Pa., began work with the Hillside Coal & Iron Company, of Scranton, in the capacity of clerk. From there he became paymaster and foreman of the Forest City colliery. In 1904 he took charge of the Minor colliery, whence he went to the Pine Hill colliery, of which he had charge for nine years. Mr. Keiser is also connected at present with the Emperor Coal Company, Cumbola Coal Company, Ellsworth Coal Mining Company and Wolf Creek Coal Company.

GEORGE R. DEIBERT, of Landingville, has been a lifelong resident of North Manheim township, where he was born on the old Deibert homestead Oct. 2, 1849. As superintendent for over twenty years of the H. S. Albright & Co. shoe factory he has had intimate association with Schuylkill county's industrial development, the great need for which became apparent a quarter of a century ago. Since it was realized what the establishment of factories providing profitable employment for the people would do for this region local capitalists have entered heartily into manufacturing enterprises, with results which have paid them well from the financial standpoint, besides benefiting their section of the state. The men who have been instrumental in making a success of the new order of things deserve a permanent place on the records of progress in the county, and Mr. Deibert is one of those whose work entitles them to such position. He is a worthy member of an old family which has been a credit to this region for many years.

Richard Deibert, his great-grandfather, was the founder of this branch of the family in Schuylkill county. He was born in Germany, and came with his parents to America, the family settling in Bern township, Berks county, in the then Province of Pennsylvania, near Michael's church. There were five children, three sons and two daughters, Michael, Christopher, Wilhelm, Mrs. George Huntzinger and Mrs. John Gevert. When the sons were grown they moved to Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and married, Wilhelm to a daughter of John Renchler, from Bern township, Berks county, Michael to Elizabeth Waver. In the year 1744 the brothers Wilhelm and Michael bought in partnership three hundred acres of land in North Manheim township, at the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Landingville, Wilhelm's part being at the location occupied by Edward Peale in 1884, and Michael's where John Filbert lived at that time. The third brother, Christopher, went

to Virginia in his younger days, and the family did not hear from him afterwards.

In the beginning Wilhelm and Michael Deibert had the Indians for their neighbors, and were molested considerably. Deer and bears were plentiful in the region at that day, and as they divided the meat with the savages when they shot any the Indians became more friendly. In the pamphlet published in 1884 by Daniel Deibert, a grandson of Wilhelm Deibert, we find this paragraph: "My grandfather said after the Indians went away, some of them came back again to rob them of their planting fruits. My grandfather and his brother Michael had to flee over the Blue mountains to their father's home. They buried their implements on the other side of the Schuylkill river, in the woods, that the Indians could not get them; but when they came back they didn't find them any more. They didn't find them till the Schuylkill canal was made, then they dug them out again."

Michael Deibert (according to the same pamphlet) had five sons and two daughters, Henry, Andrew, Michael, Christian, John, Catharine and Elizabeth. Henry married Miss Kriner; Andrew, Miss Luckenbill; Michael, Miss Luckenbill (they had no children); Christian, Miss Miller; Catharine, John Dewald; Elizabeth, Daniel Repp. The father, Michael, died on his property in North Manheim township, and is buried at the Red Church in this county.

John Deibert, son of Michael, was born in North Manheim township, and was a farmer by occupation. He is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Renchler, of his second Wagner. His children were as follows: Daniel, who lived in Schuylkill Haven; George; Jacob, who died at Schuylkill Haven; John, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Benjamin, who died at Pottsville; William, who died in the Upper Mahantongo valley in Schuylkill county; Samuel; Hannah, wife of John Hummel, of Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Christine, who married Henry Shelly and lived at Pottsville.

George Deibert, son of John and grandson of Michael, was born at the old homestead of his parents, and followed farming all his life, dying when a comparatively young man; he is buried in the Union cemetery. He had many interesting experiences in the early days. His father owned a large tract of land where Fishbach is now located (near Pottsville), then thickly wooded. When the timber was cut it was floated down the Schuylkill. One day, while going past what is now known as Mount Carmel, he was followed by a wolf, and hastened to reach the river so that the animal might lose his scent when he forded the stream. When somewhat older he had another exciting time while plowing on the homestead, on the Second mountain. A deer ran out and got into a pond, and Mr. Deibert, thinking he could kill it, went into the water after it, but the animal almost drowned him. He also had some adventures with panthers.

Mr. Deibert married Amelia Susanna Reed, daughter of James Reed, and she survived him many years, living to the age of seventy-one. The following children were born to them: Charles V. B., of Schuylkill Haven; Sarah, who married Abraham Sharadin; Mahlon, who died when nine years old; Amanda, who married Harrison Berger; James, who died on the old homestead in North Manheim township; Frank; George R., mentioned below; Hannah, who married Edward Schappell; Elwin, living at Schuylkill Haven; and William, who died when sixteen years old.

George R. Deibert was educated in the public schools of his township, and



was reared a farmer, doing agricultural work until eighteen years old. For the next six years he was engaged as a clerk at Landingville, and then returned to farming, which he followed for five years. Coming back to Landingville he became assistant agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at this point, in time being appointed agent, in which capacities he served for a period of fourteen years. In 1892 he became superintendent at Landingville for H. S. Albright & Co., whose shoe factory at this place is a branch of the Orwigsburg plant, and he has filled the position continuously since—which statement is the most flattering comment upon his services which could be made. Mr. Deibert has given practically all his time to his duties at the factory, taking little part in outside affairs except for his social connections. He is a past master of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., of Orwigsburg, and a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 157. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religious connection a Lutheran.

Mr. Deibert married Mary A. Deibert, and of the children born to them two died in infancy; William died when twenty-four years old; George A. died September 26, 1913, at the age of thirty-seven years; Ella May is the wife of Charles G. Matz, a merchant of Landingville; Carlton C. is agent at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.

Mrs. Deibert is a granddaughter of George Deibert, who owned the farm now the property of Rubens H. Peale, in North Manheim township. His wife Mary was a daughter of Daniel Faust.

William Deibert, son of George and Mary (Faust) Deibert, was born on the homestead in North Manheim township. Though he engaged in farming to some extent he was occupied principally as a builder of boats which were used in the Schuylkill canal trade. He died at Landingville when eighty years old. His wife, Henrietta (Kulp), lived to the age of eighty-nine years, and they are buried at Orwigsburg. They had children as follows: Rebecca, Henry, George, Elizabeth, Albert, Charles, Susan, and Mary A. (Mrs. George R. Deibert).

SAMUEL STRAUSE has his home and business interests in the vicinity of Pottsville, and has lived in Schuylkill county from boyhood, but he belongs to Berks county stock. However, his father is a resident of this county and his grandfather lived here for some years.

The name is found in various forms, being spelled Strause, Strauss and Strouse by different branches of the family, which is an old and honored one in this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its members in their different generations have been prominent in the public life of their local communities, and several of wider fame throughout the State and nation. Thrift seems to have followed the family history since its first coming to America from the Fatherland, back in the eighteenth century, and many of its members have been men of wealth and influence in the financial world.

On Sept. 26, 1732, there landed in the city of Philadelphia from Wurtemberg, Germany, two brothers of the name of Strauss, Albrecht and John Philip. They were mere boys, the elder, Albrecht, swearing in his oath of allegiance, then necessary to take on landing, that he was but twenty, while John Philip left a record in the family Bible that he was born Sept. 13, 1713. They soon appeared in Berks county, Pa., where in the vicinity of what is now Bernville they each took up large tracts of land, a part of the original acres still being held by members of the present generation. They were both Lutherans, so

that their marriages, the births of their children, and indeed the whole Strauss family history, became a part of the records of the church.

Albrecht Strauss, the elder of the brothers, took up a tract of 350 acres, upon which he settled, and reared a large family, eleven in all, their mother, whom he married in 1734, being Anna Margaret Zerbe, who came with her father, Martin Zerbe, from Schoharie, N. Y., in 1723. The children were as follows: (1) Maria Barbara, born Nov. 16, 1735, married June 2, 1754, John Kloss (now spelled Klohs), born in Brechkebel, Hanau, Germany, Dec. 6, 1723, son of Thomas and Margaret Kloss, with whom he came to America in 1738. They resided a little north of Reading, and were the parents of ten children, six of whom survived and left issue, viz.: Maria Elizabeth, married to Abraham Schneider; Maria Barbara, married to John Adam Spengler; Maria Christina, married to Conrad Scheop (Shepp); Maria Magdalena, married to Philip Huyett; Maria Catharine, married to William Diehm; and Jacob—all leaving numerous descendants. (2) John Jacob Strauss, born May 5, 1737, married Elizabeth Brecht, Aug. 21, 1759. They lived on a part of the homestead acres north of Bernville, and became the parents of nine children, viz.: Albrecht, who remained on the homestead; John, who settled near Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county; David; Elizabeth; Philip; Jacob; Samuel; Michael, and Catharine. This branch also became very numerous. (3) Maria Elizabeth (twin of John Jacob), born May 5, 1737, married John Daniel Madery, May 4, 1760. So far as known three children were born to them, namely: Maria Eva Rosina, John Thomas and Michael. (4) Anna Elizabeth was born March 25, 1739. (5) John Casper, born Aug. 5, 1741, died in infancy. (6) Maria Eva Rosina, born Nov. 6, 1742, married Christopher Schaber, Nov. 9, 1762. The records of the old Red Church, near Orwigsburg, Pa., show the baptism of five of their children, viz.: Maria Elizabeth, March 29, 1771; John, Oct. 4, 1772; John Philip, Feb. 9, 1775; Eva Rosina, April 4, 1779, and Daniel, March 4, 1781. (7) Maria Catharine, born March 6, 1745, married John Long Nov. 9, 1762, and their son, John Jacob, was born Aug. 7, 1763. (8) John Philip, born Jan. 4, 1748, married Sevilla, daughter of Benedict and Maria Salone Kepner, April 21, 1771. They moved to Cumberland (now Juniata) county, Pa., before the Revolution, purchasing four hundred acres of land along the Juniata river, the homestead residence being at Mexico Station on the Pennsylvania railroad. They had eight children, viz.: John; Jacob, born Oct. 5, 1775, who walked out to Ohio in 1799 and settled in Pickaway county, and left numerous and influential descendants; Polly; Betsy; Catharine; David, one of whose descendants, Philip, still owns the ancestral homestead; Susannah, and Sidney. (9) Maria Christina was born July 26, 1751. (10) Maria Susanna, born Oct. 5, 1753, married Benjamin Kebner, May 24, 1774, and they also resided in the Juniata valley, near Mexico. (11) John Samuel is mentioned below.

Albrecht Strauss was a prominent man of the locality during his time; and his penmanship denoted that he was an educated man. He was naturalized by the "Supream Court" of the Province on Sept. 24, 1755, the certificate thereof now being in the possession of his great-great-grandson, B. Morris Strauss. He died a short time previous to May 7, 1787, which is the date of the filing of his administration papers. His wife died about the same time.

John Philip Strauss, the younger of the emigrant brothers, took up about 250 acres of land, including (1908) Rev. Mr. Trexler's farm and the tract of Adam W. Strauss. On Feb. 28, 1744, he married Anna Margaret Reimer.

He died shortly before May 28, 1792 (the date of the probate of his will). His wife is mentioned in his will and must have been still living then. Their nine children were: (1) Anna Magdalena, born Dec. 21, 1744, married John George Thomas, born July 1, 1746, son of John and Barbara Long. Their children were: John, Anna Margaret, Maria Catharine, Christian, Maria Elizabeth, John Philip, Jacob, Thomas and Daniel. She died April 5, 1823; and he, May 20, 1823. (2) Anna Elizabeth, born Sept. 18, 1746, married George Daniel Gicker, Nov. 26, 1776. They had children. (3) Maria Christina, born Feb. 20, 1749, married on June 3, 1773, Christian Zerbe, born Dec. 25, 1750, son of John and Catharine Zerbe. They moved to White Deer township, Northumberland (now Union) county, Pa. They had a family of eleven children: John George, John, Maria Catharine, Susanna, Jacob, Maria Christina, Henry, Mary Salome, Elizabeth, Anna Maria and Samuel. (4) Casper, born Jan. 27, 1751, married Elizabeth Schreck. They left issue, viz.: John (Dec. 2, 1780-April 7, 1876), Ludwig, Benjamin, Matilda, Susanna and Anna Maria. (5) Maria Catharine was born Dec. 22, 1752. (6) John Philip, born Nov. 9, 1754, married Susanna Wenrich, Sept. 23, 1783. He obtained the homestead and died there July 20, 1816. Their children as far as known were: John, Susanna, Joseph, Philip (Feb. 1, 1790-May 12, 1885), Daniel, Elizabeth, Sybilla, Anna Margaret and Mary Magdalena. (7) John Jacob, born May 5, 1757, married Barbara Zerbe, June 14, 1785. He died Oct. 22, 1822; his wife probably preceded him in death, as she is not mentioned in his will. They had the following children as far as known: Catharine, Barbara, Daniel, Magdalena, Peter, Sarah, Adam and Susanna. (8) Christian, born June 16, 1762, married Catharine, daughter of Joseph Schneider. They had as far as known two children, Elizabeth and Catharine. (9) John Matthias, born April 16, 1762, married (first) Magdalena Schneider, on May 25, 1790. After the death of his wife he married (second) Sept. 10, 1797, Frederica Gottel. He died March 4, 1819, and his wife survived him.

John Samuel Strauss, youngest child of Albrecht, was born May 13, 1756. On Nov. 10, 1784, he married Catharine Elizabeth (born May 10, 1758), daughter of Balthaser and Maria Appalonia Umbenhauer, the owner of a large tract of land including the site of Bernville, Pa. On Aug. 5, 1784, he became the owner of the homestead by purchase, whereon they resided all their life. He, as also did his cousin, John Philip, son of Philip, served actively in the Revolutionary struggle, and was an influential and useful citizen of his locality. He died March 25, 1835, his wife having preceded him, Dec. 16, 1821. They had a family of thirteen children, viz.: John, the founder of Strausstown; Maria Magdalena, married to Tobias Henne; John Philip (Sept. 26, 178—Feb. 12, 1865); Samuel; Johanna, married to Samuel Greim; John Jacob (Nov. 23, 1788—Nov. 9, 1877); Elizabeth Strauss (Feb. 12, 1790—Aug. 19, 1875), married to Elias Redcay; Susanna; Joseph; John William (Oct. 26, 1795—Oct. 13, 1885); Catharine; Benjamin (April 30, 1800—Dec. 14, 1886); and Jonathan. This family was noted for longevity.

Samuel Strause, grandfather of Samuel Strause, of Pottsville, was born in Bethel township, Berks county, and died in 1904, at Summit Station, Schuylkill county, aged eighty-four years, eighteen days. In early life he was a carpenter, in his later years a hotelkeeper, conducting a hotel in Berks county for twenty-two years, and one at Summit Station for four years. The latter part of his life was spent with his son Frank, who is still a business man of Summit Station; he is buried at the Blue Mountain Church at Strauss-

town, Berks county. To his marriage with Susan Miller was born a large family: Monroe; Adam; James; Charles; Frank, born Sept. 28, 1856, at Schubert, Berks county; Mary, who married Simeon Weber, of Berks county; Anna, who married Andrew Cottaman, of Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; Caroline (Callie), deceased, who was the wife of P. S. Kremer, of Summit Station; Susan, who married Charles Roeder, of Summit Station; Jane, who married George Krommes; Matilda, deceased; and Kate, deceased.

Monroe Strause was born in Bethel township, Berks county, and during his youth and early manhood followed carpenter work in Berks and Schuylkill counties. He is now located at Roeders, Schuylkill county, which is near Summit Station, and operates a gristmill, being one of the successful business men of his section. He married Hettie Emerick, who died in 1910, and is buried at the Summit Hill Church. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Strause also belongs. They had four children: Katie, Wilson, Samuel and Robert.

Samuel Strause, son of Monroe, was born Oct. 8, 1866, near Strausstown, in Bethel township, Berks county, and attended school in his native county and later in Schuylkill county. Reared on the farm, he followed agricultural work until about twenty-three years old, when he engaged in the hotel business in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, conducting the "Fairview Hotel" for four years. After that he became interested as a dealer in implements at the same location, and he has continued that business to the present. In 1900 he started there also what is now his principal line, the manufacture of all kinds of lumber, mining timber, ties and laggings, having a portable mill and cutting timber in Schuylkill county, Berks and Chester counties. He has established a large trade for his product in the hard coal region, employing twenty-five to thirty men. Mr. Strause has acquired valuable property in the course of his energetic career, owning two fine farms in Schuylkill county, one of 167 acres in Wayne township and another of 127 acres in North Manheim township, the latter being the old Weissinger homestead, where he makes his home. He has his office in the Morris building (Room 11), in Pottsville. He is a public-spirited citizen, an independent voter who gives his support to good men and measures regardless of their political sponsors. Socially he is an Odd Fellow and Mason, in the latter connection holding membership in Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M.

Mr. Strause married Mary Ida Stoyer, daughter of Samuel F. Stoyer, and three children have been born to them, Amos, Emily and Anna. The family are Lutherans.

Samuel Stoyer, of Greenwich township, Berks county, grandfather of Mrs. Strause, married Catherine Focht, of Windsor township, that county, and to this union there were born children as follows: Samuel F. is mentioned below; Benneville married Catherine Raubenhold; Daniel married Anna Miller; Elizabeth married Jacob Kepner; Hannah married William Kepner; Catherine married John Billman; Sallie married William Deisher.

Samuel F. Stoyer, son of Samuel and now of Bethel township, where he has been a farmer for thirty-five years, was born and reared in Hamburg. He married Catherine Weidner, daughter of Jonathan Weidner, and to them were born twelve children: Henry married Catherine Dunkel; Susan married Andrew Schmeltzer; Franklin married Mary Schreck; Sarah married John Peiffer; Charles married Clara Moore; Caroline married Warren F. Kline; Amanda married George Snyder; Mary Ida married Samuel Strause; Anna

married Charles Strause; Samuel married Clara Resh; Joel married Mame Reber; John died in infancy.

WILLIAM M. WAGNER, of Orwigsburg, formerly a leading merchant of that borough but now retired from that line and devoting his time principally to financial interests, is a typical representative of a family whose substantial qualities have not only won them prosperity but contributed to the well-being of the community. Its connection with the history of Luzerne county dates back to the early days, when Christopher Wagner, the great-grandfather of William M. Wagner, came to this country from Germany. He was an early settler in what is now West Brunswick township, where he acquired the ownership of a large tract of land and followed farming. During the latter years of his life he removed to Orwigsburg, where he spent the remainder of his days; he is buried there. We have record of four of his children: William; Benjamin; Polly, wife of Benjamin Neff; and Rebecca, Mrs. Hoffman. There were several others who removed from Schuylkill county.

William Wagner, son of Christopher, was born on the farm in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and in the course of time took over that property, where he followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He died there at the age of fifty years, and is buried at Orwigsburg. His wife, Elizabeth (Neff), who was born at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., died at the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of the following children: Franklin W.; William F.; Levi N.; Morgan, who died young; Martha, who died young; Martha (2), wife of J. Henry Diefenderfer; Joanna, wife of Beneville Kimmel; and Victoria, who never married. The only survivor of this family is Martha, who is now a widow and resides at Auburn, Schuylkill county.

Franklin W. Wagner was a native of West Brunswick township, and passed his boyhood in the usual manner of farmer's sons. When a young man he started to clerk for Mr. Huntzinger and after acquiring some experience engaged in the mercantile business on his own account at Orwigsburg, doing a successful business for twelve years, until succeeded by his son, William, in the ownership. After that he continued to assist about the store for twelve years longer. At present this old established business is being carried on by the firm of Wagner & Linder—the former George T. Wagner, son of Franklin W., the latter his brother-in-law, George R. Linder. The store is still maintained as one of the leading mercantile establishments of the town.

Mr. Wagner married Jemima Matz, daughter of William Matz, and five children were born to this union: Benjamin, Frank, William M., George T. and Kate (Mrs. George R. Linder). The father died March 25, 1910, the mother Feb. 19, 1912, and they are buried in the Evangelical cemetery at Orwigsburg.

William M. Wagner was born Feb. 1, 1853, at Orwigsburg, where he obtained his education in the public schools. In his youth he assisted his father in the store as a clerk and eventually succeeded him in the business, taking in as a partner C. W. Diefenderfer, under the firm name of Wagner & Diefenderfer. After they had carried on the business successfully for twelve years Mr. Wagner bought Mr. Diefenderfer's interest and took in as a partner his brother George, under the firm style of Wagner & Brother. They continued together as such until 1900, when William M. Wagner sold his share to his brother-in-law, George R. Linder, one of the present owners. William M. Wagner withdrew to give his attention to other interests. For a number of years Mr.

Wagner has been prominent in banking circles in the county. For the last fifteen years he has been one of the directors of the well known Miners' National Bank of Pottsville, a leading financial institution of that place, and he was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, and a member of its original board of directors; he is still serving in that capacity. Mr. Wagner's activities in these associations have made him one of the leading figures in the financial situation in southern Schuylkill county, and he has been highly successful in the management of all enterprises with which he has been connected, whether of a distinctly personal nature or otherwise. His absolute reliability has commended him to the confidence of his associates in all affairs.

Mr. Wagner married Emma R. Reed, daughter of Elijah B. Reed, of Schuylkill Haven, and the only child of this union, Harvey E., died at the age of twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are associated with the Reformed Church.

Mrs. Jemima Wagner's grandfather was born in Berks county, Pa. (which at that time included Schuylkill county), and passed all his life there engaged in farming. Politically he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. His children were: Joseph; Daniel John; William; Gabriel; Susan, Mrs. Moyer; Mary, Mrs. Schellenberger; and another daughter who first married Henry Rauch, at one time sheriff of Schuylkill county, and for her second husband Eli Hammer.

William Matz, father of Mrs. Wagner, was born Nov. 11, 1801, on the old homestead in West Brunswick township, then a part of Berks county. While he remained there he was engaged in farming, but when he removed thence to Pottsville, in 1848, he changed his vocation, having purchased the "Merchants' Hotel" (then known as the "White Horse"), which he carried on for a number of years. He became very prominent in public affairs, and in October, 1855, was elected sheriff, serving a three years' term. Politically he was associated with the Democratic party, with which the Matzes have long been prominently identified. His death occurred in July, 1865. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. By his marriage to Catherine Kerechner he had the following children: George W.; Thomas H.; Daniel; William J.; Jemima (Mrs. Wagner); Amelia, Mrs. Drumbheller; Mary E. Matz; Susan, Mrs. Schellenberger; Louis Wolf; Emma V., Mrs. Wieder; and one that died in infancy. Of this family William J. Matz served as deputy sheriff during his father's term as sheriff, was later prothonotary and sheriff of the county, and high in the councils of the Democratic party in this State.

WILLIAM T. HAMILTON, of Pottsville, is leading a life of enjoyable leisure after a vigorous career. Those bearing the name of Hamilton have proved their worth in three generations of honorable connection with business affairs and the maintenance of desirable social conditions in Schuylkill county. The family is of Scotch origin, the grandfather of William T. Hamilton having been a native of Scotland, whence he removed to the North of Ireland. He died in the latter country.

Edward Hamilton, father of William T. Hamilton, was born and reared in the North of Ireland. When a young man he came to America, settling at Mount Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and for a number of years made his living on the canal, owning boats and following boating. Later he was engaged in the manufacture of powder near Tamaqua, this county, and subsequently carried on the ice business at Pottsville, before his retirement. He cleared a

tract of land in North Manheim township, above the borough of Mount Carbon, put up all the buildings on that place, and lived there until his death, in 1884. This property is now owned by a Mr. Edwin. Edward Hamilton married Jane Adams, who was born near Schuylkill Haven, and children as follows were born to this union: Isabella, who is deceased; John, deceased; William T.; Mary; Robert; Susanna, deceased; Edward, deceased; James B., and George.

William T. Hamilton was born Oct. 3, 1844, at Mount Carbon, and had such advantages as the local schools of North Manheim township afforded. When a boy he was employed driving mules on the towpath during the summer season, continuing his studies in the winter time, and he feels especially grateful to two of his instructors, Miss Mary Ann Walker and Miss Sarah Ashley, whose memories he holds in respectful affection. They taught near where the first Tumbling Run dam is now located, in North Manheim township, and were women of fine characters, who exercised a good influence over the many pupils who came under their care. After driving for a time Mr. Hamilton became employed as captain on one of his father's canal boats, being so engaged until the summer of 1861. At that time the boat was chartered by the government, and his father sent him South with it and he remained in charge of the commissary department while the boat was engaged in carrying provisions from Baltimore and Washington to Norfolk, Newport News, Aqua Creek, Belleplaine, and to City Point, on the James river. He was so engaged until the fall of 1864, when he returned home, and he continued boating on the Schuylkill canal until the fall of 1868, at which time he built a large river boat which he used in trading between Baltimore and New York City, up the Hudson to Troy, N. Y., east to New Haven and Hartford, Conn., up the Connecticut river, and down to the coast of South Carolina. In 1873 he sold this vessel and returned to Pottsville, where he embarked in the ice business with his brother Robert, under the firm name of Hamilton Brothers. They took the business established by their father and carried it on until 1884, and then sold it out, William T. Hamilton then buying the old homestead place at Mount Carbon, in North Manheim township, where he lived until 1890. That year he sold the old homestead to Manassa Michael, and then moved to Pottsville, where he put up a fine three-story building, for business and residence purposes, and began a general store. He carried this on until 1898, when he turned the business over to his eldest son, Robert, who is still conducting it. Mr. Hamilton has since given his time to the management of his private affairs. He takes considerable interest in local politics, and is a member of the Schuylkill County Historical Society, of the Men's Club of the Episcopal Church, and of the Central Republican Club of Pottsville.

Mr. Hamilton married Catherine Bell, daughter of Henry A. Bell, who was a boatman on the canal and a resident of Mount Carbon. Six children have been born to this marriage, namely: Robert, now a merchant at Pottsville; Henry H., of Philadelphia; William, deceased; a son that died in infancy; William (2), a contracting engineer with headquarters at New York City; and Florence V., who lives at home. Mr. Hamilton and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Jane (Adams) Hamilton, mother of William T. Hamilton, was a daughter of John Adams, who came from the North of Ireland and settled in this section of Pennsylvania. He was one of the first lock tenders of the Schuylkill canal, being stationed at Werners locks, above Schuylkill Haven.

Later he settled on a farm in North Manheim township, near the present location of the county home, and there spent the rest of his days. This farm was purchased by his son Robert, who bought it for his father. John Adams is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He and his wife had the following children: Robert, Hamilton, Esther (Mrs. Thomas Lynch), Rosanna (Mrs. Thomas Quinn), Jane (Mrs. Edward Hamilton), Ellen (who married Richard Dooley, and second Matthew Gibson), and Nancy, Margaret and Mary (all of whom died unmarried).

Robert Adams, son of John, was one of the pioneer coal operators in the Schuylkill fields, working what was known as the Greenberry colliery. His brother Hamilton was his superintendent and general manager.

HARRY H. KOERPER, of Auburn, made a high reputation as an educator in that borough before he entered its business life. He is well qualified for its responsibilities and in his present capacity, as cashier of the First National Bank of Auburn, is gaining a solid place among the most respected business men of Schuylkill county.

John Koerper, father of Harry H. Koerper, was a native of Germany. Coming to America in 1849 he settled at Tremont, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining for several years, afterwards engaging in the hotel business, which he carried on for a long time. He died at Tremont in 1899 and is buried there. His widow, Margaret (Sunday), like himself a native of Germany, now lives on the old homestead at that place. They were the parents of ten children: George, John, Frank, Edward, Harry H., Elizabeth, Minnie, Caroline, Mary and Annie.

Harry H. Koerper was born Feb. 13, 1875, at Tremont, Schuylkill county, and began his education in the public schools there. Subsequently he took a course at the Millersville State Normal School, from which institution he was graduated in 1895, and for two years thereafter taught school at East Prospect, York county, this State. His next experience was at Tremont, where he taught for six years, and he also taught four years at Ursinus Academy while taking his course at Ursinus College, from which he was graduated in 1907. The same year he became principal of the Auburn schools, holding that position for six years, and then for a year was principal at Frackville, this county. In February, 1914, he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Auburn, in which responsibility he has acquitted himself very creditably. Mr. Koerper is an efficient and interested worker in local activities. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Reformed Church, and for fourteen years has served as Sunday school superintendent at Tremont and Auburn. His obliging nature and sincere desire to be a helpful influence wherever he is located have made him respected as well as popular.

Mr. Koerper married Maud Faust, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Faust, and they have two children, Sarah and Harry.

ELIJAH EMERICH is one of the most honored as he is one of the oldest residents of Schuylkill Haven, where he is now living in retirement. In the fourscore years of his life he has not only witnessed most of the important changes which have taken place in this region, but has had a part in many of them, in his early manhood having followed the calling of boatman on the Schuylkill canal, and in the latter part of his active business career the manufacture of underwear—the earliest and latest industries which have played a



leading part in the welfare of the borough. For some time Mr. Emerich held the position of steward at the Schuylkill county almshouse, administering the duties of that office most efficiently.

John Emerich, the grandfather of Elijah Emerich, was a native of Switzerland, and came to this country in 1795. He first made a location in the Tulpehocken valley, in Berks county, Pa., after a few years' residence there removing to Schuylkill county, in the year 1801. Here he made a settlement in North Manheim township, purchasing a large farm which he cultivated until his death. There was an Indian camp upon this property, and he had many experiences with the Indians. Among other old residents of the vicinity who located here at the time of Mr. Emerich's settlement were Godfried Boyer, who was killed by the Indians; Samuel Baber; Andreas Straus, and the Deiberts. Mr. Emerich was a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Emerich, son of John, above, was born in 1791, in Germany, and was a child when his parents immigrated to America. He lived and died in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, where he owned a farm of 100 acres. His death occurred in 1862. One of the first members of the Evangelical Methodist Episcopal Church in his locality, he was quite prominent in its work, serving very acceptably as a trustee for a number of years. Politically he was a Democrat. By his marriage to Mary Emrod he had a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters; we have mention of Frank, Philip, George, Elijah, Charles, Polly, Caroline, Louisa, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Elijah Emerich was born Jan. 15, 1834, in North Manheim township, son of John and Mary (Emrod) Emerich. He received a common school education, attending in the building which formerly stood on what is now the Schuylkill county poor farm, and when a young man commenced boating on the Philadelphia and Schuylkill canal, for fifteen years owning and operating boats. For eighteen years, from 1870, he was in the livery business at Schuylkill Haven, and then engaged in the manufacture of hosiery there, afterwards making a change, to the production of underwear. He built up quite a large trade, employing over twenty hands, continuing in active business pursuits until 1908, since when he has been living retired, except for the management of his property. He has built seven houses in the town, which he rents.

Mr. Emerich was elected steward of the county almshouse April 1, 1892, and during his incumbency of that important position discharged its duties most faithfully. The details of the management of the institution, and of the farm of three hundred acres operated in connection therewith, call for the exercise of executive qualities, the work of the steward including supervision of repairs on buildings, fences, etc., and the proper maintenance of all the property as well as the care of the inmates, of which there were 436 during the winter of 1892-93. While he was in charge of the institution he made a creditable reputation by the excellent condition in which the grounds and buildings were kept, their cleanliness resulting in wholesome improvement of the health of the occupants and the excellent system making for economy and efficiency combined.

Though he has always been a Democrat in politics Mr. Emerich was a Union sympathizer during the Civil war, and enlisted twice for the defense of the State. In 1862 he became a member of Company I, 39th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served out the term. In 1863 he served as a member of Company C, 90th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

for sixty days. He was with his command at the battle of Antietam in September, 1862, and was near Gettysburg at the time of the battle, July 1-3, 1863.

Mr. Emerich married Sarah Ann Raudenbush, who was born at Schuylkill Haven, daughter of Daniel Raudenbush, of that place, the father a native of Orwigsburg, this county. They have had one daughter, Angela, who is now the wife of Jeremiah Charles Lautenbacher, an underwear manufacturer of Schuylkill Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Emerich are members of the Evangelical Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has belonged for many years, and he has been one of its leading workers, having served as president of the board of trustees.

WILLIAM WILHELM, of Pottsville, has been a member of the Schuylkill county bar for over thirty years, and besides achieving success in his profession has been a highly influential worker in political circles. At present he is State chairman of the Progressive Leagues of Pennsylvania, and reference to the recital of the movements he has advocated most heartily shows clearly that he is animated by the same unselfish spirit of patriotism which made his father an ardent antislavery man in the days before the Civil war. His vigorous intellect, high ideals and sincere desire to aid true progress have made him a leader of the best thought in his community, his own high example inspiring others to active effort.

Mr. Wilhelm is a native of Pennsylvania, born Sept. 6, 1855, at Greencastle, Franklin county, son of John Wilhelm and grandson of John Wilhelm. The grandfather was born in Bucks county, Pa., and removed to the Cumberland valley prior to the Revolution, passing the remainder of his life in Franklin county. He lived to the age of ninety-three years, dying in 1862. His life work was farming.

John Wilhelm, father of William Wilhelm, was born Feb. 14, 1824, in Franklin county, and became one of its most prominent citizens. Though he followed farming all his life, he was also actively interested in business, being president of the Turnpike Company of Franklin county and the first banker at Greencastle, where he was prominent in the organization of the First National Bank. As previously mentioned, he was an ardent abolitionist, and Franklin county being on the Maryland line he had considerable experience in the various phases of the slavery question. John Brown and his patriotic followers on the way to Harper's Ferry spent one night on the Wilhelm farm. Mr. Wilhelm was working for the slaves in what was known as the "Underground Railroad." He married Mary Dieffenderfer, who was born in 1832, at Winchester, Va., daughter of William Dieffenderfer and member of an old Pennsylvania family, having been a direct descendant of one of the two Dieffenderfer brothers who settled at New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa. Christian Diller, who settled in Lancaster county in 1717, is one of Mrs. Wilhelm's ancestors on the maternal side. Seven children were born to John and Mary Wilhelm, viz.: William; Charles E., who was a business man of Pottsville, member of the firm of Wilhelm & Kennedy, house furnishers; Georgia, Mrs. Houseworth, deceased (her husband was a druggist at Arbuckle, Cal.); MacHenry Holliday, an attorney, who settled at Ashland, Schuylkill county, now judge of the Orphans' court of that county; Minnie, who died when five years old; Sue D., who married Harvey Spessard, formerly agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, now secretary of the Wolf Manufacturing Company, at Chambersburg, Pa.; and Virginia D., unmarried.



William Wilhelm



William Wilhelm grew up at Greencastle and began his education in the public schools there. Later he attended the Millersville State Normal School, graduating in 1874. For two years he taught school, part of the time at Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, the rest at Millersville Normal, where at the same time he was studying to make his scientific degree. Then for three years he continued in educational work as principal of the school at Tremont, Schuylkill county, after which he began the study of law. After his admission to the Schuylkill county bar, in May, 1881, he opened an office at Pottsville, where he has since been in practice, and how highly esteemed may be judged by the quality of work intrusted to him, and the class of patrons which have sought his services. His specialty is practice in the Supreme and Superior courts, in which he has been eminently successful. He has served a term as deputy district attorney, taking office in 1885 and holding that position until 1887. He had the honor of being nominated for judge of Schuylkill county on the Greenback ticket in 1887, at the same time receiving the indorsement of the Republican party.

In 1892 the commissioners of Schuylkill county appointed him to the formidable task of equalizing the value of all the coal lands in the county, and he increased the valuation one hundred per cent. So ably was this service performed that in 1895 he was invited to a similar undertaking in Carbon county, which employed him for the purpose. There the assessment value was increased two hundred per cent. The justice of the revaluation is apparent in that his findings in Schuylkill county have stood to the present, and the change was accomplished there without a single legal contest.

Mr. Wilhelm has had the courage of his convictions in his political associations. When he first came to Schuylkill county, in 1876, the year he attained his majority, he supported the Republican party, changed his allegiance to the Greenback party in 1877, and for the next ten years, from 1878 to 1887, was one of its active campaign workers. In 1888 he again ranged himself with the Republican party, whose principles on the subject of tariff met his approval, and his allegiance was given thereto until 1910. In that year he was one of the organizers of the Keystone party, which merged with the Washington party, and in 1912 he was one of the electors on the Washington ticket, receiving the largest vote of anyone on the ticket, the total vote being 444,894. He was made president of the Pennsylvania Electoral College. In fact, he has always been at the head of the organization since the birth of the party, and has been honored with the chairmanship of the State organization of Progressive Leagues, which he holds at present. He was toastmaster at the first annual banquet, held at the "Bellevue Stratford," Philadelphia, March 15, 1913, with Roosevelt at his right and Beveridge on the left. Again, on June 30, 1914, at Pittsburgh, he officiated as toastmaster, where eleven hundred sat at board, and in the evening at the Exposition building he also presided.

Mr. Wilhelm has been associated with many progressive movements, and he has been especially earnest in the interest of the laboring men of his own county, for whom he has been able to accomplish much which has affected labor conditions in every part of the State. He has always been a fighter in the political arena, and when he espouses a cause or candidate he usually follows it to victory. In 1909 he led the crusade in the probing of ballot box stuffing, and secured the conviction and pleas of guilty of twenty-four people in the county, acting on account of Morris Leahy, present jury commissioner

of Schuylkill county, who had been counted out at the primaries, and winning out for his client. In this he accomplished something that had never been done before in the State of Pennsylvania, the opening of ballot boxes that fraud might be exposed. Mr. Wilhelm has always been allied with the reform element, and though he has met with opposition of the strongest kind from unexpected sources he always came off the victor. Personally he is respected and popular, and has a large following, though his independence in supporting good measures rather than party principles has been done at the expense of his own advancement.

On April 29, 1885, Mr. Wilhelm married Emma F. Enzensperger, daughter of the late Joseph Enzensperger, of Tremont, Schuylkill county, who died Jan. 1, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm have had three children: Rose L., born Oct. 9, 1886; Anna, born Dec. 24, 1890; and John, born April 27, 1894, now a student at State College.

JOHN W. LYNCH, of Forestville, is a public-spirited citizen of Cass township, Schuylkill county, where he has spent all of his life. He belongs to a family of Scotch extraction, which has long been established there, and in the maternal line is of Revolutionary stock.

William Lynch, grandfather of John W. Lynch, was born on the border of Scotland, and lived and died in that country. His wife, Ella, came to America, and after living in Canada for a short time settled in Cass township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where her death occurred.

Abraham Lynch, son of William and Ella Lynch, was born in Canada, was brought by his mother to Schuylkill county, Pa., and here passed practically all his life. During the Civil war he enlisted for the Union service, being enrolled in Company A, 1st Battalion, July 2, 1863, for ninety days, and received his discharge Aug. 21, 1863. He was an early resident of Forestville, and one of the most respected citizens of that place. He was a successful mine worker, becoming a boss at the mines, and was in the employ of the Reading Company for several years. His death was caused by the kick of a mule at the mines, June 12, 1880, and he is buried at Minersville. He was survived by his wife, Catherine (McClure), who died in June, 1913, and is also buried at Minersville. Their children were: Ellen, who died young; Amelia, who died young; William; Samuel; Amos; John W.; and Abraham.

John W. Lynch was born Feb. 25, 1870, at Forestville, in Cass township, Schuylkill county, and grew up there, in his early boyhood being allowed the advantages of the public schools. When nine years old he began to pick slate at the old West breaker, No. 2, and he continued to work at the mines for a considerable period, advancing until he became a full-fledged miner. He was so employed until 1900, in which year he built his present hotel and residence at Forestville, and he has since devoted considerable attention to operating his hotel, which is known as the "Bellmore." Mr. Lynch has built up a profitable custom by the most commendable methods, paying the closest attention to all the details necessary to make his guests comfortable, and his success has been well deserved. His other business enterprises have also prospered. He has acquired extensive real estate holdings in Cass township and Minersville, and is a stockholder in the Union National Bank at Minersville; besides he is a member of the Log Mountain Coal Company, whose property is located in Bell county, Ky., and has proved a valuable investment. Mr. Lynch has always used his influence to further the best interests of his home community,

and his activities in this respect are recognized and appreciated by his fellow citizens. He holds membership in the Foresters of America and the Improved Order of Red Men, and his religious connection is with the Lutheran Church at Minersville. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On April 30, 1897, Mr. Lynch married Margaret Jane Moore, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Gilgour) Moore. Her father, who was a fire boss at the Phoenix colliery, No. 3, in Cass township, died July 23, 1914. Her mother, a native of Philadelphia, has lived in Cass township from early life, being still a resident of Forestville. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch have two daughters, Alma A., who is attending the Minersville high school, class of 1917; and Eleanor L., who attends the Cass township high school, at Forestville.

George Washington McClure, maternal grandfather of John W. Lynch, lived and died in Branch township, near Phoenix Park No. 2. He owned a team and hauled timber for the collieries. He and his wife, Catherine (Ryster), who also died in Branch township, are buried there in the Clouser cemetery. We have the following record of their children: Amelia married Capt. John Williams, who served as a captain in the Civil war from Schuylkill county, Pa.; Catherine was the wife of Abraham Lynch; Utica died young; Clara married William Shultz; Matilda died unmarried; John, who served three years in the Civil war (he was in the battle of Gettysburg), was killed in the mines at the Wadlinger colliery, in Cass township; Amos also met his death in the mines, at the Woodside, in Cass township; Elijah, who died in 1907, in Branch township, married Kate Bradley, and now resides at Minersville. The McClure family has been established in America from the early days, and the ancestor of George W. McClure served on the side of the Colonies during the Revolution.

DAVID G. SMITH withdrew from active association with business a few years ago and is enjoying himself in comfortable leisure after an honorable and busy career. For several years he took a hand in the municipal government of his town, Pottsville, serving as a member of the borough council, and he has always been a citizen who could be relied upon for cooperation in movements looking to the advancement of his community. He is a native of Lebanon county, Pa., where his father, David Smith, was a well known farmer for many years, eventually removing to Jonestown, that county, where he resided until his death. He married Lydia Gerberich, daughter of George Gerberich and member of a prominent Lebanon county family. Among their children were Amanda, Rebecca, David G. and Ellen. The last named married Moses F. Arndt, son of John Arndt and one of the leading men of Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., engaged in the tanning business, and also vice president of the Jonestown Bank.

David G. Smith was born Aug. 15, 1846, in Monroe Valley, and attended public school in his native county. He gained an excellent education and taught school during his young manhood, his first engagement being at Schneck, in Washington township, Schuylkill county, where he taught both German and English. He was next at the Conrad school, where all of the instruction was in English. Meantime he continued his studies, attending summer school at Mount Joy Academy, in Lancaster county, at Annville, Lebanon county, and New Berlin, Pa., as well as other places. For five terms he taught in Lebanon county and then turned his attention to business, buying out the general store of John Phillips, at Monroe Valley. After two years at that location he went

to Ono, Lebanon county, where he was also established for two years, was subsequently at Jonestown for a few months, and in 1872 came to Schuylkill county and took the position of clerk with George E. Hoffman, at Cressona. He remained in Mr. Hoffman's employ for ten months and then engaged in business on his own account at Pottsville, his first store being at the corner of Eleventh and Markets streets, where he did business for four years. At the end of that time he purchased the corner property at Twelfth and Market streets, where he was established until his retirement, building up a large trade as a first-class grocer. Mr. Smith was noted throughout his career for prompt attention to all his business obligations and reliability in all the relations of life, and he always had the confidence and respect of his patrons and employees. The esteem of his fellow citizens was substantially expressed in his election to the borough council, of which he was a member for four years, giving the efficient service which had been expected of him. Politically he has been associated with the Republican party. He retired from business in April, 1908.

In August, 1869, Mr. Smith was married to Sarah K. Moyer, daughter of Martin and Mary (Kreider) Moyer, of Lebanon county, who had a large family, only three of whom survive, namely: Fannie, widow of John Ebersole; Daniel, retired, who lives near Annville; and Mrs. David G. Smith. Martin Moyer, the father, was a large landowner near Annville, Lebanon county, and also had valuable limestone quarries. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born one child, Lillian M., who married Otto Shuman, and after his death became the wife of Dr. J. G. Kramer, a well known physician of Pottsville, who has his office at Fourth and Market streets. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at No. 1124 West Market street. They are members of the First Methodist Church of Pottsville, and he belongs to the P. O. S. of A. He has many friends in the borough and a wide acquaintanceship throughout this section of Schuylkill county.

LYMAN D. HEIM, M. D., of Schuylkill Haven, a physician of high standing in his section of Schuylkill county, belongs to one of the oldest families in this portion of Pennsylvania and numerous represented here from Colonial days.

This branch of the Heim family is descended from George Heim, one of three brothers from Wurtemberg, Germany, who settled in Pennsylvania on their arrival in America—John in Berks county, Andoni (or Andrew) in Buffalo valley and George in the Mahantango valley, in that section now embraced in Schuylkill county. He is buried at Klingerstown, in Schuylkill county, his grave being in a garden, but unfortunately it has no marking. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and education, was one of the early schoolmasters of that region, and also followed surveying, doing all the surveying required in his section at that time. He purchased considerable land from the Indians, over which there was subsequently litigation with the Penns, they claiming title. Heim had a large strip of land which extended from the Himmel Church in the direction of Klingerstown. He resolutely opposed the window tax imposed by the English crown upon the pioneers during the Colonial days. He probably was single when he came to America. His wife, however, was of foreign extraction, being of Irish stock. They had among others these children: John, George, Paul (had a son Paul), Peter and Matthias.



John Heim, son of George, was born in 1756, in Upper Mahanoy, Northumberland county, and died in 1824, aged sixty-eight years. He is buried at Klingerstown, in a garden. He was a prominent schoolmaster of his day, and also followed farming, having considerable land. He was a leading and respected member of the community, doing all the writing and similar business for his section. In 1790 the Federal census records him as a resident of that section of Berks county now embraced in Schuylkill county, in the Upper Mahantango valley, in which Klingerstown is now located. He then had four sons—all under sixteen years of age—and two daughters. He was twice married, and by his first union had seven children (another account says he had seven sons and one daughter by his first wife). His second wife was Sophia Kohl, who remarried after his death, and died about 1863, at the ripe age of eighty-eight years; she is buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. Eight children were born to this union, namely: Molly married Peter Beisel; Christina married a Straub; John, a carpenter, located in Richfield, Snyder Co., Pa.; George lived in Schuylkill county, Pa.; Rev. William was an Evangelical preacher (he had an only daughter, Sallie, who married Dr. Hensyl, of Howard, Pa.); Peter lived at Watsontown, Pa. (he had a son John, who is deceased, and three daughters); Daniel married Mary Hornberger; Jonathan, who located in the West, had a large family, now located in Iowa and Indiana.

George Heim, grandfather of Dr. Lyman D. Heim, was born in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and always lived there, following farming. He died at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife, Susanna (Lutz), daughter of John Lutz, lived to the age of ninety-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Heim are buried at the Summer Hill Church. They had children as follows: Mary, wife of Daniel Reber; George L.; Susanna, wife of Daniel Warmkessel; Caroline, deceased; and Joel, who lives in South Manheim township.

George L. Heim, son of George and Susanna (Lutz) Heim, was born in South Manheim township May 24, 1842, and died Nov. 22, 1903. He is buried in the Summer Hill cemetery in his native township. Mr. Heim was reared to farming, and in his youth hired out to his uncle Daniel for some time. Eventually he became engaged in farming on his own account on the William J. Berkheiser property, and in 1899 bought that fine property consisting of 128 acres, one mile west of Landingville, which he cultivated until his death. He married Lucy Ann Berkheiser, daughter of William J. and Esther (Bressler) Berkheiser, and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Alvin W., Willoughby F., Emma A. (Mrs. George Gangloff), Oscar A., Minnie E. (who lives at home), Lyman D. and George F. (who lives at home, managing the farm for his mother).

Lyman D. Heim was born Feb. 14, 1877, at Landingville, where he was reared. His education was begun in the public schools of the home district and his early training was well supplemented by a course at the Kutztown State Normal School. He taught school for one term in South Manheim township before taking up the study of medicine, which he began under the tuition of the late Dr. Dechert, of Schuylkill Haven. Later he entered Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1902, since when he has been established in practice at Schuylkill Haven. He has been a busy man throughout his career, his personal qualities combining with efficient attention to his patrons to gain him wide popularity, and his reputation among physicians, as well as with the laity, is irreproachable. He is a member of the

Schuykill County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuykill Haven, and he also holds membership in the Royal Arcanum. In all the relations of life he measures up to a high standard of manhood and citizenship set up by his worthy ancestors.

Dr. Heim married Annie Wilson, daughter of Hugh Wilson, and they have two children, Emeline and Hugh.

EDWARD CHARLES BROBST, at present serving as county commissioner of Schuykill county, was a business man of Shenandoah up to the time he entered upon the duties of that office, to which he is now giving practically all of his attention. As a successful groceryman, he was one of the leading merchants of his town for almost thirty years, and his business talents were considered sufficient assurance by his fellow citizens that he would make an able public servant. His record has justified the confidence that they showed in him when he was elected to the office by a large majority.

The Brobst family is of old Berks county stock. From the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, pp. 75-77-81, it is learned that one Hans Michael Brobst (or Probst) and his family emigrated from Switzerland or Germany on the ship "Samuel," which qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 17, 1733. This family was listed as follows: Michael Probst, aged fifty-four; Johan Michael, aged twenty-one; Barbara Brospts, aged fifty-three; and Barbara Brospts, aged eight.

In 1759, in Albany township, Michael Brobst was tax collector, and on the list of taxes were: Michael Brobst, fourteen pounds (or \$37.24); Martin Brobst, fourteen pounds (or \$37.24); and Valentine Brobst, sixteen pounds (or \$42.56). These amounts were reckoned by allowing \$2.66 United States money for a Pennsylvania pound.

The will of Martin Brobst, of Albany township, was probated June 9, 1766, and Anna Elizabeth Brobst was named as executrix. This document is in German script, and mentions several children.

According to various accounts the early home of this family was in Wurtemberg or Lower Saxony, Germany, and Philip Brobst and his wife Cerine came to this country in 1720 from Germany or Switzerland. He settled in what is now Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and there followed his trade of potter in connection with farming, the latter of necessity engrossing most of his time. He had three sons, Martin, Michael and Valentine, and three daughters, who married respectively N. Kutz, C. Hechler and J. Fetteroff or Fetherolff. The will of Philip Brobst, made in 1747, and probated March 21, 1760, made provision for his children as follows: Michael, one hundred acres of land and a good gristmill belonging thereto; Martin, a tract of fifty acres and a good new gristmill; Valentine, his just portion of the estate; Eva Catharine, fifty pounds in money; and Dorothy (wife of Johannes Fetherolff), fifty pounds in money. Michael and Martin each built for himself a mill in the same neighborhood. They were all devout believers in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church.

"In 1740 Parson Muhlenberg gave them a small tract of land on which the three brothers, with the assistance of some new settlers, built a church and school-house which is occupied from that day to this for the worship of God, by the name of 'Allimingle Church.'" Michael Brobst's wife was Elizabeth Albright.

Valentine Brobst, mentioned above as son of Philip and Cerine, emigrated with his brothers from the Old World. He lived in Reading for some years, and tradition says for a time in Albany township, where his brothers, Michael and Martin, were also large landowners, as indicated by the amount of taxes paid. The Christian name of Valentine's wife was Catharine. He died prior to 1775, and his wife in 1775. The executors of the will of Valentine Brobst were Frederick Hill, a brother-in-law, and Henry Brobst, a brother's son. Among the items were: "Cath. Snyder, my aforesaid wife's sister's daughter, shall have fifty pounds; Jacob Brobst shall have the plantation I bought from Jacob Gortner (Jacob was a son of Michael, the latter a brother of Valentine); Catharine Stine (daughter of Martin, another brother of Valentine) shall have fifty pounds; my sister Dorothy married to Johannes Fetherolff shall have fifty pounds." The witnesses to the will were: Philip Staumbog, George Kistler and Matthias Brobst. The will of Catharine, widow of Valentine Brobst, is on record in Will Book 2, p. 236. Like his brothers, Valentine Brobst engaged in farming and milling. Among his children were Valentine (2) and Martin, of whom the latter removed to Catawissa, Pennsylvania.

Christian Brobst, grandfather of Edward C. Brobst, lived for a time in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in business. By trade he was a harnessmaker. Moving thence to Pottsville, he was engaged in business there for several years, and put up the first buildings on Centre street—what is now the property of the Mortimers; he owned this land back to Centre street. He was a man of recognized ability, was chosen commissioner of Schuylkill county back in 1817, at which time Orwigsburg was the county seat, and was one of the energetic figures in the life of his day. He had served as a soldier in the war of 1812, was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Philadelphia, and took an active part in the work of the Evangelical Church, to which he belonged. In fact, he crowded much usefulness into a comparatively short life, for he died at Pottsville when forty-one years old. He was interred in the old Centre street burial ground there. Mr. Brobst married Sarah Zoll, of Orwigsburg, daughter of Jacob Zoll, who built the first iron works in Pottsville. She died two years after her husband. The following children were born to this union: Peramus, who married Mary Yeager, died in Pottsville; Mary married Michael McBride and died at the age of ninety-one years, in Sullivan county, Pa.; Catherine, Mrs. Brewer, went to Minnesota, where her husband became a mail carrier, and on his third trip home was frozen and starved to death; Benewell was drowned in the canal at Pottstown, Pa., when a young man; George died young; Annetta married Daniel Yeager, of Reading, and died at the age of eighty-three years, at No. 805 North Norwegian street; Casper married Tamsen Stichter.

Casper Brobst, father of Edward C. Brobst, was born at Orwigsburg, and like his father never reached his prime, dying at the age of forty-two years. He learned the business of saddler with his father, for a time conducted a boarding stable for horses at Pottsville, and was afterwards variously engaged until his death. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting from Pottsville. By his marriage to Tamsen Stichter, daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Stichter, he had five children, namely: Emma, deceased, wife of Henry Warnick; Sarah, deceased, wife of Howard Jones, of Philadelphia; Edward Charles; Cassilda, wife of John M. Bock, living at Shenandoah; and Annie, married to Morton Knox, of Pottstown, Pa. The mother of this family died

at the age of forty-one years. The father was a Baptist in religious connection. He is buried in the Presbyterian Church at Pottsville.

Edward Charles Brobst was born Oct. 31, 1858, in Pottsville, and had common school advantages there, up to the age of nine attending throughout the school year. He then took employment in the mines during summer, continuing his schooling during the winter season at William Penn, Schuylkill county. After doing work about the mines for seven years he began clerking for Thomas Bedford, in whose employ he remained three years, changing to work for Charles Bowman in a similar capacity. He was in Mr. Bowman's grocery store for ten years before engaging in business on his own account, in 1884. He began in a rented store at the corner of Jardin and Centre streets, Shenandoah, and the location proving satisfactory he purchased it in time, and continued there as long as he carried on the business, building up a fine trade. In 1910 he erected a fine up-to-date building on that site, a substantial three-story structure, which is a credit to the town and an indication of the prosperity which marked his career. Mr. Brobst conducted the grocery business until Jan. 1, 1912, when, having been elected county commissioner by a large majority, he gave up the business to devote himself to his new responsibilities. He has served as a member of the board of health of Shenandoah. Politically he is a Republican, and an influential worker for the success of his party in this region. Socially he belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Masons, in the latter connection holding membership in Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1911; in Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, of Mahanoy City; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., of Mahanoy City; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He also belongs to the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Shenandoah.

Mr. Brobst married Annie Thomas, daughter of John Thomas, of Minersville, Pa., and five children have been born to them: Charles, now carrying on the grocery business at Shenandoah, is married to Jessie Loucks; Eily is at home; Florence graduated from the Shenandoah high school in June, 1914, and later from the college at Lutherville, Md.; George is attending Wyoming (Pa.) seminary; Margaret is at school. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY B. ZULICH, late of Schuylkill Haven, was a familiar figure in and around that borough for many years, in his capacity of superintendent for the Schuylkill Navigation Company at this point becoming well known to the majority of his fellow citizens. His executive ability and upright character made him a valuable employee of the company in whose service most of his mature life was spent. Aside from that connection he was principally interested in the work of the Reformed Church, belonging to St. John's congregation, in which he was active for many years.

The Zulich family is well known in southern Schuylkill county. It was founded in America by John Zulich, grandfather of Henry B. Zulich, who came from Germany and landed at Baltimore, Md., where he settled. Of his five children three died young, the two who reached maturity being Godfrey B. and Anthony. Godfrey B. Zulich was born at Baltimore, on the site where Fort McHenry is now located, June 22, 1802, the night his parents arrived there after their voyage from Germany.

Anthony Zulich, son of John, removed to Philadelphia, where he lived for some time, later settling at Easton, Pa., where he died. He married Jane

Cummings, of Philadelphia, who was a member of the Quaker family of that name, and to them were born the following children: Anna was the wife of William Guild, of Newark, N. J.; Mary married Thomas Rinek; Myer C., now living in Newark, N. J., attained the dignity of governor of Arizona; Henry B. is mentioned below; Charles is deceased; William H. is deceased; Thomas is deceased; Dr. Morton completes the family.

Henry B. Zulich was born Dec. 15, 1832, in Philadelphia, and received an excellent education, attending Lafayette College at Easton. When a young man he came to Schuylkill Haven, where he soon found employment with the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and in a short time he had won recognition which gained him promotion to the position of superintendent. He continued to fill this responsible position until his death, which occurred in January, 1898. Mr. Zulich became very well known in this section and was especially popular with children, with whom he was always on terms of the greatest friendship. This interest was shown in his connection with Sunday school work, for which he was well fitted by nature, filling the office of superintendent of the Sunday school of St. John's Reformed Church for many years. He was an earnest member of that church and always concerned for its welfare.

In 1858 Mr. Zulich married Emma R. Hesser, who was born Aug. 22, 1840, daughter of the late Capt. Henry B. Hesser, and a large family blessed this union, namely: Samuel M., born July 4, 1859, is deceased; William, born Sept. 30, 1860, is an attorney at law, practicing in Ohio; Henry Hesser, born Aug. 9, 1862, is cashier of the Ringtown National Bank, in Schuylkill county; Jennie M., born Oct. 19, 1863, is at home; Ellen S., born July 23, 1865, is deceased; Albert A., born Sept. 16, 1867, is deceased; Elizabeth S., born April 27, 1869, is at home; Anna M., born Jan. 9, 1871, married William Abbott, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; John G. K. was born Jan. 23, 1874; Ollie, born Feb. 5, 1876, is deceased; Thomas Renek, born June 7, 1878, is located in New Jersey; Persey, born May 14, 1882, is deceased. The mother of this family is still a resident of Schuylkill Haven, where she is well known and held in the highest esteem.

Henry B. Hesser, father of Mrs. Zulich, was born at Orwigsburg, Pa., son of Frederick Hesser, who served in the Revolutionary war as a drummer boy. For some years he lived at Germantown, Pa., removing thence to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, where he died and is buried. He was a well known man in his day in various connections, being the second to hold the office of sheriff in Schuylkill county, and a musician of ability both vocally and instrumentally, being especially well known as a church singer. He and his wife Elizabeth were the parents of the following children: Frederick; Rev. Charles, a Methodist minister; John; Henry B.; Rebecca, Mrs. Frailey; Catherine, Mrs. John Shoener; Polly, Mrs. Harner; and Sallie.

Henry B. Hesser spent practically all of his mature life in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company at Schuylkill Haven, attaining to a responsible position. His death occurred April 15, 1892, when he was seventy-five years old, and he is buried at Schuylkill Haven. By his marriage to Margaret Shoenemaker, also a native of Orwigsburg, he had the following children: Elizabeth Sarah, now living at the old homestead in Schuylkill Haven; Emma R., Mrs. Henry B. Zulich; Albert A., deceased; Charles Frederick, deceased; William Reiff, living at Reading, Pa.; and Henry Addas, deceased.

JOHN C. BITTLE and his sister, residents of Pottsville, are the only representatives of their line of this substantial old family established in Schuylkill county during the pioneer period.

Christopher Bittle (or Bittel, as the name was then spelled), their first ancestor in America, came to this country from England Sept. 24, 1753, at which time he was only a boy, and first located at Quakertown, near Philadelphia, Pa. Rupp's Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776 says (pages 308-309) that the ship "Neptune" (John Mason, master), from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1753, and gives the name of Christoph Büttel among her passengers. For a time he was employed on a farm. Later he married a Miss Neiman, and settled at Pottstown, Pa., where he purchased a farm upon which he lived for a while. Selling out, he came to what is now Schuylkill county, locating on Summer mountain, about half a mile east of Schuylkill Haven, where he bought the farm later owned by the Henney and Reber families, situated in South Manheim township. He sold that property and removed to North Manheim township, where he settled on a tract lying along the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Cressona, later known as the old Bartolette farm. When he sold this he bought a farm property in what is now Norwegian township, near Minersville (in the same locality as the old Thomas Shollenberger tract), and it was there his death occurred. The place afterwards became known as the James farm. Besides farming, Christopher Bittle was engaged to a considerable extent in cutting timber, owning and operating an old-time sawmill, cutting his timber and floating it down the Schuylkill river. He supplied the lumber for the first houses built in what is now the city of Pottsville. He also sank a small shaft and obtained coal, he being one of the pioneers in this business. Christopher Bittle purchased a farm in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., April 1, 1797, and for this tract he paid £66, 13 shillings, 4 pence, gold or silver, lawful money. Mr. John C. Bittle and his sister, now of No. 1112 Mahantongo street, Pottsville, have this paper. Christopher Bittle's wife, who was born in Hanover, Germany, was a sister to the grandmother of ex-Governor John F. Hartranft, who served as governor of the State in 1873-78. They had the following children: John; Jacob, who was a farmer in Long Run valley, near Schuylkill Haven, and died there; Henry, who was the owner of the well known Weissinger farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, who lived and died in Panther valley, Schuylkill county; Maria, Mrs. John Strauch; Molly, Mrs. John Pott; Kate, Mrs. Weaver; Elizabeth, Mrs. Weaver; Rebecca, who married Squire Jacob Reed; Sarah, Mrs. Thomas Jennings; and Eva, Mrs. Warner (she and her husband went by wagon to Ohio and were among the early settlers at Circleville, where they left descendants).

John Bittle, son of Christopher, was the grandfather of John C. Bittle. Born in Chester county, Pa., he came to Schuylkill county with his parents when only nine years old, and here spent the remainder of his life. In his young manhood he learned the trade of weaver, but never followed that business for any length of time, being engaged with his father in his sawmill and lumbering operations. They took the rafts which they made down the Schuylkill river to Reading, being obliged to make the return trip on foot. In 1831 John Bittle removed to Pottsville, where he had a tract of five acres at Yorkville, on what is now West End avenue. He was a large landowner in Schuylkill county and the surrounding region, his holdings including the ground on Mahantongo street, Pottsville, where the First Presbyterian church now stands, and in company with his brother Henry he owned half of what is now known as German-town, near Pottsville; Henry owned what is now the Weissinger farm in that section. In 1838 John Bittle built the home now occupied by his grandchildren,

at No. 1112 Mahantongo street, Pottsville. He died there April 4, 1876, and is buried in the old Presbyterian cemetery. His wife, Barbara (Alsbach), of Primrose, this county, a small place west of Minersville, was a daughter of Matthew Alsbach, who served under Washington during the Revolutionary war; he was the owner of all the valuable coal land at Primrose. To this union was born one son, Charles. Mr. Bittle married for his second wife Elizabeth Zimmerman.

Charles Bittle was born Aug. 19, 1817, upon the Bittle farm, and was thirteen years old when his parents settled at Pottsville. He was one of the live business men of that borough for many years. He had a colliery on Sharp mountain, and dealt in coal, supplying a large trade at Pottsville. For a few years he was engaged in the manufacture of railroad spikes, but was principally interested in the coal and lumber business and had a long and prosperous career. He died Jan. 17, 1899, at the residence on Mahantongo street, and is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. Mr. Bittle was not associated with public affairs in any capacity, but gave his support to the Republican party. He married Christiana Lord, daughter of Frederick and Molly (Bensinger) Lord, and she survived him only one week, dying Jan. 24, 1899. Of their three children, Emma, the youngest, died when two and a half years old. The survivors are John C. and Eliza, who occupy the comfortable old residence erected by their grandfather in 1838. The parents were members of the German Reformed Church.

John C. Bittle, only son of Charles Bittle, was born at Pottsville Nov. 25, 1841. He had the advantages of the public schools, and entered business life as his father's assistant in the coal and lumber trade, in which he continued successfully until his retirement in 1903. He has never married. Successful but unassuming, Mr. Bittle has been a typical member of this fine old family, associated with Schuylkill county for four generations, and he and his sister are the last surviving members of the branch of the family to which they belong.

DANIEL J. GENSEMER, present postmaster at Pine Grove, is an official whose abilities have been tested and not found wanting in various public responsibilities. Born in Pine Grove Dec. 26, 1861, he is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Loos) Gensemer, and a member of a family of German ancestry whose founders in America came here in the ship "Glasgow" from Rotterdam. They were of the company which came to America with Conrad Weiser, down the Susquehanna and into Berks county, settling the place then in Lancaster county which became known as Schaefferstown, near Lebanon. There George Gensemer, the great-grandfather of Daniel J. Gensemer, was born, and there he was engaged in the tanning business. During the Revolutionary war he enlisted under General Washington, became a non-commissioned officer, and was with Washington during the trying winter at Valley Forge, and at the crossing of the Delaware and battle of Trenton, N. J. He died in Lancaster county, and is buried at Robesonia, in the Eck Church cemetery.

Henry Gensemer, son of George, was a native of Blainsport, Lancaster Co., Pa., born Oct. 16, 1782, and died there in 1873. He is buried in the cemetery of what is known as the Swamp Church in West Cocalico township, that county. During his boyhood, in 1793, he made a trip over the Blue mountains into Schuylkill county with a party who were making a visit. Seeing some evidently hostile Indians on the top of the mountains the white people crawled into an old hollow log and waited for the savages to take their departure before

proceeding. The incident is typical of the times and of the dangers which beset the pioneers who ventured to settle in this region. In his young manhood Henry Gensemer followed butchering for four years, and then for six years was engaged in droving. Then he learned the trade of tanner, serving his apprenticeship at Adamstown, Lancaster county, where he continued to work at that calling on his own account for a number of years, three of his sons, Daniel, John and Henry, succeeding him in the business. Meantime he was also interested in farming, acquiring the ownership of 250 acres in the same township, and giving considerable time and attention to the cultivation of his land. He was a Whig in political sentiment, in religion a member of the German Reformed Church. By his marriage to Elizabeth Fichtorn he had nine children: Levi, William, Henry, Daniel, John, George, Sallie, Catherine and Elizabeth.

Daniel Gensemer, son of Henry, was born Sept. 23, 1823, in what was then Cocalico township (now Blainstown), Lancaster Co., Pa., and learned the trade of tanner from his father. He also helped with the farm work at home, until 1849, when he and his brothers John and Henry joined interests under the name of D. Gensemer & Bros. and took over their father's tannery, which they carried on in partnership until Jan. 1, 1856, when Daniel Gensemer came to Pine Grove. Renting the tannery of Levi Miller, he continued in the same line, and in April of the year named John and Henry Gensemer followed him, the three brothers resuming operations under their old style and conducting the Miller tannery until 1859. Then Henry sold his share to the other two and the name became D. & J. Gensemer, until 1863. In that year the three brothers united in the purchase of the John A. Bechtel tannery at Pine Grove, and operated both plants until 1866, when Henry Miller was taken into the firm and the name changed to D. Gensemer & Co. In 1876 Mr. Miller withdrew and Henry Gensemer sold his interest to his brother Daniel, he and his brother John continuing the business until 1883, when George W. Gensemer, son of Daniel, became a partner. A few years later, in 1889, Harry L. Gensemer, another son of Daniel, entered the business, with which the father remained until 1892. Then the two sons of Daniel took control as sole owners under the name of George W. and H. L. Gensemer. The business is still one of the most important at Pine Grove and is at present operated by the firm of Gensemer & Salen. In Daniel Gensemer's day the industry had developed to such proportions that the yearly output attained a value of one hundred thousand dollars, and as the executive head of the concern the principal credit for the growth is justly attributed to his enterprise. His active faculties also sought other outlets which contributed to promoting commercial conditions in this locality. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank at Orwigsburg and one of its first directors; for twelve years treasurer of the Central Building & Loan and Savings Association; and for eight years he held an interest in the Stanton colliery, at Mahanoy Plane.

Mr. Gensemer was more than a capable business man. He had definite ideas on municipal affairs, and showed a commendable desire to serve the community unselfishly in the several important borough offices to which he was chosen, as town councilman for a number of terms, chief burgess one term, and school director. Originally a Whig in political sentiment, casting his first vote for Henry Clay, he afterwards adhered to the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Gensemer lived to the age of seventy-nine years, dying in 1902. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and active in its work.



On April 6, 1857, Mr. Gensemer married Catherine Loos, who was born June 23, 1837, in Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of Joseph (Jr.) and Barbara (Schmidt) Loos, of that county, and of German extraction, being a descendant of John George Loos, who arrived in America Oct. 2, 1753, coming to Philadelphia from Rotterdam in the ship "Edinburgh." Proceeding to what was then part of Lancaster (now Berks) county, Pa., he became the owner of a farm which is still in the possession of the Loos heirs. Joseph Loos, father of Mrs. Catherine (Loos) Gensemer, was born Nov. 20, 1810, in Lancaster county, where he passed all his life, engaged in farming, and died in 1898. His wife Barbara was the daughter of John Schmidt, who was born in 1762 in Lancaster county. Mrs. Catherine (Loos) Gensemer died at Pine Grove, Pa. Seven children, four sons and three daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gensemer: Lizzie A. is the wife of John J. Krimmel, who is in the bakery business at Pine Grove; George W. was engaged with his father and brothers in tanning at Pine Grove, being interested in two plants; Daniel J. is next in the family; Sevilla K., deceased, was the wife of Dr. Clell Bowman, at one time president of Lafayette (Oregon) College, now dean of Albright College, Pennsylvania; Annie B. is married to Benjamin Duncan, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Harry L. was associated with his brother George in the tanning business at Pine Grove; Joseph L., a graduate of Pennsylvania College, 1892, and later a student at Madison College, in New Jersey, is now a minister of the Methodist Church, stationed at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Daniel J. Gensemer had such early advantages as the schools of Pine Grove offered, and later entered the Lebanon County College. His first independent venture was in the lumber business at Goodspring, Pa., which he carried on from 1884 to 1906, as a contractor for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. Meantime he was also engaged in merchandising at Goodspring, Pa. Removing to Duncannon, Pa., he remained there a year, returning to Pine Grove. In 1911 he was appointed postmaster of the borough of Pine Grove, and has since filled that position, giving unqualified satisfaction in his discharge of the duties of the office. He came to the work with a comprehensive knowledge of its requirements, having served as postmaster at Goodspring for seventeen years. He was elected to the town council at Pine Grove in 1888 and in all his public service has given his fellow citizens the benefit of his best thought and executive ability.

Mr. Gensemer has been particularly active in promoting the social and fraternal organizations of his choice. He is a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A., belonging to Washington Camp No. 49, and Commandery No. 22 (the latter of Tower City), and he has not only passed the chairs in these bodies but also served as president of the Schuylkill district, 1897 to 1900, and as State vice president in 1902-03. He has also passed all the chairs in Lodge No. 148, I. O. O. F., and is a member and treasurer of the local encampment of that order; is a member of the commandery of the Knights of the Mystic Chain at Suedberg; of the Independent Americans at Pine Grove (at present serving as councilor); of the Improved Order of Red Men at Tremont; of Pine Grove Lodge, No. 409, F. & A. M., and of the Sons of the Revolution.

In February, 1883, Mr. Gensemer was married to Anna L. Stout, of Pine Grove, daughter of William H. and Matilda (Walters) Stout, the latter now deceased. Mr. Stout makes his home on a farm two miles east of Pine Grove and is widely acquainted among farmers throughout the State, giving lectures on agricultural topics all over Pennsylvania. Seven children, five sons and two

daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gensemer: George B. is a minister of the United Evangelical denomination, stationed at Columbia, Pa.; Fred D. is a tanner by occupation; Paul B. is a resident of Boston, Mass.; S. Ruth, a trained nurse, is in the Presbyterian Hospital at Philadelphia; Norman W. is a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Reba L. is at home; Donald J. is a student and still at home. All the family belong to the United Evangelical Church.

REESE TASKER, late of Pottsville, who for ten years was general mining superintendent at that point for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, closed his career as one of the most conspicuous figures in the anthracite region. He began as a humble mine worker, and attained to position and reputation through sheer merit, winning recognition as one of the ablest mining experts in the country. Unspoiled by success and honors, his likeable personality and sterling character made him one of the most popular officials of the great concern whose interests at Pottsville were in his care, enjoying the friendly esteem of all the men with whom his duties brought him into contact. The same was true of his social relations. His eminent executive ability, supplementing the most comprehensive familiarity with his business, made him so valuable from the practical standpoint that he was not only intrusted with great responsibilities but frequently consulted when competent advice was necessary.

Mr. Tasker was a Welshman and the son of a miner, born Sept. 29, 1846, at Glen Neath, Glamorganshire, South Wales. He spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native land. When but eight years old he began work in the mines and served an apprenticeship at anthracite mining under his father, later mining bituminous coal. When a youth of eighteen, in 1864, he came to America, first settling at Nanticoke (near Wilkes-Barre), Luzerne Co., Pa., where he worked a few years, part of the time as a contract miner. His next experience was in the soft coal mines in Kentucky, whence he returned to this section of Pennsylvania in 1875, from which time until his death he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. He commenced his service with this concern as a miner at Mahanoy City (in 1875) and won advancement steadily, having filled almost all the intermediate positions when made general mining superintendent in 1905.

A self-made man more successful, in the best sense of the term, would be hard to find. His first promotion was to the position of fire boss at a colliery at Wiggan, Schuylkill county. Then he became inside foreman at the Boston Run colliery, in 1886, and was later in the same capacity at the Suffolk colliery, to which he was transferred about 1890, residing at Gilberton while employed there. From there he went to the St. Nicholas district, being at the latter when the now famous Maple Hill colliery was opened. It was developed under his immediate management, and its highly profitable exploitation has always been attributed to his foresight and ingenuity. On April 1, 1893, Mr. Tasker became superintendent of the St. Nicholas district, and on Dec. 1st of the same year was made superintendent of the Gilberton and Mahanoy district. On March 1, 1897, he became superintendent of the Mahanoy City division, succeeding the late John Skeath, continuing in that capacity until assigned as assistant to John Vieth, with headquarters at Pottsville, Dec. 1, 1903. Mr. Vieth, the mining superintendent there, was in poor health, and when he retired Mr. Tasker was appointed his successor, taking the position of general mining superintendent on Jan. 1, 1905, and holding it until his death, May 31, 1915.

Mr. Tasker's rise to one of the most responsible positions in his chosen calling was accomplished by the most painstaking attention to everything he undertook. Possessed of a mind of unusual keenness, his faculties of observation coordinated well with the ability to apply what he knew to the task in hand, and in wide practical experience he acquired a facility in meeting emergencies which was of inestimable value. His work was always most intelligently performed, and he had a faculty for getting work through which could be depended upon. In times of trouble, fires, explosions, cave-ins, etc., he acted so promptly and effectively that he was looked to for aid whenever such emergencies arose.

Mr. Tasker suffered a paralytic stroke on March 22, 1915, and though he recovered somewhat he was not able to resume any of his duties, passing away at his home, No. 106 North George street, Pottsville, on May 31st following. The Pottsville *Republican* of June 1st paid a fitting tribute to his character: "In his passing one of the most kindly and considerate men has been called to the Great Beyond, followed by the blessing of a host of friends in all walks of life, for Mr. Tasker was a man who had risen from the ranks of labor and always maintained the same demeanor toward his fellow men. . . . The genial, kindly man is gone, but his memory will live long after him. He was an inspiration to many younger men whose emulation was aroused by his noble example." He was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua, and the funeral services were conducted by Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., in which he held membership. A special Philadelphia & Reading train from Pottsville was provided for the occasion. Mr. Tasker was a thirty-second-degree Mason, a past high priest of Mizpah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 252, of Mahanoy City; a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., also of Mahanoy City; and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He also belonged to General Grant Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Mahanoy City; the Royal Arcanum; the Pottsville Club; the Sphinx Club; and St. David's Society of Philadelphia.

Mr. Tasker married Mary A. Thomas, who died in 1910 and is also buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua. They are survived by the following children: Catharine, wife of Lee Jones, of St. Nicholas, Pa.; Phoebe, unmarried, who kept house for her father; Oliver C., of Pottsville, an auditor for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Thomas R., of Ashland, this county, a mining engineer, in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Harrison, who is engaged as mechanical engineer by the Buck Run Coal Company, and lives at home; and Taliesyn, a student at State College, Pennsylvania.

JUDGE NICHOLAS SEITZINGER, late of Tamaqua, was one of the leading spirits of his generation in that borough, where his name is held by many in respectful memory. Several of his children still reside there. It falls to the lot of few men to receive such generous assurances of the confidence of their fellow citizens as were shown to Judge Seitzinger, and he proved himself worthy of the many honors which came to him, entirely unsolicited. A native of Berks county, Pa., he was born Oct. 29, 1813, son of Nicholas Seitzinger, an honored early settler of this section of Schuylkill county.

The Seitzingers are one of the families descended from Hessian soldiers who remained in America following their services in the American Revolutionary war. Nicholas Seitzinger, the elder, was a German by birth. He came

to this country as one of the Hessian soldiers hired by England, and thus took part in the Revolution, but his sympathies were with the Colonial cause, and after the war he did not return to the old country. For a time he lived in Berks county, Pa., removing thence to what is now Schuylkill county, where he took up 1,600 acres of land. The region was then a wilderness, but he set bravely about the task of making a home for himself and family, and it was he who established the town of Fountain Springs, near Ashland, which was really named in his honor. He is buried in the cemetery there. His family consisted of children as follows: Catherine, who married Samuel Scott and (second) Henry Fisher; George; Peter; Samuel; Harry; Nicholas; Edward; John, and Jacob W. Jacob built the "Exchange Hotel" at Pottsville.

Judge Nicholas Seitzinger spent his boyhood in Berks and Schuylkill counties, and at an early date settled at Tamaqua, when the town was in its infancy. He engaged in the manufacture of screens and built up a profitable business, also acquiring much valuable local real estate, which is still in the possession of his children. His foresight made him a live influence in the advancement of the place, and he was elected to the position of school director, which he filled for many years. He was also one of the associate judges of Schuylkill county for five years, and was elected to the office of chief burgess of Tamaqua, but refused to serve. With a strong sense of moral obligation in everything he undertook, conscientious ideas regarding his duty to the community, unusual judgment and intelligence, he acquitted himself so satisfactorily in every trust that he might have remained continuously in the public service had he chosen. But he accepted office principally from a sense of responsibility, and when it was merely a question of personal compliment or power cared nothing for preferment. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of Pottsville, and to the I. O. O. F. lodge there.

Judge Seitzinger married Catherine Reese, of Reading, Pa., who was born July 8, 1815, and died Dec. 1, 1881. His death occurred July 14, 1879. They are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua. The following children were born of this marriage: Charles, who is deceased; Alfred, deceased; Nicholas, deceased; Amelia, deceased; Emma, who lives at Tamaqua; Jacob, of Tamaqua; Henry, of Tamaqua; Frances, of Bayonne, N. J.; Ella, of Tamaqua; and Alice, widow of Roger Kinsel, of Tamaqua.

WILLIAM FRANCIS DOYLE, M. D., is one of the leading physicians of Pottsville, where he has been in practice since he commenced on his own account, and, though his time is well occupied with his professional duties, he has also kept up interest in such local affairs as affect the general welfare. He is a native of Schuylkill County, born June 25, 1874, in Blythe Township, son of Thomas Doyle and grandson of Michael Doyle. The grandfather was born in Queen's County, Ireland, and emigrated from that country in 1833, settling in Schuylkill County, Pa. By occupation he was a miner, and was employed at such work on his own account in Blythe Township. His death occurred in 1856 at New Philadelphia, this County. He married Mary Welsh, and they had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters.

Thomas Doyle, son of Michael, was born Dec. 19, 1838, in Norwegian Township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He had few educational advantages in his early life, though he attended public school in Blythe Township for a time. However, he was but twelve years old when he left school to go to work at the



Wm Francis Doyle



mines. Though he began in an humble position, he rose steadily to one of great responsibility. It was often said that there was no work about a colliery, inside or outside, with which he was not familiar, as he had been employed in every position about the mines. In 1869 he became Inside Mine Boss at a colliery near Silver Creek, where he remained for four years. About 1873 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company as Mine Inspector of what was then known as the Pottsville District. Not long afterwards he became Superintendent of the Tremont District for the same Company, and held that position four years, in 1878 being transferred back to the Pottsville District as Superintendent, for one year. The next year he acted as assistant to Mr. John Veith, General Superintendent of all the mines of the Company, and in 1880 was made Division Superintendent of the Southern District, in which position he continued to serve until his death. The territory under his supervision was large, including all mines of the Company south of the Broad Mountain. Mr. Doyle's experience and his intelligent comprehension of all the needs of his work made his services valuable beyond the ordinary, and his ability, good judgment and devotion to duty were thoroughly understood by his superiors, who appreciated them at their true worth. He was a man of the highest personal character and respected by all with whom he came in contact, either in his business or social relations.

Mr. Doyle was twice married, and six children were born to his first union, with Julia Keane, daughter of Patrick Keane, namely: Michael, Julia, John, Mary, William Francis and Thomas. His second marriage was to Mrs. Margaret (Reilly) Branagan, daughter of Bernard Reilly and sister of Hon. James B. Reilly, representative of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania District in Congress. To this marriage were born two children, Margaret and James. By her first union Mrs. Doyle had one daughter, Ellen. Mr. Doyle died July 26, 1903, and is buried at Pottsville.

Dr. William Francis Doyle obtained the greater part of his preparatory education in the public schools of Pottsville, graduating from the Pottsville High School and later spending one year as a student at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1893 he entered Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. In December of that year he became Interné at the Metropolitan Hospital in New York City, where he remained until June, 1898, also taking a course of study at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. He then opened an office at Tarrytown, N. Y., where he soon had a lucrative practice, which, however, he gave up to return to his native town, because of his father's permanent ill health. Locating at Pottsville in 1899, he has found his field of work there ever since, and has built up a large practice as physician and surgeon by unremitting attention to his work wherever his services have been engaged. His office is at No. 416 Garfield Square, he being the third generation of homeopathic physicians to practice at this location—his predecessors having been an uncle and grandfather by marriage, the late Dr. Charles Herman Haeseler and his father, Dr. Charles Haeseler, one of the founders of homeopathy in this section of the State.

Dr. Doyle holds membership in various medical societies: The Pottsville Medical Club, the Schuylkill County Homeopathic Medical Society, the Homeopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania, the Schuylkill County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and has prepared medical papers on various subjects for these and other societies.

Socially Dr. Doyle belongs to the B. P. O. Elks (Lodge No. 207), the Commercial Club, the Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus of Pottsville. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Dr. Doyle's success has rested upon the solid foundation of hard work and close attention to the demands of his profession, his patients appreciating the devotion and skill which have gained him so large a share of the confidence of the community. As a citizen he can be relied upon to support the best interests of the community, whether in private or public enterprises.

Dr. Doyle married Louise G., only daughter of the late Adolph W. Schalck, a leading attorney of Pottsville, and they have one son, Francis Schalck Doyle.

ABRAHAM POTT SELIGMAN, M. D., of Mahanoy City, is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from honored old stock in Schuylkill county of which he himself is an honorable representative in the present generation. Born Feb. 14, 1870, at Port Carbon, this county, he is a son of Joseph Seligman and grandson of Solomon Seligman, and on the paternal side is of German extraction.

Solomon Seligman came to Schuylkill county from Germany. His first settlement here was at Ringtown, whence he removed to Port Carbon in the early days of that borough, following merchandising during his residence there. Later in life he located at Mahanoy City, where he died when seventy-eight years old. His wife, Elizabeth (Maurer), was born in Norwegian township, this county, and they had children as follows: Abraham, Laura, Joseph, Benjamin, Hannah, Emma, Albert, David A. and George.

Joseph Seligman, son of Solomon, was born and reared at Port Carbon, but during most of his business career has been established at Mahanoy City. For a time in his earlier manhood he was engaged as a merchant at St. Clair, moving thence to Mahanoy City, where he became a mine superintendent. For the last thirty years he has been a timber contractor, supplying much timber for the mines in the district, and is still actively interested in this line; he is a director of the Union National Bank of Mahanoy City. By his marriage to Emma C. Pott, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Christian) Pott, he had four children, namely: Bessie, now the wife of Dr. James H. Hagenbuch, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Bertha, deceased; Lettie; and Abraham Pott. Mrs. Seligman died in 1907.

Abraham Pott Seligman obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Mahanoy City, and took his regular medical course at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1892. Being ambitious to make his preparation as thorough as possible he then took a post-graduate course at the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, which he completed in 1894, the same year beginning practice at Mahanoy City. He has remained here continuously since, giving his best to the community of his choice. While his professional labors among his private patrons have had first claim he has combined them very effectively with services of general usefulness to his generation. For the last five years he has been a member of the borough school board, and has been chosen president of that body. The Doctor is a member of the Schuylkill Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. His fondness for outdoor sports has led him into many pleasant associations, and fraternally he is an enthusiastic Mason, a past high priest of Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M.; member of



Ivanhoe Chapter, K. T.; of Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; he is also a past officer in the local lodge of Elks.

Dr. Seligman married Mary Matilda Shafer, daughter of David Shafer, of Mahanoy City, and they have two children, Bertha and James.

In the maternal line Dr. Seligman traces his ancestry back to John Pott, who with his two sons, John Wilhelm and Johannes (minors), and his brother Dagenheart arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship "St. Andrew," Capt. John Steadman, in 1734. He first settled in Germantown, afterwards removing to what is now Oley, Berks (then Philadelphia) county, Pennsylvania.

John Wilhelm Pott was born in 1725 in Europe (place uncertain), married Maria Hock, daughter of John Hock, and died in 1767.

John Pott, son of John Wilhelm, was born in Oley township in 1757, and died in 1827. In 1786 he married Maria Leshner, daughter of John Leshner. She was born in 1768 and died in 1823.

Abraham Pott, son of John and Maria (Leshner) Pott, was born in Pottsville, and one of his daughters, Emma C., was the mother of Dr. Seligman. Another, Mrs. Elizabeth (Pott) Eshleman, born March 4, 1831, died in December, 1893; her daughter, Mrs. Cora L. Miller, was born April 11, 1848; the latter's daughter, Mrs. Annie (Miller) Melick, was born July 11, 1867, and had children, Joel Willit and Jamie.

Mrs. Maria (Hock) Pott, wife of John Wilhelm Pott, was a granddaughter of Rudolph Hock, who emigrated to this country with his brother Melchoir in 1717, coming first to what was then Philadelphia county, in the Province of Virginia. They finally settled in Oley, Pa., near Pikeville, and the old home there is still owned by the Hock family. Rudolph Hock had two sons, John and Samuel, John being the father of Mrs. Maria Pott. He had eleven children, born as follows: Deborah, May 6, 1721; Samuel, March, 1723; Rudolph, September, 1725; Dancal, May, 1728; Maria, December, 1730; Magdalena, December, 1730; John, March, 1733; Susanna, May, 1735; Jacob, December, 1738; Esther, September, 1742; Abraham, September, 1745.

Through the Leshners Dr. Seligman is of Revolutionary stock, being a great-grandson of John Leshner, who was born in Holland Jan. 5, 1711, and died April 5, 1794. He was buried at Oley, Berks county, where he had settled upon his immigration to America, in 1734. The territory was then Philadelphia county. He was a freeholder and a leading man of his time, for a period of fifty years being prominently identified with the iron industry in Berks county, as proprietor of the "Oley Forge" and the "Mary Ann Furnace." His name is found on the records both Leshner and Leoshner. In 1759, during the French and Indian war, he served as wagonmaster, being appointed because he spoke both English and German. When the struggle for independence was being waged in the Colonies he was one of the foremost men active in the cause of his section, useful in every branch of the service. He was chaplain in Colonel Patton's regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, with which he served in the Revolution, being in the campaign commencing with the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776. According to Montgomery's history of Berks county (page 145) he was captain of the company from that county in Patton's regiment. On June 20, 1776, he was notified of his appointment (which appointment was made March 2, 1778) as one of the commissioners for purchasing supplies for the Continental army (Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. VI,

page 32). He was elected a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, serving as such from 1776 to 1782; and was a member of the First Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania, held at Carpenter's Hall June 18, 1776, and was one of the committee of ten chosen to draw up an essay for a form of government (Hughes' "American Constitution," Vol. II, page 217).

Mr. Leshar was a member of the Reformed Church, "an active Christian gentleman," and on his application the courts granted him the privilege of building the First Reformed Church at Oley, Berks county, which he did in the year 1755. He suggested that the courts should direct five or six ministers to conduct divine services, and Dominies Weiss, Schalter and Steiner were appointed to supply the congregation.

John Leshar was a native of Germany, born Jan. 5, 1711, only son and heir-at-law of Michael Leshar. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1734, and first settled in the upper section of Bucks county, but later in Oley township, Berks county. He was naturalized in 1743. In 1744 he and two other men, John Yoder and John Ross, erected a forge along the Manatawny creek, near the Oley Church, which became known as the "Oley Forge," and from that time on for fifty years he was prominently identified with the iron industry of the county. He represented the county in the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and helped to prepare the "Declaration of Rights." He served in the General Assembly from 1776 to 1782. During the Revolution he acted as one of the commissioners for purchasing army supplies. He addressed an interesting letter to the Supreme Executive Council in 1778, relative to the taking of supplies from him. (See Berks County in the Revolution, page 181.) John Leshar died in Oley township, April 5, 1794, leaving a widow, two sons and five daughters, namely: John (had a son Isaac), Jacob, Barbara (married Jacob Morgan), Hannah (married George Focht), Maria (married John Pott), Catharine (married John Tysher) and Elizabeth.

**HORACE F. REBER.** Among the citizens of southern Schuylkill county worthy of mention is Horace F. Reber, editor and one of the publishers of the Pine Grove *Herald*, a weekly paper, which has a strong clientele in western and southern Schuylkill county. It is one of the most influential weeklies in the county.

Mr. Reber is the son of Franklin W. Reber and his wife Rebecca (Manbeck), and was born at White Horse, now Rock, in Washington township, Schuylkill county, on Feb. 25, 1866. His grandparents on his mother's side were John Manbeck, of the same place, and his wife Barbara (Katerman), from Strausstown, Berks county.

On his father's side the grandparents were George Reber, of the Deibert's valley, South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and his wife Maria (Rushy), of near Reading, Berks county. The great-grandparents of Mr. Reber were George and Katherine (Miller) Reber, both from near Reading, Berks county.

The Rebers are of German descent. Between the year 1732 and the year of the breaking out of the Revolutionary war a number of the name emigrated to this country, landing at the ports of New York or Philadelphia. The family name is quite prominent in southern Schuylkill and northern Berks counties, including the city of Reading. The Rebers are identified with the business, professional, manufacturing and social life of the counties of Schuylkill and Berks as well as the farming life of the two counties. Rebersburg,

in Centre county, is named after the family of Reber, a number having settled in that county.

Franklin W. Reber was born Aug. 30, 1831, in the Deibert's valley, near Schuylkill Haven, and was the oldest of thirteen children: Franklin W., aged eighty-five, is still living; Sallie married Fred Hasler, and both are deceased; Isaac, of Indiana, who fought in the Civil war in an Indiana regiment, is deceased; George, of Reading, is deceased; Elizabeth married Henry Deibert, and both are deceased; Levi died of smallpox many years ago; Mary, widow of Jonathan Emerich, is residing at Port Carbon; Jonathan is now residing in Philadelphia; Gideon is residing at Reading; Lewis, of Missouri, is deceased; Albert lives in South Manheim township, on the old homestead near Schuylkill Haven; Amanda is a widow and lives at Schuylkill Haven; Alexander, a Reading Railway conductor, resides at Reading. Five of the sons served in the Civil war, namely: George and Lewis in the 127th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the latter being captured at Fredericksburg, in 1862, and afterwards paroled; Isaac served in an Indiana regiment; Jonathan and Gideon served in Company E of the famous 7th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, all having honorable records.

Franklin W. Reber commenced teaching in the public schools at the age of eighteen, in 1849, at Long Run, and taught nine terms, being one of the oldest ex-school teachers in the county. The rest of his time was devoted to farming. He was wedded to Rebecca Manbeck on Oct. 21, 1854, by Rev. John Schell, of the Evangelical Association, on Mahantongø street, Pottsville, and on Oct. 21, 1915, they observed the sixty-first wedding anniversary, being the oldest married couple living in that section of the State.

There were but two children born to Franklin W. Reber and wife, the eldest being Mary Alice, who married Charles F. Molly, of Pine Grove. She died at Reading Feb. 25, 1897. Horace F. Reber was thirteen years old when the family moved to Pine Grove, where the parents and the son and his family still reside, and where Mr. Reber attended the public schools. He served as clerk in the store of his father, who was associated with his son-in-law in the mercantile business in the Molly stand on North Tulpehocken street. Horace F. Reber graduated from the Pine Grove high school in the class of 1885, under Prof. G. W. Channell, later of Port Carbon. For a short time he worked at the D. & J. Gensemer tannery, and later on the work train of the Reading railway, where he was advanced to the scale office in October of that year under weighmaster Samuel Morrett Helms. On May 12, 1887, he was wedded to Ella R. Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hoffman, of Tower City, and this union was blessed with six children, namely: Florence V., who graduated from the Pine Grove high school and later from the Millersville State Normal School, taught school at Irving, Pine Grove, and Lykens, and is at present teaching at Schuylkill Haven; Norman Dean graduated from the Pine Grove high school and later from the Schissler Business College at Norristown, served as a page in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg in the session of 1903, and is now the head accountant for the two Gensemer & Salen tanneries at Pine Grove; Ferd. L. graduated from the Pine Grove high school, and the Peirce Business College, at Philadelphia, and is at present resort solicitor for the Philadelphia *Record* and identified with the Philadelphia Choral Society; Harold McM. graduated from the Pine Grove high school and later from the Lebanon Business College, and is at present clerk for Messrs. Simon & Sherman, slaughterers, at Reading (prior to serving with

this firm he was a chauffeur for the Toms River, N. J., garage for a year, where he became an enthusiastic autoist and expert at the wheel); Esther E. graduated from the Pine Grove high school and is at present clerking in the health department at Harrisburg; Dorothy is a member of the senior class of the Pine Grove high school and expects to graduate with the class of 1916, when the father and six children will have graduated from the same high school.

The Reber family were first identified with the Whig party, the father of Horace F. Reber casting his first vote for the "Pathfinder," Gen. John C. Fremont, and later with the Republican party. When yet in his teens the subject of this sketch evinced an interest in politics and served in the many marching clubs that the town used to have in presidential and gubernatorial campaigns. After attaining his majority he was elected to the borough council and later to the board of education; while a member of the council and near the close of the term he resigned, having been elected to a county office; subsequently he was elected to the school board and served with Edward Hummel, Joseph Schwalm, Frank Evans, Samuel Reinbold and Dr. F. J. Walter, all of whom were deadlocked on the election of teachers and ousted by the court. Mr. Reber was afterwards reinstated, and in November, 1915, was again elected to the school board under the new code, defeating his opponent, Joseph Schwalm, by a big majority.

On June 8, 1891, Mr. Reber joined Company G, 4th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, as a private. He filled the position of company clerk under Capt. James W. Umbenhauer, and later was elected second lieutenant of the same company; he served in the riots at Homestead in 1892, and in 1897 at Drifton and Hazleton, following the Lattimer riots. He tendered his resignation because of conflict with his civil duties and was honorably discharged on Feb. 19, 1898, by Col. David Brainerd Case, of Columbia.

Fraternally Mr. Reber has been a member of Camp No. 49, P. O. S. of A., and Castle No. 124, Knights of the Golden Eagle, for many years; in the latter he served as one of the trustees for many years, and as one of the instructors for fifty-four terms; also as representative to many State Grand Castle sessions, and was tendered the nomination to be advanced to State offices in Grand Castle, but declined. He has also, at some time or other, belonged to a number of political clubs in the county and elsewhere, including the Union Republican Club of North Broad street, Philadelphia.

On Jan. 1, 1894, Mr. Reber entered the office of the county commissioners as a second assistant clerk, under chief clerk Phil J. Connell. The commissioners at that time inducted into office were John P. Martin, of Pine Grove, Democrat; Charles F. Allen, of Tamaqua, and Frank Rentz, of Ashland, Republicans, the latter the president of the board. On Jan. 1, 1895, he was appointed first assistant clerk, or tax clerk, serving in this capacity until Jan. 1, 1897, when with the reelection of Frank Rentz and John P. Martin and the election of Charles F. Meyers he was appointed chief clerk, serving in that capacity until May, 1898, when the board was dropped from office as the result of a court trial, Frank R. Kantner, of Lofty, and John Stauffer, of Schuylkill Haven, being appointed as commissioners. In November of that year Benjamin Kauffman, of Tremont, became the third member of the board. All the appointed officials of the board were dropped excepting Mr. Reber, who was appointed first assistant clerk under John F. Zerbey, and served until the end of 1899. Having become a candidate for the office during that year

and elected by the highest majority of the commissioners for that year, he was inducted into office as a county commissioner with Frank R. Kantner and George Opie, of Donaldson, being one of the youngest men ever elected to that important office in Schuylkill county. He and his colleagues served for two terms, or during the years 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905.

In 1906 Mr. Reber formed a business partnership with John Reber, of Fourteenth and Market streets, Pottsville, for the manufacture of hosiery, and a plant was erected on a lot purchased from the P. & R. Railway Company, on East Pottsville street, on which was erected a frame factory. In addition to the manufacture of hosiery the firm also operated a coal washery in the Swatara creek, which provided fuel for the plant. The latter part of 1909 Mr. Reber sold out his interest to his partner, John Reber, and in December of that year became associated with Charles F. Anderson in publishing the *Pine Grove Herald*, in which business he still continues. He is also engaged in reportorial work for a number of daily newspapers from his community. While in the hosiery manufacturing business he had installed his own little electric light plant, which was the first of its kind to be installed in that section of the county. Other industries in the town have since followed in the wake of electric light.

Mr. Reber and his family are identified with the Methodist Church of his home town, in which he is one of the officials. Possessed of a genial disposition, he is a man who makes friends readily and possesses the happy faculty of holding them. His political opponents have at various times tried their utmost to hang a political defeat over his head, but have not been able to do so yet. He has frequently of late years been appealed to by the leaders of his party at the county seat to consent to run for the State Legislature, being considered good timber. But though it would be desirable to place a candidate in the western end of Schuylkill county, he has shooed the legislative bee away thus far, being at present content to help run a newspaper and help his political friends when appealed to.

WILLIAM R. ADAMSON, of St. Nicholas, is one of the most successful merchants in that section of Schuylkill county. Since 1904 he has been postmaster at St. Nicholas and member of the firm of Noonan & Adamson, general merchants. He has just entered upon his duties as county treasurer. Mr. Adamson is a native of Schuylkill county and of Scotch descent, his father, David Adamson, and grandfather, William Adamson, having been born in Scotland, whence the latter brought his family to America in 1850. They settled at Branch Dale, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining, and he died there Dec. 3, 1876.

David Adamson was a boy when he accompanied his parents to this country, and he had few advantages of any kind, for he began mine work as a slate picker. But he was intelligent, ambitious and trustworthy, possessing the strong mental, moral and physical characteristics typical of his race, and he rose to the position of foreman, acting in that capacity at the Excelsior colliery in Northumberland county, and Suffolk and Maple Hill collieries, in Schuylkill county, in turn. He became well known to many in the mining circles of this region. His death occurred when he was sixty-four years of age, and he is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. Mr. Adamson married Jennie Pace, who was born in England and came to America when a young girl, and she survives him, now living with her son William at St. Nicholas.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David Adamson, William R. and John O.; the latter is an attorney at law, and resides at Mahanoy City.

William R. Adamson was born Oct. 4, 1876, at Branch Dale, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and spent most of his boyhood in Mahanoy township, this county, where he attended the public schools. He then took a commercial course at McCann's business college, and when a youth obtained a position as clerk at the Ellangowan colliery, where he remained continuously for a period of thirteen years, until he found his present business connection. Meantime, in 1904, he had been appointed postmaster at St. Nicholas, and he has held the office ever since. In February, 1904, Mr. Adamson formed a partnership with Frank J. Noonan, under the firm name of Noonan & Adamson, and he has since had the principal care of their store at St. Nicholas, which is well stocked and a popular trading center in that portion of the county. Mr. Noonan is a leading business man of Mahanoy City, vice president of the Union National Bank and member of the firm of Noonan Brothers, who started the establishment at St. Nicholas now conducted by Noonan & Adamson. Noonan Brothers transferred their business to Mahanoy City from St. Nicholas in 1906, but the original store has continued to draw a profitable trade. Mr. Adamson is a man of sound business principles, diligent in looking after his interests and thoroughly honorable in all his transactions, qualities which have combined happily to place his affairs on a substantial basis and win him high standing among all his associates. The office of postmaster has not been his only public trust. For the last thirteen years he has been a member of the Mahanoy township board of school directors, and is now secretary of that body. He has been prominent in the activities of the Republican party, and has been delegate to the county conventions on various occasions. At the primaries in the spring of 1915 he was chosen as nominee for the office of county treasurer, and at the polls in November following was elected by the gratifying plurality of 8,548. He assumed the responsibilities of his new trust in January, 1916. Socially Mr. Adamson is a Mason, a member of Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M., and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., all of Mahanoy City; he also belongs to Lodge No. 695, B. P. O. Elks, and Council No. 111, Jr. O. U. A. M., both of Mahanoy City. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

Mr. Adamson married Martha Cathers, of this district, and they are the parents of eight children: Jennie, David, Luther, Anna, Thomas, John, Martha and Agnes.

JOHN HARRY FILBERT, a well known attorney of the Schuylkill county bar, is descended of a long line of ancestry whose beginning dates far back into antiquity.

The family name of Filbert is one of the oldest in the Teutonic language, being derived from "fiel brecht," which means very bright or illustrious. This appellation was borne by many of the old Teutonic chieftains, whose descendants carried it into all the countries of western Europe in their early conquests. Formerly the name was spelled "Philbert" and "Philibert," and in England it exists in both the forms "Philbert" and "Filbert," while in France and Italy it has survived as "Philibert."

St. Philibert, who founded the Abbey of Jumieges, on the north bank of the Seine, and died in 683, had been an Abbot at the Merovingian court. He was so greatly beloved by the peasantry that at his death they took his day,

Aug. 22d, to gather the hazel nut which ripened in that locality about that time, and called it St. Filbert's nut. The admiral of the French fleet that made the demonstration against Morocco several years ago belonged to the French branch of the family. Philibert, Prince of Orange, was one of the generals of Charles V., and fell in the Italian campaign of 1529; several counts of the name ruled over Savoy in the twelfth century, and the descendants of Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy became kings of Sardinia, and later kings of Italy.

The American branch of the family traces its ancestry to the great-great-grandfather of Mr. Filbert, (I) John Samuel Filbert, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Jan. 8, 1710, and who with his wife Susanna came to the New World on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Percy, master, sailing from Rotterdam, and took the oath of allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain and the Province of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia Aug. 30, 1737. He spelled the name "Filbert," but Rev. John Caspar Stover, who kept the baptismal records of the family, spelled it "Philbert." The children of John Samuel Filbert were: John Thomas, 1737-1784, married to Catherine Batteiger; Maria Catrina, born 1739, married to John Heinrich Ache; Anna Elizabeth, born 1741, married to John Henry Webber, a captain in the Revolutionary war; John Phillip (1743-1817); John Peter, born 1746, who was a delegate from the 1st battalion of Berks county militia to the convention held in Lancaster July 4, 1776, to elect three brigadier generals for the Pennsylvania and Delaware militia, and who was elected sheriff of Berks county in 1785; and Maria Christina, born 1749, married to Jost Ruth.

As the father and three sons had the first name "John" in common they dropped it in active life, and the only places it can be found are on their baptismal records and tombstones.

Samuel Filbert and his wife Susanna settled immediately on coming to this country in Bern township, Lancaster (now Berks) county, at the present site of Bernville. Samuel Filbert and Godfried Fidler each gave an acre of ground to the North Kill Lutheran Church at Bernville, and a log church was built in 1743 on the part donated by Samuel Filbert. Tradition says that he paid half of the cost of the building, which was used as a church on the Sabbath and as a school on weekdays. In 1791 the log church was replaced by a brick building, at which time his son Phillip acted as president of the building committee. In 1897 the present handsome brownstone edifice was erected on the same ground. Back of the chancel in the new building is a beautiful stained glass window dedicated to "Samuel Filbert, Founder, 1743." He died Sept. 25, 1786, and is buried in the center of the old churchyard.

(II) John Phillip Filbert, son of Samuel and Susanna, was born Dec. 7, 1743. He was commissioned as a captain of the 8th Company of the 6th Battalion of Berks county militia June 14, 1777, and was recommissioned in 1780, 1783 and 1786, so that he served as an officer of the Pennsylvania militia during the whole period of the Revolution. Capt. Phillip Filbert's battalion was mustered into the Continental service on Dec. 13, 1777, for sixty days, and was engaged under General Washington in the Schuylkill valley, between Valley Forge and Germantown. He was married to Anna Maria Meyers and had three children: Samuel, mentioned below; John, married to Anna Maria Leiss; and Catherine, married to William Machimer. He died Aug. 20, 1817, and is buried at Bernville.

(III) Samuel Filbert (about 1770-1795), eldest son of Phillip and Anna

Maria, married Sibylla, daughter of Francis Umbenhaur, a captain in the Revolutionary war. He left two sons: Joseph, who died in 1804, and Peter.

(IV) Peter Filbert, son of Samuel and Sibylla, was born at Bernville, Berks county, in 1794. His father died when he was about six months old, leaving his two sons to the guardianship of their grandfathers Phillip Filbert and Francis Umbenhaur. In 1814 he enlisted with the troops called out for the defense of Baltimore against the British army, and marched under Captain Smith to Springfield camp, near that city, and after the retreat of the British was honorably discharged from the service. In 1818 he married Elizabeth, daughter of John Stoudt, and the next year removed to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, to take charge of the Pine Grove Forge. Peter and Elizabeth Filbert had the following children: Samuel P., married to Lavina Lamm; Edward T., married to Mary Clayton; Peter A. (who was a major in the 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the Civil war), married to Theodosia Reitzel; Leah, married to Dr. John Kitzmiller; Rebecca, married to F. W. Conrad, D. D.; Sarah, married to Richard Musser; and John Q. A., mentioned below. Mr. Filbert was the presidential elector chosen to represent this district in the election of 1840, and cast his vote for the successful candidate, William Henry Harrison. He died Feb. 14, 1864.

(V) John Quincy Adams Filbert, son of Peter and Elizabeth, was born in Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, Feb. 11, 1827. At the age of sixteen he served in the engineer corps of the late Col. Benjamin Aycrigg. Later on he removed to York, Pa., and then to Baltimore, Md., where he lived when the Civil war broke out. Mr. Filbert was a staunch Unionist and was one of the men who helped save Maryland for the Union. When it was reported that the Confederates were going to seize the city, he stood in the trenches to help guard it. All the coal yards of the city were in the hands of Southern sympathizers, who would not coal the government vessels, and the government did not dare to confiscate them for fear of further inflaming sentiment. Mr. Filbert at the request of the leaders of the Union element in the city came up to Schuylkill county and made arrangements to procure coal for the national vessels. He returned to his native county in 1866, residing on his farm in North Manheim township, below Schuylkill Haven, for thirty-five years. On April 30, 1856, he was married to Mary, daughter of Michael G. and Mary (Harman) Beltzhoover, of Boiling Springs, Pa., and they had the following children: Benjamin Aycrigg; May E.; Helen B., married to Dr. Gaylord A. Hitch, of Laurel, Del.; Charles B., married to Florence Saulsbury, and residing in Muskogee, Oklahoma; and John Harry. The father died at Schuylkill Haven, Dec. 4, 1910.

(VI) John Harry Filbert was born in the city of Baltimore, Oct. 19, 1865. When he was only a few months old his parents removed to Schuylkill county, where he has resided ever since. He is a graduate of the Pottsville high school, and attended Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pa., and Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. He registered as a student at law under the late Judge David C. Henning, and was admitted to practice law in the courts of Schuylkill county on the first day of January, 1894.

Mr. Filbert takes a deep interest in educational matters, having been a member of the Midwinter Educational Club of Pottsville for upwards of twenty years. He was one of the incorporators of the Schuylkill County Historical Society and is its first vice president, and is one of the best read men in the community on local historical matters. He resides in Schuylkill Haven,



Pa., and maintains a law office in Pottsville. He has filled many local offices of honor and trust. Fraternally he is a member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., at Schuylkill Haven, and a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He has never been married.

JOHN H. ANGST has applied the best efforts of his business years to the institution of which he is now the head, the Pine Grove Bank, the oldest financial house of the borough. But he has also been occupied with other things of interest to the municipality, performing public duties and carrying social obligations which indicate clearly his sincere desire to lead a life of service. His work has been attended with the success which shows that it has been laid on a solid foundation.

Mr. Angst bears a name which has been respected in this section for several generations. His grandfather, John Angst, was born in Pine Grove township, and was a blacksmith by occupation, his son, William H. Angst, father of John H. Angst, also following that calling. The latter had a shop of his own here for many years. He was born in Pine Grove township, where he still makes his home. William H. Angst married Eliza Mars, who was born in Pine Grove township, of Irish ancestry; her father, William Mars, a cabinet-maker by trade, came to Schuylkill county from Lancaster county, Pa., settling in Pine Grove township at an early day and continuing to reside there until his death. Mrs. Angst died in February, 1905, the mother of four children, namely: Sallie, the eldest, is living at home; John H. is next in the family; Mamie is the wife of John Wolf and is residing at Pine Grove; Clara is the wife of John Ansbach, a farmer of Pine Grove township.

John H. Angst was born Feb. 24, 1873, in Pine Grove township, where he gained his early education. During his younger manhood he followed teaching for ten terms in Pine Grove township, in the year 1900 entering the employ of John F. Wertz, in the Pine Grove Bank, with which he has since been connected. The bank, which was established by Mr. Wertz in 1886, was carried on as a private bank until his death, in 1909. Mr. Wertz was the first president and continued to fill the office to the end of his life, when his widow, Mrs. Catherine (Mars) Wertz, succeeded him. Upon Mr. Wertz's death Mr. Angst was made cashier, and practically the entire responsibility is in his hands. The bank is in sound condition, with a paid-up capital of \$95,000 and deposits of twice that amount, and the resources are placed at \$225,000. Mr. Angst had careful training under Mr. Wertz, and his ability has developed with the increase of his responsibilities, which he has managed admirably. Under his guidance the affairs of the bank have been regulated intelligently and competently, and its prestige has risen accordingly.

Mr. Angst has been the choice of his fellow citizens for local office and has served satisfactorily as justice of the peace of Pine Grove and member of the board of school directors. He was again elected a school director, of Pine Grove borough, in November, 1915. He is prominent in fraternal work at Pine Grove, being a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 409, F. & A. M., of Pine Grove; of the Royal Arcanum (trustee of the Pine Grove lodge); of the I. O. O. F. lodge, which he has served as secretary for ten years; and of the Improved Order of Red Men. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

In 1896 Mr. Angst married Clara Boger, of Lebanon county, Pa., daughter of Adam and Anna (Dohner) Boger, farming people of that county, both now

deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Angst: Roy (a student), Minerva, Anna, Mabel, Mary and Della.

OSCAR KNIPE, of Orwigsburg, is the executive head of the firm of the Oscar Knipe Company, recently incorporated. He came to the borough in 1892, and throughout the period of his residence there has been engaged in his present line, the manufacture of paper boxes, in the development of which he has shown commendable enterprise, taking advantage of conditions in the local manufacturing field. The convenience of having a box factory immediately at hand was promptly recognized by the factory owners in the vicinity, and Mr. Knipe has adapted his output so thoroughly to their needs that he commands a large share of the patronage in this section.

Mr. Knipe was born Dec. 5, 1876, in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., son of Otto Knipe, a native of Dresden, Germany, who settled at Reading upon his arrival in America when a young man. By trade he was a printer, and he was employed on a German newspaper there. His death occurred in Oakland, Cal. He married Amelia Nebekind, and they had one son, Oscar.

Oscar Knipe received his education at Reading, attending the public schools and Professor Stoner's business college, from which institution he was graduated. Coming to Orwigsburg in 1892 he began work in his present line of business, and from modest beginnings has built up one of the most important industries of the kind in this region, the plant now operated by the Oscar Knipe Company being a two-story structure, 60 by 132 feet in dimensions. Thirty-five hands are employed in the production of paper boxes of all kinds, most of them for consumption in the local trade. The firm was known as Oscar Knipe & Company until July, 1914, when the Oscar Knipe Company was incorporated with Mr. Knipe as president, and Elwood L. Orwig, secretary and treasurer. Though yet a young man Mr. Knipe has attained a foremost position among the live figures in the commercial life of Orwigsburg, and his cooperation in all the affairs of the borough is sought and appreciated. He is a member of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., and a past master of that body; he holds membership in the chapter and commandery at Pottsville. During the Spanish-American war he was in the volunteer service as a member of Company F, 4th Pennsylvania Regiment (from Pottsville).

Mr. Knipe married Florence Erb, daughter of the late Rev. I. N. S. Erb, a Lutheran minister of Orwigsburg. They have had two children, Margaret and Marion, both of whom are now attending school.

WILLIAM HOFF, JR., has been at the head of the borough government in Tremont for some years, and his competent administration of affairs is deeply appreciated by his fellow citizens, whose confidence is established on his able performance of all the trusts reposed in him. He is a creditable member of a family which has been resident in the borough for the last seventy years, and his maternal ancestors have been also identified with its progress for the same period. The family is one of long standing in Pennsylvania, Mr. Hoff's great-grandfather having lived and died at Reading, Berks county. His children were: William; Kate, who died in Reading; Eva, who married Paul Barr, of Pine Grove; Bright, Jacob and Henry, all deceased in Reading.

William Hoff, the grandfather, was born in Reading, where he grew to manhood and married. He was the first of the family to settle in Schuylkill county, where he had a tanyard near Hegins and also a farm, being occupied

at his trade and agriculture for many years. In 1846 he moved with his family to Tremont, where he was a pioneer resident, and he became very successfully engaged in the real estate business here. His death occurred at Tremont, and he is buried in the Reformed cemetery. To his marriage with Esther Kimmel were born the following children: Catherine, who married Simon Fegley and (second) Conrad Buecher; Rebecca, who died unmarried; Barbara, who died unmarried; John, who died unmarried; Sarah, wife of Hiram Pinkerton; Eliza, wife of Sigmond Gardner; Emma, who died unmarried; Henry, who died unmarried; Richard; William; and Amanda, wife of Charles Graver.

William Hoff, son of William and Esther (Kimmel) Hoff, was born at Tremont and has passed all his life there. For some time he was employed at the mines in this section, but he is now doing business on his own account as a dealer in ice cream and confectionery, having established a very good trade in the borough. He married Sarah Bensinger, daughter of Charles Bensinger, and the following children were born to them: William, Jr.; Charles, who has been in the Philippine islands for the last eighteen years, being now in the government employ there (he served in the Spanish-American war); Carrie, at home; Bert; Arthur, and Harvey. Mrs. Hoff died Nov. 27, 1894.

Charles Bensinger, Mrs. Hoff's father, was born in the Mahantongo valley, and settled at Tremont about 1845, living there until his death, which occurred when he was over sixty years old. He was a carpenter, and was employed at that calling by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He married Justine Lengel, of Pine Grove, who survived him, living to the age of seventy-eight years; she was at Tremont when there was but one house on the site of the town. To Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger were born the following children: Josiah, who is deceased; Samuel, now living in Reading, Pa.; Sarah, who married William Hoff; and Jeremiah, a watchmaker, of Tremont.

William Hoff, Jr., was born at Tremont July 10, 1877, and obtained his education in the public schools of the borough. At the age of thirteen years he began work at the mines, being employed at the Brookside and Goodspring collieries, and for the last twenty years he has held the responsible position of coal inspector for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. He has proved himself a man of reliable character, and worthy of the respect of his associates. Mr. Hoff has long been active in local public affairs, in which he has taken a leading part. In 1908 he was elected to the office of chief Burgess of Tremont, for a term of four years, which he completed, and he is now holding the office by appointment, having been selected for the honor by Judge Bechtel three years ago. His services have been characterized by honorable, unselfish devotion to the best interests of the community, where his public spirit has won him esteem among the best element. He is one of the active members of the Tremont Fire Company, No. 1, belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge and encampment, and to the Royal Arcanum, and affiliates with the Democratic party on political issues.

Mr. Hoff married Jennie Hepler, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Koehler) Hepler, and they have two daughters: Carrie Rebecca and Mary Elizabeth. The family adhere to the Reformed faith in religion.

THOMAS C. O'CONNOR, of Mahanoy City, editor and manager of *The Mahanoy City Record*, is one of the most influential newspaper men in Schuylkill county and a power in the Democratic party in his county and State. Alert,

aggressive and capable, he has gained flattering recognition in his section through the wholesome exercise of an energetic nature which could not help but be a live factor in any community where his lot might be cast.

Mr. O'Connor was born in Heckscherville, in Cass township, Schuylkill county, June 9, 1863, son of the late Michael and Mary (Brennan) O'Connor. The father, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, born in 1829, came to this country when sixteen years old, and settled at Heckscherville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he found work at the mines as miner and foreman. He was so employed until his removal to Mahanoy City. His family consisted of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Mr. O'Connor was always an interested member of the Democratic party and bore a useful part in its local activities. For a number of years he served as a school director in Cass township. He passed away May 29, 1896.

Thomas C. O'Connor came to Mahanoy City in May, 1864, and here received his education, graduating from the high school in 1878. In his early manhood he followed the teacher's profession for fourteen terms in Mahanoy City, being assistant in the high school when he gave up that work. On April 15, 1894, he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland, and served a full term of four years. Since June 17, 1899, he has been editor and manager of the *Record*, as well as one of the owners of the Record Publishing Company, which issues that publication, the most influential and widely circulated newspaper in northern Schuylkill county, and with no superiors in the southern part. Mr. O'Connor has been true to his original profession in the effective work he has done in the interest of the public schools. His long experience gave him an insight into the needs of the schools and authoritative judgment regarding them, and he has exerted himself to the utmost in behalf of their welfare. He is considered one of the ablest members of the Democratic party in the county, where his personal following is large. He always took a prominent part in the county conventions of the days gone by, and his activities have also extended into State and national politics.

Mr. O'Connor married Frances Bastian, daughter of Valentine and Mary Bastian, the former now deceased. Two daughters have been born to this union: Mary (aged nineteen) graduated from the Mahanoy City high school as valedictorian of the class of 1915, and is now a student at the Westchester Normal School; Ursula (aged twelve) is attending the St. Fidelis parochial school in Mahanoy City, and will enter the public schools in 1916.

SAMUEL BRODE, at one time one of the most vigorous spirits in the business activities of Tamaqua, now living retired in that borough, has been a resident of that place practically all his life. Almost half a century ago he founded the butcher business now conducted by his son William Brode, continued it successfully for many years, and as his original undertaking prospered made other ventures, assisting several progressive projects at their inception with his encouragement and capital. He has been throughout his career a citizen of substantial worth.

The Brode family is of German ancestry, and on first coming to America settled in Lehigh County, Pa. Michael Brode, the grandfather of Samuel Brode, was a native of Pennsylvania, and in his later life became settled at White Haven, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he died. He was the father of a large family.

Thomas J. Brode, father of Samuel Brode, was born in 1819 in Lehigh

County, Pa., and was still a lad when the family removed to White Haven, where he attended school. He learned both grist and saw milling and followed that line of work for several years, giving it up on account of his health. In the early forties he came to Schuylkill county and located at what is now known as Hometown, in Rush township, near Tamaqua, living there for fourteen months, and removing thence to Tamaqua, where he made a permanent home. Here he engaged in the butcher business, being one of the pioneers in that line at Tamaqua, and he followed it profitably until about six years before his death, passing his closing years in retirement. His death occurred in April, 1890, and he is buried at Tamaqua. For a long period he was a prominent member of the Evangelical Church at Tamaqua, in which he held office for many years, retaining his active association with the organization to the end of his life. In 1842 Mr. Brode married Sarah Olewill, who was born in Lehigh county, daughter of Andres Olewill, and of the ten children born to them we have record of the following: Samuel; Kitty, who is deceased; Thomas; Benjamin; Elmer; Charles, deceased; and Sarah, wife of Dr. C. B. Dreher, a prominent physician of Tamaqua and president of the Tamaqua National Bank.

Samuel Brode was born May 27, 1844, at Hometown, the village in Rush township, near Tamaqua, where the family lived for a short time. He was very young when his parents settled at Tamaqua, where he was reared and educated and trained for the serious work of life, learning the butcher's trade with his father, with whom he remained until he reached his majority. He also clerked for Charles Schoener, under Walter Kirk, until he went into the emergency service during the Civil war. In 1863 he enlisted in Company B, 27th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, to reinforce the Union army at Gettysburg, and was out for six weeks. He was in the skirmish at Wrightsville, his command arriving at the battleground just after the Union troops had gained their famous victory. Returning to Tamaqua when discharged from the service, he was there until 1865, in which year he went South to Charlotte, N. C., to take the position of superintendent at a gold mine in which his father was a stockholder. He was in the employ of M. F. Ludwig. After fourteen months' work there he came back to Tamaqua and resumed the butcher business, which he followed for a short time at Audenried, Carbon county. In 1867 he began butchering on his own account, selling his meat at Summit Hill and in that vicinity, though he made his home meanwhile at Tamaqua. The business grew steadily under his thrifty management, and he retained his immediate connection therewith until 1875, after which he turned the actual work over to other hands, giving his time only to overseeing the various details. His attention thereafter was divided among the numerous interests he had acquired. In 1885 he was one of the group of five men who organized the Edison Electric Light Company of Tamaqua, and he served as a director of the company from that time until it sold out. He was also one of the organizers and directors of the Tamaqua Land & Improvement Company, and many other local enterprises of vital importance to the advancement of the section have counted him among their influential supporters. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge at Tamaqua, and in religion he adheres to the Reformed faith, belonging to Trinity Church, in whose work he and his family have taken an active part.

On May 27, 1866, Mr. Brode married Lucy Miller, who was born June 27, 1846, daughter of Israel and Elizabeth Miller, of Tamaqua. A large family

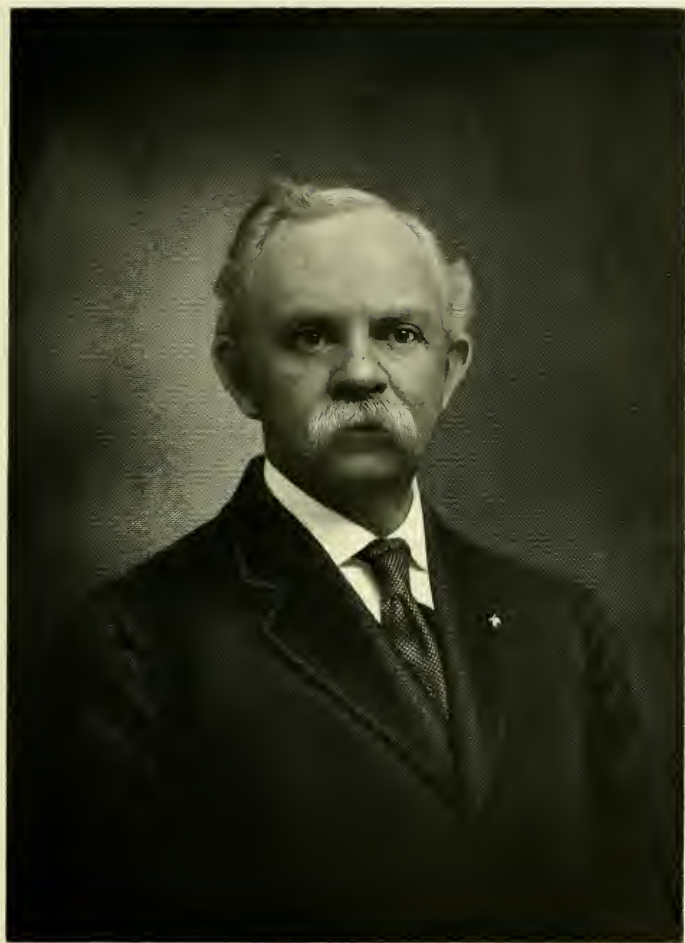
has been born to this union, namely: Frank, born Aug. 9, 1867, is deceased; Cora May, born Feb. 3, 1869, is the wife of Dr. George W. Dreher, of Shamokin, Pa.; William was born July 28, 1870; John E., born Dec. 31, 1872, is engaged as a machinist in Tamaqua; Alburtus, born April 16, 1874, is deceased; Sarah E., born March 3, 1876, is deceased; Walter, born March 22, 1878, is deceased; Thomas, born Nov. 9, 1879, is employed as an electrician in Tamaqua; Emily E., born Aug. 20, 1882, is deceased; Charles L. was born Feb. 14, 1886.

WILLIAM BRODE, eldest surviving son of Samuel Brode, was born at Tamaqua July 28, 1870, and during his boyhood acquired a practical education in the common schools of the borough. He learned the trade of butcher in his father's employ and has followed it up to the present time, with the success which has marked the operations of three generations of the family in this line. In 1895 he took the old stand where his father had started so many years ago, on Schuylkill avenue, Tamaqua, and has a well equipped meat market, supplying a large share of the best trade in the borough. Personally Mr. Brode ranks with the most respected citizens there. He and his wife are members of Bethany Evangelical Church, in whose activities Mrs. Brode has taken a helpful part. Mr. Brode belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife to the Rebekah degree.

In April, 1892, Mr. Brode married Elizabeth Lane, daughter of William and Priscilla (Gallagher) Lane, the former a native of England, the latter born near Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. When he came to America Mr. Lane settled in Schuylkill county, where he followed mining; he died at Tamaqua. He and his wife had a family of six children: Elizabeth (Mrs. William Brode), Margaret, Eliza, George, James and Jonathan. To Mr. and Mrs. Brode has been born one daughter, Lucy, now the wife of Edw. Danner, living at Hometown, in Rush township.

JOHN H. POLLARD, of Mahanoy City, Division Superintendent for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company since 1905, is a native of Schuylkill county, where his father, John Pollard, settled in the early forties. The latter was born in 1820 in Cornwall, England, coming to America when twenty-one years old. For a short time he was located at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thence removing to Pottsville, same county, where he resided continuously to the end of his life, dying in 1903, at the age of eighty-three years.

John H. Pollard was born April 19, 1854, at Pottsville, where he was educated in the public schools. After a year's employment in the establishment of the *Miners' Journal*, under Benjamin Bannan and Colonel Ramsay, he returned to the high school, and was a member of the class of 1871, but quit school to take advantage of an opening in the office of the Harris Brothers, Civil and Mining Engineers, who were in charge of the Girard estate in Schuylkill and Columbia counties, and also conducting a general engineering business. He continued with the Harris Brothers until 1874, in which year the late Heber S. Thompson succeeded to the management of the Girard estate. He was with Mr. Thompson until May, 1878, when he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, as a member of the engineer corps at Ashland, covering the territory from Ashland to Shenandoah, and subsequently having charge of the engineering department for the Mahanoy and Shenandoah districts of this company. On April 1, 1905, he was transferred to Mahanoy City in the capacity of Division Superintendent of the Philadel-



*John H. Pollard*





phia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, his territory including the St. Nicholas and Mahanoy districts, a total of nine collieries.

Mr. Pollard has been a director of the First National Bank of Mahanoy City since 1912. He is well known in fraternal and social bodies, belonging to Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M., Griscomb Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M., and Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 29, K. T., all of Ashland; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. He also holds membership in Ashland Lodge, No. 384, B. P. O. Elks, and Washington Camp No. 84, P. O. S. of A., at Ashland, as well as in the Pottsville Club.

PROF. CHARLES J. CARROLL, present principal of the Blythe township schools, has made an excellent record in his long connection with the public schools of Schuylkill county. For almost thirty years practically all of his time and the best of his talents have been expended in their interest, but the reward is a worthy one. His work will stand as one of the most efficient units which have cooperated in the furtherance of educational progress in the county, whose standards compare with any in the State.

Mr. Carroll was born in Blythe township May 20, 1863. His father, Charles Carroll, lived there for a number of years. He was a native of Ireland, came to this country in 1821, and for a short time after his arrival lived at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Thence he removed to Blythe township, where he followed mining and spent the remainder of his days, dying at Cumbola when sixty-five years old. He is buried at Port Carbon, this county. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Creary, was also born in Ireland, and came to America when a young girl. Only two of their children survive: Catherine, who is the widow of James Armstrong; and Charles J.

Charles J. Carroll attended public school at Port Carbon. He began mine work when a boy, but kept on with his studies as much as possible, so successfully that in 1881 he was able to begin teaching. His first school was in Blythe township, in an independent district, and his salary was thirty dollars a month for a six months' term. Subsequently he taught two terms in the Tumbling Run Valley, one term at Tucker Hill, in Blythe township, and several terms elsewhere in that township, until he was promoted to the principalship of the schools in the borough of New Philadelphia, filling that position for one term. In 1889 he resumed his connection with the Blythe township schools in the capacity of supervising principal, and was so engaged until 1897, doing notable work in developing the educational facilities of the township. At the end of that period he removed to Port Carbon, and soon assumed the duties of a government position in the agricultural department at Washington, continuing in the United States service for the next five years. Returning to Schuylkill county he resumed his profession, becoming principal at Palo Alto, where he added considerably to his reputation during the seven years he remained there, building up the schools of the borough and making the most of their possibilities, to the great satisfaction of the community which had the benefit of his labors. In 1911 Mr. Carroll came once more to Blythe township, and has since been principal of the township schools, which have thrived steadily under his energetic management. In April, 1913, he removed to Cumbola, where he has since made his home.

Professor Carroll's wide experience has broadened his judgment and given him a liberal outlook in his own field, and he has endeavored to adapt his work so as to make it most useful in its relation to the general affairs of the

community, a basis for good citizenship and a preparation for honorable and intelligent participation in the conservation of the common welfare. He has many devoted pupils to testify to his success, and his continued popularity shows that he is not disposed to rest upon past achievements, but maintains the zealous spirit for which he became noted in his early years. While a resident of Port Carbon he was elected a member of the borough council and gave able assistance in the deliberations of that body. He votes independently, for principle and not for party.

Professor Carroll married Sarah McDermott, who was born at Shenandoah, this county, and is of Scotch descent, being a daughter of Dennis and Mary (Paul) McDermott. They have a family of seven children: Charles, now in Philadelphia, where he is secretary of an insurance company; John, who is principal of the public school at Brockton, Schuylkill county; Sarah; Catherine; Mary; Daniel, and Helen.

RICHARD COOMBE is engaged in the development of a fine farm in West Penn township and is doing his full share towards the promotion of modern agriculture in that section. But the greater amount of his property is in timberland and he is doing a large business as a lumberman, in which connection he has become widely known in his part of Pennsylvania. His enterprise and vigor have made him notably successful in both lines, and deservedly so, his prosperity being entirely the result of his own efforts. He is considered a valuable force for progress in the locality which he has chosen for his home and center of operations.

The Coombe family is of English extraction. John Coombe, grandfather of Richard Coombe, was a native of England and a skilled mine worker, engaged in driving tunnels and similar operations. From his own country he went to Ireland, where he was employed at the copper mines for one year, and thence came with his family to America. They made the voyage in a sailing vessel, the "Monticello," and were on the ocean six weeks and three days, landing at New York City, and arriving at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa., July 4, 1840. Mr. Coombe did not spend much time at that location, moving to Woodside, near Forestville, Schuylkill county, and later to Middleport, this county, where he did rock work in the mines. Thence he went to St. Nicholas, Schuylkill county, where he also followed mining. His children were: John, who is deceased; Thomas, deceased; William, deceased; Richard, deceased; Ebenezer, who married Ida Raudenbush; Caroline, widow of Josiah Gill; and Minnie, unmarried. The mother of this family is buried at Pottsville. Their religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church.

Richard Coombe, son of John and father of Richard, was born in Ireland Nov. 4, 1839, and was seven months old when his parents brought him to this county. He received his schooling at Middleport, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and began work early, and he was only a boy of nine when he met with an unfortunate accident, being run over by a mine car and losing an arm. Being thus incapacitated for some kinds of work he secured the best education possible, and he taught school for a couple of terms at Locust Valley, this county. But most of his days were spent at the mines. He went with his father when the latter removed to St. Nicholas, was slate picker boss for some time, and as he understood the work well was later made outside foreman at the individual colliery of John Phillips, holding that position for twenty-one years. Subsequently he held a similar position at the mines of the Reading

Coal & Iron Company. In his later years he moved onto the farm in West Penn township now owned and occupied by his son Daniel, owning it for thirteen years before he lived on it. For ten years he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Gill, had held the property in partnership and had several tenants thereon. The son Daniel operated the place for one year before his father moved there from St. Nicholas, the latter never doing much in the work of its cultivation. It was devoted to general farming, sixty-five acres being under cultivation. The entire area was ninety-six acres, and Daniel bought it after his father's death. Richard Coombe passed away Sept. 1, 1893, in West Penn township, and is buried at Pottsville. He was a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religion, especially interested in church work, to which he devoted much time. He was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school at Mahanoy City for fifteen years. While residing in West Penn township he attended St. Peter's Reformed Church and also taught in the Sunday school there for a couple of years.

Mr. Coombe married Ellamandia Raudenbush, who was born Aug. 2, 1844, daughter of Daniel Raudenbush, and now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Hoppes, in West Penn township. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Daniel Oliver, born Oct. 15, 1871, now living on the home-stand farm, married Ida Hunsicker; a son born in 1872 died in infancy; Richard is next in the family; a son died at birth; Charles, born Nov. 22, 1877, married Kate Miller, and they live in West Penn township; Elmer, deceased, born Oct. 27, 1879, died when about two years old; William Henry, born Nov. 3, 1881, married Mame Adams and lives in West Penn township; Phoebe, born July 10, 1887, is the wife of Wallace Hoppes, of West Penn township; Caroline Job, born April 1, 1890, is the wife of Granville Dreisbach.

Richard Coombe, son of Richard and Ellamandia Coombe, was born June 22, 1874, at St. Nicholas, Schuylkill county, and there spent his early life, obtaining a good education in the public schools. He also attended school one year in Shenandoah, and one year after the family removed to West Penn township, at which time he was fourteen years old. He worked on the home farm until his father died, married early the following year, and then bought the farm of his father-in-law, Daniel Reinert, which consisted of forty acres, all cleared. After residing on that place for nine years he leased and moved to the W. D. Zehner farm, taking a five-year lease with the privilege of giving up the place on six months' notice. He remained there two years, thence coming to his present location in West Penn township, which he had bought previously from the Thomas Neyer estate. This tract comprises 260 acres, eighty of which are cleared; later Mr. Coombe purchased four acres adjoining, from Edwin B. Hoppes. In the spring of 1913 he bought another farm, eighty-four acres (of which forty are cleared, the remainder in good timber for sawed lumber), from Lewis Hoppes, and he is farming altogether 160 acres. His other holdings include a timber tract of thirteen acres in Strauss Valley, Carbon Co., Pa., which he bought from the Charles Fritz estate; a 400-acre tract in Rahn township, Schuylkill county, which he bought in partnership with the late John E. Lauer, and which is covered with timber suitable for mining purposes; the perpetual timber rights on a 130-acre tract adjoining his 400-acre property, which he purchased from the Eastern Pennsylvania Coal Company; and sixty acres of leased ground. During the comparatively short time he has resided upon his present property Mr. Coombe has improved it greatly from the agricultural standpoint, following general farming syste-

matically and profitably. He has also remodeled the dwelling and provided it with all modern conveniences. He markets his farm products at Summit Hill, Lansford and Nesquehoning. Mr. Coombe has a portable sawmill, traction engine and other equipment for conducting his lumber business, and is now building a permanent sawmill on his home place, to be operated by water power. He takes a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his locality, supports the Republican party on political issues, and is a member of the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, with which his wife also unites.

Mr. Coombe married Amanda L. Reinert, who was born May 26, 1876, in West Penn township, on property now owned by her husband, was reared there, and received her education in the local public schools. She remained at home until her marriage. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coombe: Flossie May, born Dec. 28, 1894; Richard Daniel, May 12, 1899; Arthur Earl, June 7, 1905; Alfred Felix, March 26, 1910; Mildred Amanda, Oct. 16, 1911; and Irene Reinert, Oct. 21, 1914. All the children old enough have attended school in West Penn township.

Mrs. Coombe's paternal grandparents were natives of Berks county and farming people. Their children were: Julia, John, David and Daniel. In religion they were German Lutherans.

Daniel Reinert, Mrs. Coombe's father, was born in April, 1833, near Lynnvile, Lehigh Co., Pa., and died Nov. 21, 1902, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. He received his education in his native county, and in his early days worked for the local farmers and learned shoemaking. Coming to West Penn township, he opened a shoe shop near the "Mantz Hotel," and carried on business for a number of years at that location. Some time after his marriage he moved to near Mr. Coombe's present home, cultivating a tract of over one hundred acres for about two years. Then he bought the forty-acre farm Mr. Coombe now owns, and remained there until his death, following general farming. His wife, Polly (Guldner), born in 1838, died in September, 1889. They are buried in St. Peter's cemetery in the township, and were members of the Lutheran congregation of St. Peter's Church, in which Mr. Reinert was very active, holding the offices of elder and deacon. He was interested in all religious enterprises and the advancement of Christianity. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Reinert had two children: David, now a resident of Summit Hill, Carbon county, who married Nora Miller; and Amanda L., wife of Richard Coombe.

RICHARD E. MILLER, SR., of Hometown, Schuylkill county, is an old-time lumberman of this part of Pennsylvania, where he has been operating for forty-two years, during thirty-six of which he has been associated with the Lehigh Company, contracting. He still has large holdings of timberland in the vicinity, and he owns considerable farm land in Monroe county, this State. His father, Elias T. Miller, was also engaged in lumbering in this region, and his grandfather, John Miller, lived and died at Orwingsburg, this county.

Elias T. Miller lived for several years at Tumbling Run, Schuylkill county, and thence removed to Middleport, this county, where he died at the age of eighty-nine. He was a large landowner, his holdings comprising five farms. By his marriage to Hannah Jane Evans he had the following family: Mary, Mrs. Bossler; John T.; Joseph D.; Richard E.; Hannah Jane, who married John D. Derrick; Charles; William; and Sarah, who married James Gillespie.

Evan Evans, father of Mrs. Hannah Jane (Evans) Miller, was born in Wales, and became a resident of Reading, Berks Co., Pa. He taught at the Blue Mountain school in Berks county, and died in that county when ninety-nine years old. His wife lived to the extraordinary age of 101 years. Their children were: Jacob, James, Martin, John, Evan, Jr., Thomas, Hannah Jane, Mary, Phoebe and Margaret.

Richard E. Miller was born Nov. 29, 1849, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county. His early education was received in the public schools, and later he attended the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., from which institution he was graduated when eighteen years old. He assisted his father in the lumber business until he reached his majority, when he went to Catawissa, Pa., to build a breaker. For three years thereafter he was engaged in clerking in a store at Shenandoah, and was then in Philadelphia for a time, employed in a cedar factory. His next removal was to Hauto, Carbon Co., Pa., where he was foreman for a lumber company one year, at the end of that time buying the business for himself. He has since been doing business on his own account, and during most of the time as a contractor for the Lehigh Company. At one time he owned all of the town of Hauto, but disposed of four hundred acres to the Lehigh Company at one sale, and later sold 3,200 acres on the Broad mountain, where he still owns three thousand acres of woodland. He also has a 140-acre tract in Carbon county; another tract of 101 acres; and leases 135 acres from the Reading Company. He operates two sawmills and has a large equipment for the lumbering business, having thirty-three head of mules, besides other stock, as well as all kinds of vehicles, including automobiles. In Monroe county he owns three valuable farms, containing 175, 280 and 180 acres, respectively. His energetic business policy and good judgment have made him one of the leading lumbermen in his section of the State. By square dealing and reliable transactions he has acquired a reputation for integrity and unswerving honesty which he prizes as dearly as his material success. On April 6, 1911, Mr. Miller moved to Hometown, in Rush township, Schuylkill county, where he has a hotel and in connection therewith a fine tract of seventy acres, a desirable location with a beautiful view. The hotel has been very successful under his management.

Mr. Miller married Mary A. Rice, daughter of George Rice, who lived at Minersville, Pa., later moving to William Penn, near Shenandoah, where he was employed by the Reading Company. He died there. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Charles is deceased; Richard E., Jr., is assisting his father in business (he is a Mason, belonging to Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg, Pa., and to the Shrine at Reading); Howard is in the bakery business at Tamaqua (he is also a Mason); Prof. Heber is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., and now superintendent of public schools at Lansford, Pa.; Ralph Samuel is in the government employ at Washington, D. C. (he is also a Mason); Harrison is superintendent for a company at Hauto, Carbon Co., Pa.; Arthur, William and Mary are at home; Allen is deceased. In religious connection the family are Lutherans. Mr. Miller is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Summit Hill, Carbon county.

JOHN M. HARRIS, of Tamaqua, editor and proprietor of the Tamaqua *Evening Courier*, has found his life work in the conduct of that journal, with which the family has been associated for over forty years.

The Harrises are of English extraction. John F. Harris, grandfather of John M. Harris, was born in Devonshire in 1823, and lived in his native country until after his marriage, coming to the United States in 1859. He spent the remainder of his life in Schuylkill county, Pa., first locating in the vicinity of Mahanoy City, where he lived for a number of years, and in 1874 removing to Frackville, where he subsequently made his home. In England he had been a rock miner and contractor, and continued in practically the same line in this country, following mining. Though he was never actively associated with public affairs he took a keen interest in their progress. His convictions led him to support the Republican party, and when the Labor Reform party came into existence he followed its fortunes eagerly, its principles appealing to him, but he could never be prevailed upon to become a candidate for office. Mr. Harris married Mary A. Greening, daughter of George Greening, a native of Devonshire, England, and they became the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter.

Robert Harris, son of John F. and Mary A. (Greening) Harris, was born June 1, 1854, at Plymouth, Devonshire, England, and there passed his early years. His mother and the children did not join the father in America until 1869. Meantime, in 1862, he was apprenticed to the printer's trade, at which he served two years in England. When he came to this country he found work at his trade with the *Mahanoy Gazette*, finishing his trade in that office in November, 1871. That year he came to Tamaqua and commenced his association with the *Courier* as foreman for Eveland & Shiffert, the owners and editors at that time, who published the paper as a weekly under the name of the *Saturday Courier*. In February, 1872, he purchased Mr. Shiffert's interest, becoming a partner with Daniel M. Eveland in the ownership of the paper, and six years later he bought Mr. Eveland's interest therein, being sole owner thereafter until his death, which occurred when he was in his prime, Jan. 14, 1896. Mr. Harris's business ability was well evidenced in his competent management of the *Courier*, which gained steadily in popularity and circulation during his ownership, and his clear intellect showed itself in his vigorous editorials, which were looked up to as a guiding influence in many quarters. His estimable personality and unimpeachable integrity made him trusted wherever known, and his insight regarding current conditions was so well recognized that he was considered an authority by his fellow citizens in Schuylkill county. Though he did not seek office he never evaded the responsibility of securing good government in his locality, and he served four terms in succession on the school board, doing highly acceptable work. He was a prominent member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Tamaqua, belonging to Tamaqua Castle, No. 68, of which he was the first presiding officer; for five years he was its representative at the Grand Castle, and he was master of the historical records until December, 1892.

On May 1, 1874, Mr. Harris married Sophia M. Myers, who survives him. Her father, Marcus Myers, was a native of Bavaria, Germany. Of the children born to this union four reached maturity, two sons and two daughters, namely: Marie A. is a public school teacher; Ray F. is the wife of Edward C. Hillegas, of Tamaqua; Robert H. and John M. are engaged in the conduct of the *Courier*, the former as solicitor and collector.

John M. Harris was born May 4, 1878, at Tamaqua, where he has spent all his life. His education was received in the public schools of the borough, and he learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Courier*, becoming so

thoroughly familiar with the operation and requirements of the business that when his father died he at once assumed its responsibilities, although he was only in his eighteenth year at the time. It was published as a semi-weekly until 1899, when he began to issue it tri-weekly, and since June 1, 1900, it has been a daily. For a number of years it has carried over two thousand names on the subscription list, and during the year of the big strike the circulation reached 2,400. As it is the only daily between Mauch Chunk and Pottsville its patrons are not confined to the local field. Mr. Harris has evidently inherited his father's gifts as an editor and manager, and it is saying much to record that though he was a mere youth when he undertook the publication of the *Courier* he kept it going on a successful basis—a forecast of the pluck and self-reliance which are still characteristic of him.

The *Evening Courier* is really the legitimate successor of the first newspaper established at Tamaqua, the *Legion*, founded in 1849 by J. M. and D. C. Reinhart. In 1855 it became the *Tamaqua Gazette*, and two years later the *Tamaqua Anthracite Gazette*, whose publication was suspended for two months in 1861, in which year it was sold to R. N. Leyburn. He changed the name to the *Anthracite Journal*, and when he enlisted in the army the next year its publication was undertaken by Fry & Jones during his absence at the front. Later it was bought by the Monitor Publishing Company and appeared under the management of Albert Leyburn as the *Saturday Courier* until sold again, in the early seventies, to Eveland & Shiffert. About that time Robert Harris became connected with the paper, succeeding Mr. Shiffert, and it was continued by Eveland & Harris as the *Tamaqua Courier* until 1875, when the *Anthracite Monitor* was merged with it, the latter a labor journal which had been established in 1871 and was well received in the community. "Through various evolutions, the *Monitor* conveyed title to the old *Legion*, and thus the *Courier* became the oldest paper in the town," where it was then the only one. After Mr. Eveland's retirement, in 1878, the firm was Harris & Zeller until 1881, after which Robert Harris was sole proprietor until his death. Except for a few months when Mr. Harris attempted its daily publication the *Courier* was issued weekly until 1893, when he began publishing it twice a week, and it was changed to a tri-weekly and then to a daily under the present editor, John M. Harris. It is independent in politics.

ALEXANDER SCOTT, late of Frackville, was the leading merchant of that borough throughout the most important period of its development, in which, indeed, he was an influential factor. The enterprise which brought about the expansion of his own business had also far-reaching results in its effect on the general prosperity, and he was always looked to for progressive action in local affairs. His activities covered all of the territory in this section of Schuylkill county and were not confined to any one branch of trade, his uniform success in the diverse interests which engaged him betokening a rare gift for management and unusual insight into business principles.

Mr. Scott was a member of a respected Schuylkill county family, being a son of George and Agnes Scott. His father, during his latter years a merchant at Glen Carbon, this county, was one of the best known men in the coal fields here, where his long and varied experience brought him into contact with hundreds of colliery employes. He was the first of this family to come to America, his father, John Scott, following him. The latter was a native of the County of Northumberland, England, and was a miner by occupation,

finding work in that capacity at Mine Hill Gap, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He died at Germantown, near Ashland, where he is buried. By his marriage to Ann Shatton John Scott had four children: Robert, who died at Minersville, Pa.; George; James, who died at Mount Carmel, Pa.; and John, who died at Locust Gap, Pennsylvania.

George Scott, son of John and Ann (Shatton) Scott, was born July 5, 1817, in the County of Northumberland, England, and spent his early life in that country, coming to the United States in the year 1837. He settled at Mine Hill Gap, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and like his father was a miner. His skill brought him responsible work and an enviable reputation. From Mine Hill Gap he removed to Heckscherville and thence to Llewellyn, this county, at the latter place becoming inside foreman for Marcus Heilner in 1850. After two years there he was changed to Coal Castle, as inside foreman for two years, and then became superintendent for Mr. Heilner, holding that position until 1860. He was engaged during the following year at the Beaverdale colliery, and subsequently for two years at the Hazel Dell colliery, Centralia, from the latter place going to Yorktown, Carbon county, to take the position of superintendent of mines for George K. Smith & Co. Later for about five years he was superintendent for Heckscher & Co., at Heckscherville, transferring to the Otto colliery, where he was inside foreman for a period of nine years. During the two years following he was at the Beachwood colliery, at Mount Laffer, this county, at the end of that time retiring from mine work. Thereafter he was in the mercantile business, having a general store at Glen Carbon to the close of his life. He passed away Aug. 17, 1884. His wife, Agnes (Govan), born May 23, 1825, in Ayrshire, Scotland, died May 29, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Scott had a large family, namely: John G., born Nov. 25, 1844, is now living at Girardville, Schuylkill county; Jane, born June 28, 1846, died July 4, 1846; Alexander, born April 16, 1848, died April 8, 1915; George, born Dec. 15, 1850, is a coal operator in Center county, Pa., living at Philipsburg; James G., born Dec. 24, 1852, is living at Minersville, this county; Jane Ann, born April 26, 1855, died Feb. 13, 1907; Agnes G., born Aug. 23, 1857, is the widow of Richard Moore and lives at Alden Station, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Winfield W., born Nov. 13, 1857, died June 27, 1910; Grace, born Oct. 4, 1861, died Oct. 15, 1861; Annie S., born Aug. 2, 1863, is living at Girardville, Pa. (she formerly made her home with her brother, Alexander); Hannah Deiter, born April 1, 1866, died Oct. 28, 1908.

Alexander Scott, the second son of the above family, was born April 16, 1848, and was associated during almost all of his active and successful career with Schuylkill county and her enterprises. He made his home at Frackville, where he conducted the principal general store and also carried on the grain and hay business, being president of the Scott Grain & Hay Company. A branch of the general store was located at Gilberton, this county. In 1890 he bought the interest of C. H. Haeseler in the shoe firm of Kepner, Haeseler & Co., of Orwigsburg, and the firm became Kepner, Scott & Co., under which style the business was continued until it was incorporated as the Kepner Scott Shoe Company. They had a three-story frame factory 40 by 90 feet in dimensions, well equipped in every department, and a large operative and selling force was occupied in the production and disposal of the goods, which were in popular demand wherever known. They were marketed chiefly in the Southern and Western States. Mr. Kepner was president of the business until



his death, March 24, 1913, after which Mr. Scott filled the office during the remainder of his life.

Many other equally important undertakings claimed his attention. He had coal mining investments at Minersville, and was interested with other substantial citizens of Schuylkill and adjoining counties in the lumber industry in the South, being president of the Scott Lumber Company. He was a director of the First National Bank of Frackville and of the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah, and connected as a director or in an executive capacity with other enterprises. Mr. Scott's prominence was not limited to his association with business affairs. He was a zealous politician, having on more than one occasion attended national conventions as delegate. He served as sheriff of Schuylkill county for one term, being elected in 1894 and holding office in 1895-96-97. Socially he was well known in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., at Tremont; to the Chapter; and to Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville. But the power of his means and position were only one feature of the influence he possessed among his associates. Far more to him and to his family was the high regard in which he was held for his personal qualities, for his unselfish citizenship, his ungrudging friendship, his helpfulness to those less fortunate than himself, and an exemplary domestic life. It was for these that the grief manifested at his death was so universal. He died April 8, 1915, after an attack of pneumonia, at his home in Frackville.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife, Elizabeth A., and two sons, Harry B. and Robert S., of Frackville, and one daughter, Mrs. W. R. Trautman. There are also four grandchildren.

The sons Robert S. and Harry B. Scott are now conducting the mercantile business at Frackville which their father established and carried on until his death. They have the largest and best stocked general store in their section of Schuylkill county, and are operating it in accordance with the high standards set up by the original owner.

JOHN G. SCOTT, brother of Alexander Scott, was born at Mine Hill Gap Nov. 25, 1844, and is now a resident of Girardville, this county. He became a reliable stationary engineer, and after some work at the mines in that capacity was intrusted with an executive position at the mines, being outside foreman for twelve years, at the Courier colliery and the workings of Lantz, Lillie & Co., at Park Place, this county. Then for two years he was engaged as superintendent for the Buck Mountain Coal Company, in Schuylkill county; was next superintendent for the York Farm colliery for a similar period; of the Sidney Coal Company, of Maizeville, this county, one year; and of the Ebervale Coal Company for six years, in charge of three collieries. His next location was at Girardville, this county, where he was with the W. R. McTurk Coal Company for nine months. After several years' experience as traveling salesman for a Philadelphia and New York City house he turned his attention to the manufacturing business which he has since operated so successfully. On Dec. 31, 1907, he obtained the patent for the Scott Rivetless Transmission Manila Rope Socket, his own invention, for which he has created a wide market by judicious salesmanship with a most desirable product.

Mr. Scott has been twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth (Briggs), a native of England, born Dec. 14, 1848, died Jan. 29, 1879, the mother of four children: George, who is a resident of Minersville, Pa.; Mary Jane, married to George Johnson and living in Philadelphia; Thomas, also of Philadelphia;

and Robert G., who died in infancy. Mr. Scott's second marriage was to Margaret A. Griffith, of Tamaqua, Pa., born Dec. 3, 1852, by whom he had three sons: Winfield W., now of Tamaqua; Alexander H., deceased; and John G., an artist, of Philadelphia.

WERTLEY. Of the many engaged in the various building trades in Pottsville probably none are better represented in local construction work than the Wertleys. Their part in the development of the town architecturally has been a considerable one, as the number of residences and business houses bearing the stamp of their workmanship shows. The business of Walter Wertley's Sons was founded over twenty years ago by the late Walter Wertley, and has grown to such proportions that eight men are now employed regularly in the work they handle directly, some of their contracts being sublet when more conveniently taken care of in that manner. The history of the Wertleys in the three generations they have been settled in Schuylkill county has been one of industry and good citizenship.

George Wertley, grandfather of the three brothers who became associated in business as Walter Wertley's Sons, came to this country from Germany when a young man, and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., for many years living at Schuylkill Haven. He was a baker, and followed his trade there a number of years, eventually engaging in the business at that place on his own account. In connection he also conducted a hotel. He was a man of energetic character, and was active until his death, which occurred in middle age. His family consisted of the following children: Dorothy, Sarah, Ellen, Mary, George, Henrietta and Walter.

WALTER WERTLEY was born at Schuylkill Haven June 13, 1851. In his early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade with a Mr. Kreamer, at Minersville, this county, and he continued to work along that line as a journeyman until 1891. That year he established himself in Pottsville, where he became a leading business man, although he retired fifteen years afterwards. He conducted a planing mill, and became extensively engaged as a contractor and builder, the various branches of his business working together so harmoniously that one was an aid to the other, rather than an extra line demanding more attention. By steady application he accomplished much, and many of the best residences in the city were built by him, so readily did he find his place among the contractors whose services were in constant demand. Among the buildings he erected we may mention the residences of Paul Sheaffer, Superintendent Hundon, Barton Cullum, John Wilcock, Willing Rettig and Mrs. Rettig; a block of houses for the Rettig Brewing Company; and Mr. Wertley's own home at No. 914 West Market street. He retired in 1906, selling the business to his sons Wellington A., Harry F. and George H. Wertley, who continued it as Walter Wertley's Sons. Walter Wertley was a prominent member of the Pottsville Building & Loan Association and retained that connection after his retirement from the building business until his death, which occurred Sept. 9, 1913. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. His loss was regarded with general regret in Pottsville, where his worthy character had attracted many friends who esteemed him highly. He was particularly interested in the history of Schuylkill county and made himself very familiar with the subject. Being fond of sports and outdoor life generally, he found much enjoyment in hunting and fishing, and he traveled extensively all over America, especially in the West and South. In 1912 he made a trip to Panama. He

was a member of the local lodge of B. P. O. Elks, No. 207, and also belonged to the Episcopal Church, his wife holding membership in the same congregation.

Mr. Wertley married Lindin Augusta Bush, who was born May 22, 1852, in Minersville, Schuylkill county, and they became the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter: Wellington A., Harry F., George H. and Ida L. The daughter is the wife of Charles H. Leaman, a native of Reading, Pa., now a resident of Pottsville, where he is engaged in the knitting business. Mr. and Mrs. Leaman reside in the old Wertley home there.

WELLINGTON A. WERTLEY, eldest son of Walter Wertley, was born in May, 1870, at Minersville, Schuylkill county, and attended school at that place and in Pottsville. When a boy he began work at the mines, but followed it only two years, returning to school at Minersville for a short time. Coming to Pottsville he was employed for about six months in a cigar box factory, afterwards worked four months in a wheelwright shop, and then "found his gait" in the planing mill business, in which he was interested ever after. When he began contracting and building in addition he formed the association with his brothers in which he remained until his recent death, in February, 1915, doing a highly successful mill and lumber business as well. The mill is situated at Twelfth and Arch streets, Pottsville. Wellington A. Wertley was outside man for the firm, and among the numerous buildings they erected are the business place of John J. Royal, wholesale grocer, on Centre street, the Twelfth street schoolhouse, the public school at Minersville and the Pottsville armory, all structures costing forty thousand dollars or over; thirty of the eighty houses on Greenwood Hill, Pottsville; a block for N. C. Morrison; an apartment house for Ben Troutman; as well as many others. For themselves they built a row of houses on Market street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, which are rented. The substantial structures erected by this firm, adequate and of appropriate architecture, and the large proportion of local construction intrusted to them, justifies their reputation as the leading contractors and builders in Pottsville. Upon his father's death Wellington A. Wertley was elected to succeed him as a director of the Pottsville Building & Loan Association. He was active in other concerns of the city, and a member of various social bodies, the B. P. O. Elks (Lodge No. 207), Knights of Malta, P. O. S. of A. and the West End Fire Company. His religious membership was with the Episcopal Church. Everything affecting the welfare of his town enlisted his attention and ready sympathy, his influence in the promotion of all local projects being highly valued.

Mr. Wertley married Annie W. Greenwood, daughter of the late James Greenwood, of Pottsville, and they had four children: Walter, who is a plumber; James, who is learning the carpenter's trade in the Wertley employ; Robert; and Helen Louise.

HARRY F. WERTLEY, second son of Walter Wertley, was born at Minersville Jan. 17, 1873, and received his education at Pottsville, graduating from high school with the class of 1890. He joined his brothers in business. He married Sarah Violet Boltz, and their three children are Lindin A., Blanche V. and Ruth E.

GEORGE H. WERTLEY, youngest son of Walter Wertley, was born at Pottsville April 9, 1876, and was reared and educated at his native place. He is married to Mary J. Glassmire, daughter of Frank W. Glassmire, and they reside at No. 1536 North Norwegian street. They have no family.

HENRY BUSH, father of Mrs. Walter Wertley, was a native of Bristol, England, and was twenty years old when he came to America. Settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he passed the rest of his life there, following mining throughout his active years. His wife, Elizabeth Ann (Arkell), was born in England May 30, 1820, came to this county alone in 1849, and two days after her arrival was married to Mr. Bush. They had been sweethearts in England. She died at the age of fifty-six years. Children as follows were born to them: Harrison, Lindin A., Sarah J., Eliza, Ida Anna, William, Hannah M., Lillian, Franklin and Jane.

CHARLES F. ALLEN, late of Tamaqua, was a busy factor in the development of that borough in his generation. As a man of large personal interests he was keenly alive to the importance of her material growth, and at the same time exerted his influence in fostering social and municipal advancement, which he was able to assist in an appreciable degree. Gifted like his father with those qualities which win success, he used them well in the conduct of his own affairs and also in the furtherance of the broader activities which relate to the everyday existence of the whole community. The sum of his achievements makes a creditable chapter in the history of the borough.

The Allens are representative types of the sturdy New England stock, rugged of physique and vigorous of intellect, to which they belong. Hubbard Allen, the grandfather of Charles F. Allen, was born in 1803 at Rutland, Vt., and when yet a young man removed with his family to central New York, settling in Cayuga county, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1873. By trade he was a shoemaker. He had married before leaving Rutland, his wife's maiden name being Crowningshield, and they became the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters. The father was a Democrat in his political views.

Lucian H. Allen, son of Hubbard Allen, was born in Vermont in the year 1827, and passed his early life there and in Cayuga county, N. Y., whence he came to Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1846. The last part of the trip, from the Schuylkill valley, was made on foot. John K. Smith had just opened and commenced the operation of his machine shops, and there young Allen shortly found employment. So rapid was his advancement that five years later he became associated with John and Richard Carter in the ownership of the same works, and he continued his connection with the remunerative foundry and machine business there carried on for many years. In 1853 William Carter, of Philadelphia, succeeded his uncle, and in 1868 Charles F. Shoener became a member of the firm. An incendiary fire on Dec. 9, 1873, the work of the Molly Maguires, destroyed the shops, which were then running at full capacity, but they were at once rebuilt, on a much larger scale, the business having expanded steadily from the beginning. Soon afterwards, in 1875, Mr. Carter withdrew, the firm becoming Shoener & Allen, who continued it in partnership until 1880, when Mr. Allen, desirous of relinquishing the cares of the business, sold his interest to Mr. Shoener, making an amicable settlement. But he was not to be spared for long. The very same year the ownership of the plant reverted to Carter, Allen & Co., Mr. Allen being obliged to return to his responsibilities because his tact and experience were indispensable at the time, and thus the works were conducted until closed out, in 1886. Subsequently they were run by the Vulcan Iron Company, of Williamsport, in which, however, Mr. Allen had no interest. They are closed

now. Mr. Allen's conspicuous talent for business was supplemented by admirable personal characteristics which made him esteemed and highly regarded wherever he went, and he was well known all over eastern and central Pennsylvania. But the extent of his interests never obscured his solicitude for his home town, and he kept in close touch with local public affairs and politics. National politics he always followed with zest, and he was a staunch Republican in his convictions, though not always partisan when the issues at hand involved no sacrifice of principle. His death occurred in November, 1890.

Mr. Allen married Hannah Hudson, and three children were born to this union: Frank H., of Tamaqua, superintendent and executor of the Allen estate; Charles F.; and Mary L.

Charles F. Allen was born Aug. 14, 1853, at Tamaqua, and began his education in the local public schools. Later he attended the Pennsylvania Military Academy, at West Chester, and after leaving school he learned the trade of machinist in his father's establishment, following it for a period of five years. In 1880 he took the position of bookkeeper with Carter, Allen & Co., and was so engaged until the plant was closed, in 1886, that year taking charge of his father's estate as executor and manager. He was a large owner of real estate in Tamaqua, and at the time of his death was devoting himself chiefly to its management, his holdings including some of the most desirable property in this section of the county. For a number of years he was the manager of the Allen Opera House, and when he died he was the owner of the "United States Hotel" in the borough. He passed away Nov. 7, 1915. Though he had retired from any arduous responsibility, his various interests made him an active figure in local business circles. Mr. Allen was always a sincere Republican and did good work in the county for his party, which honored him with nomination for more than one important office. The confidence of his fellow citizens generally was well shown in his election as county auditor in 1890, for a term of three years, and as county commissioner in 1893; he also served one term of three years in the latter position. His public services were marked by unselfish devotion to the best interests of Schuylkill county.

In 1877 Mr. Allen was married to Katie F. Boughner, daughter of John F. and Mary Boughner, of Tamaqua, and they had the following children: Hannah Mary is the wife of Peter Keilman, a leading shoe dealer of Tamaqua; Bertha died when six years old; Frances L. is married to William L. Leopold, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Hubbard L., a railroad man, living in Tamaqua, married Mary E. P. Wall; Clara Bell is the wife of Clarence H. Evans, who is engaged in the lumber business at Tamaqua; Maude A. and Charles H. are living at home; Frank B., who is in the electrical business at Tamaqua, married Sarah Mattern.

JEREMIAH KLINE, a resident of Schuylkill Haven for the last sixty years, is now living retired. He has had a long and intimate association with the social as well as business life of that borough. He followed the business of painter and decorator very successfully for half a century, and as a musician was in demand at private and public gatherings in the borough as long as he was actively engaged in that profession. Mr. Kline is a native of Berks county, Pa., born near Shoemakersville in May, 1841, son of Rev. Jacob Kline, one of the most noted ministers of his day in Schuylkill county. His grandfather lived at Centerport, Berks county, where he followed farming until his death. His children were: John, Benjamin, Stoffel, Rev. Jacob, and two daughters.

REV. JACOB KLINE was born Aug. 24, 1805, near Centerport, Berks county, and moved to Schuylkill county in his early life, living first at Pottsville, afterwards at Schuylkill Haven. He was a self-made man, acquiring his education and preparing for the Reformed ministry entirely by his own efforts, and there was no more beloved minister in his day in Schuylkill county, few men enjoying a wider acquaintance or the friendship of more people in this section than "Father" Kline, as he was familiarly known. Among the charges he had in Schuylkill county were those of Minersville, Llewellyn, McKeanburg, Orwigsburg and Schuylkill Haven, in connection with which he served the churches at Summer Hill and Friedensburg. He was elected pastor at Schuylkill Haven, his last charge, Oct. 22, 1854, and served until he resigned, Jan. 9, 1891, with undiminished popularity. His was one of the longest and most successful pastorates of that congregation. During his long service in the ministry he preached 3,250 regular sermons, conducted 1,298 funerals, baptized 3,750; confirmed 1,017, performed 810 marriages and administered to 12,537 communicants.

On Nov. 4, 1826, Mr. Kline married Sophia Cook, and they lived to see their golden wedding anniversary, which was celebrated in their home on the corner of Main and Haven streets, Schuylkill Haven. Of the ten children born to this union, six died before the father, who passed away July 7, 1889. His living descendants at that time numbered two sons, two daughters, thirty-three grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Eighteen ministers were in attendance at Mr. Kline's funeral services, and six of his ministerial brethren were honorary pallbearers. Sermons were preached in both English and German. We have mention of six of his family, namely: Israel, Jacob, Samuel, Jeremiah, Sarah (Mrs. William Auchenbach, living at Schuylkill Haven) and Rosie (who married Morton Bittle).

Jeremiah Kline came to Schuylkill Haven with his parents, and has lived here ever since. He learned the business of painter and decorator, which he followed in his home county from early manhood, retiring in 1911. For twenty-five years he was one of the best known figures in local musical circles, acting as organist of St. John's Reformed Church at Schuylkill Haven for many years, as leader of the Schuylkill Haven band, and being also a very proficient teacher of music. He has also become well known in other relations in his part of the county, being a past master of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven. He is a Republican in politics, and was a Union sympathizer during the Civil war, serving during the emergency in 1863 in Captain Randall's company, of the 39th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Mr. Kline married Elizabeth Butz, daughter of Nathan Butz, mention of whose family will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Kline died in 1912 and is buried in the Union cemetery, at Schuylkill Haven. The following children were born to this union: Annie married Philip Shoen; Elizabeth married C. E. Berger, a well known attorney in practice at the Schuylkill county bar; Laura is the wife of Thomas Selliman, of Pottsville, Pa.; Francis is in business as a decorator at Pottsville; Charles, a patternmaker, is settled at Philadelphia; Samuel, a painter, is also at Philadelphia; Edward, decorator, is located at St. Louis, Mo.; Harry is deceased; one son died in infancy. Mr. Kline resides on Main street.

ANDREW SELTZER KIMMEL, though one of the successful business men of Pottsville, belongs to the younger generation, yet he has already made a place for himself among the responsible men to whom the community looks

to uphold her prosperity. He is a son of Jacob F. Kimmel and grandson of Andrew Kimmel, and belongs to a family which have been associated with the growth and development of Schuylkill county for many years.

Andrew Kimmel, the grandfather, was born in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and owned a large farm there, following agricultural pursuits throughout his active days. Several years before his death he removed to Orwigsburg, this county, where he lived retired to the close of his life, at the age of seventy years. His wife, Esther (Faust), also died at Orwigsburg. They were the parents of fifteen children, three of whom died in infancy, and we have the following record of the others: George married Susan Steigerwalt; Daniel married Sarah Marberger; John married Isabella Albright; Hettie married Thomas Whalen; Maria married Daniel Boyer; Elizabeth married Christ Dieffenderfer; Jacob F. married Amanda Seltzer; Benjamin died at the age of twenty-four years; Andrew married Margaret Cavily; Lewis married Mary Grieff, and is the only one of this generation living (he resides at Orwigsburg); Sarah married Daniel Thompson; Hannah married Israel Dreher.

Jacob F. Kimmel, son of Andrew, was born Jan. 24, 1840, at Kimmel's Church, Schuylkill county, and was brought up in West Brunswick township, receiving his education in the local public schools. Throughout his active life he was engaged in the cultivation of the homestead property, and he was also interested in other affairs in his vicinity, for thirty years acting as treasurer of the Farmers' Fire Insurance Company. He served his township for several terms in the capacity of school director. Mr. Kimmel was a member of the Church of God, and always zealous in the promotion of its enterprises and generous in their support. The church of that denomination in West Brunswick township, known as Kimmel's Church, was so named in honor of the Kimmel family. On Feb. 7, 1867, at Reading, Pa., Mr. Kimmel was married to Amanda Seltzer, daughter of Michael and Mary (Fryer) Seltzer, and she survives him, making her home at Orwigsburg. His death occurred Jan. 22, 1908. The children of this marriage were as follows: Robert, born Feb. 10, 1870; George, June 27, 1873; Estella, Aug. 6, 1875; Annie, Nov. 30, 1878; Lottie, Sept. 21, 1881; Andrew S., June 22, 1883; and others who died in infancy.

Andrew Seltzer Kimmel, the youngest of the family, was born in Schuylkill county, one mile east of Orwigsburg, and received his early education in that locality, taking a course at the Orwigsburg high school. His school days over, he went to Reading, Pa., where he learned the trade of machinist in the shops of Orr & Sembower, remaining with this firm for about two years. Then for a year he was in the steel plant at Bethlehem, Pa., returning from there to Schuylkill county, and located in Pottsville, where in company with H. F. Scharadin he organized the Penn Knitting Mills. This was in 1906, and the business has been continued with increased prosperity to the present, the trade having widened to such an extent that whereas only five people were employed at the beginning there are now forty, and sixty machines are kept in operation. Mr. Kimmel gives all his time to this concern, and the solid basis upon which its affairs have been placed is thoroughly typical of his own reliable character. He is universally respected, for what he has accomplished has been through his own efforts.

Mr. Kimmel is married to Florence Lloyd, daughter of Edward Lloyd, of Tamaqua, this county. They have no children. His fraternal connections are

with the Order of Independent Americans at Orwigsburg, and Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., Pottsville.

JAMES CHARLES GRAY, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Cressona, Schuylkill county, for the last thirty years, is one of three brothers who have made the name famous in the medical profession in this county. Dr. Robert Bruce Gray has been established in practice at Port Carbon since 1894, and the late Dr. John McKelvey Gray also followed his profession there.

The Gray family is of Scotch extraction, John Gray, the Doctor's father having been born at Johnson, Renfrewshire, Scotland, July 14, 1832. He was only two years old when he came with his mother to America, and until 1837 they lived on Cape Breton Island and elsewhere in Nova Scotia. They then removed to Pennsylvania, settling at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where John Gray spent most of his youth and acquired the principal part of his education. Mrs. Gray, however, after a short residence there, married Robert Johnston, and removed with her family to Maryland, where she lived for a few years. Returning to Minersville, she passed the remainder of her life there. John Gray lived at various places as the family moved around during his early life, including Pottsville and Reading, Pa., coming to Cressona in 1856. Here he made his permanent home. He had learned the trade of machinist and blacksmith at Minersville, and he followed it until 1870, being obliged to give up such work on account of his health. Then he was appointed foreman in the railroad works at Cressona, controlled by the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and held that position practically to the end of his active years. By his first marriage, to Agnes Johnson, daughter of Joseph Johnson, of Pottsville, he had one child, who is now deceased. Mrs. Gray died Feb. 21, 1857, aged twenty-two years, five months. Mr. Gray's second marriage was to Agnes McKelvey, who was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, at East Norwegian and Coal streets, where the Pennsylvania depot now stands. Of the eleven children born to this union, seven sons and four daughters, ten reached maturity, namely: Isabella married Samuel Klock, formerly a butcher in Lebanon, Pa., but he subsequently moved to Truly, Mont.; James Charles is mentioned below; William Lincoln, a machinist, lives at Shickshinny, Pa.; Jennie B., who died in 1913, was the wife of Adam Applegate, of Pottsville, Pa.; Robert Bruce is practicing medicine at Port Carbon, Pa.; Annie Elizabeth married William Kline, and lives at Great Falls, Mont.; Agnes May taught school at Cressona before her marriage to Rheinold Plath, now of Great Falls, Mont.; John McKelvey was the second Schuylkill county student to graduate from the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, and after serving at the Miners' hospital and the Schuylkill county almshouse settled down to practice at Port Carbon, where he had been located for seventeen years at the time of his death, Feb. 8, 1914; George Andrew was a ranchman at Great Falls, Mont., and was killed near that place, having been thrown from a horse on his ranch (the place is named Gray Butte in his memory, though he is interred in the family lot at Cressona, Pa.); Allen Eugene took up a claim and is engaged in ranching; Chester Hutchison died in infancy. The mother of this family died May 26, 1902, at her home in Cressona, and the father died a few months later, Feb. 3, 1903, in Montana. They are buried at Cressona. Mr. Gray was a Republican in politics.

David McKelvey, father of Mrs. Agnes (McKelvey) Gray, emigrated to





*James C. Gray, M.D.*



this country from Scotland about 1820, and the family were early residents at Pottsville. He was engaged on work in the early development of the coal fields there, and was the first miner to meet his death in the gate vein, being killed by a falling timber under the site of the present courthouse. His widow nobly undertook the burden of rearing her family of four children, leasing the Mount Hope farm, which she carried on, selling milk, fruit and vegetables in town. She was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Centre street grammar school, in a vault containing the bodies of thirty-five of her relatives.

James Charles Gray was born Feb. 13, 1860, at Cressona, Schuylkill county, where he passed practically all his life. He obtained his early education in the public schools there and taught for four terms in the borough during his young manhood. Meantime he had commenced the study of medicine under the late Dr. G. W. Brown, of Port Carbon, Pa., and then entered Jefferson Medical College, graduating in 1884. He has since been practicing at his native place, and now occupies the old homestead there. There are few citizens who, without aspiring to public office or honors, have done more to promote the progress of the community generally. For thirty years continuously he has been a member of the school board of the borough, and for many years of that time has served as president of that body, his work in the cause of education alone being sufficient to entitle him to the gratitude of his fellow citizens. As a physician he has been highly successful, and his thoughtful attention to his patients has made him beloved as well as trusted over a wide territory. His strong personality, combined with professional skill, has made him a leading citizen of southern Schuylkill county. Though he has been a professional man primarily, he has been interested in business to some extent, being a director of the Schuylkill Haven Foundry Company, and a stockholder in the First National Bank; when the establishment of this bank was first proposed and a canvass of the city made for subscribers to its stock, his name was on the original list, and he has retained his interest ever since. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, of which he was vice president for some time, and has been a delegate to the State Medical Convention. Fraternally he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 73, P. O. S. of A., of which he is a past president, and to Miami Tribe, No. 82, I. O. R. M. In his earlier manhood Dr. Gray was an ardent Republican, but of late years he has given his influence and support to the Washington party. His religious membership is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been a very useful worker.

On April 1, 1897, Dr. Gray married Sarah R. Herring, daughter of Henry Herring, of Washington township, Schuylkill county. They have a family of five children: John D., George H., Agnes McKelvey, Alma R. and Catherine.

JOHN MURPHY, deceased, lived in practical retirement at Schuylkill Haven for about twenty years, except for the management of his property interests. He was an old-time boatman, having begun that business when he came to Schuylkill Haven at the age of twelve years, and continued it on the Schuylkill canal for a number of years. When business here dwindled to such an extent as to become unprofitable he changed to the Erie canal, where he did business until he retired.

Mr. Murphy's father, John Murphy, was born in Ireland, came to America

when a young man, and settled at Tarrytown, N. Y., where he engaged in the hotel business. He spent most of his life at this calling, although he was a stonecutter by trade. His death occurred at Tarrytown. His children were: Susan and Mary Jane, both of whom died in New York City, and John.

John Murphy was born Feb. 15, 1838, at Tarrytown, N. Y., where he spent his early years. When a boy of twelve he removed to Schuylkill county, Pa., and until he was nineteen years old was employed in boating on the Schuylkill canal. He then spent several years in Colorado, during the early part of his residence there prospecting to some extent, and he also drove government teams through Kansas as far west as Salt Lake City, Utah, being thus engaged for two years. On June 27, 1861, he enlisted in the 1st Colorado Cavalry, and served for three years, four months, during the Civil war, being discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. He was stationed at Fort Garland, Colo., and also in New Mexico, and acted as division inspector of the Territory of Colorado. Mr. Murphy had many typical Western experiences and profited greatly by his sojourn in that section. Returning to Schuylkill Haven in the sixties, he resumed boating on the Schuylkill canal, operating his own line of boats until 1870. It was then that he transferred his interests to the Erie canal, owning and operating six large boats, with a capacity of 8,000 bushels of grain each, between New York City and Buffalo. This business occupied the principal part of his attention for a quarter of a century, and when he sold out, in 1894, he retired and returned to Schuylkill Haven, where he made his home until about two years before his death, removing then with his family to West Philadelphia. His valuable real estate interests here required considerable attention, but aside from that he was not actively engaged in business. Mr. Murphy always took an active part in affairs of general interest, served at one time as a member of the school board of Schuylkill Haven, and was member and past master of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., in the borough, as well as a member of Post No. 26, G. A. R. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection a member of the Reformed Church. He died suddenly on Christmas afternoon, 1915, at his home in West Philadelphia, and was buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

By his first marriage, to Mary Fisher, daughter of William Fisher, Mr. Murphy had a family of four children: William, Sherman, Ethan and John. In 1889 he married (second) Alice Moyer, and by this union also had four children, of whom Allen died in infancy; Rebecca, Isaac and Leonard are at home. The family occupied a fine home on Main street, Schuylkill Haven.

Jacob Moyer, Mrs. Murphy's great-grandfather, lived and died in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa. His son, Isaac, her grandfather, was born in that township, and became a prominent citizen of Pinedale, Schuylkill county, where he bought a large tract of land, and was prosperously engaged in farming. He died at Pinedale, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Rebecca (Ketner), daughter of Frank Ketner, was also born in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., and died at Pinedale, when eighty-five years old. They are interred in the burial ground of the historic old Red Church. They had children as follows: Sarah married Andrew Boyer; Isaac is mentioned below; Jackson married Mary Christ, and is still living in Schuylkill county; Polly married Samuel Moyer, a second cousin; Rebecca married Charles Rahn; Catherine married Frank Hoover; Matilda married Martin Hummel; Abraham married Rebecca Kramer; Morgan married Elizabeth Hill; Anna died unmarried.

Isaac Moyer, Jr., was born May 10, 1815, at Pinedale, Schuylkill county, and was one of the most respected men of his day in this section. He learned the trade of tanner, but after a time became engaged in boating on the Schuylkill canal, following this occupation for a period of forty years. He spent his last years in retirement at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Murphy, dying March 25, 1898, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Moyer was a member of the German Reformed Church, and always took an active part in its work, serving faithfully in the office of deacon. He married Anetta Bossart, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Mill) Bossart. She died at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moyer were the parents of ten children, namely: Rebecca married William Weissinger; George married Christine Hein; Mary married Gotlieb Burkert; James married Mary Fisher; John married Elsie Schrapp; Charles died unmarried; Alice is the widow of John Murphy; Catherine married Frank Hunnel; William married Mary Boyer; Emma died young.

LORENZ IMSCHWEILER, late of Pottsville, was a resident of Schuylkill county for over half a century and one of the enterprising business men of his generation. The confectionery establishment now carried on by his son-in-law, E. J. Miller, was founded by him over thirty years ago, and though he lived to be over seventy he continued his active interest in affairs almost to the close of his life, with remarkable and unabated energy and undiminished efficiency. He was of German birth, born in 1830 in Scheersfeld, Little Bavaria. His early life was spent in his native land, where he learned the trade of tailor. In his twentieth year he came to America, making the trip on a sailing vessel and landing Jan. 7, 1850. His first location was at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., whence he soon went to Tamaqua, this county, following his trade during the seven years of his residence at that place. Meantime he became acquainted there with the Jacobs family, from whom he learned the confectionery business.

Mr. Imschweiler made his first venture in the confectionery line at Tremont, Schuylkill county, whither he removed from Tamaqua, and he made a success, doing business there for a period of seventeen years. Then he sought larger opportunities at Pottsville, where he settled in 1881 and opened a store, his original location being at No. 217 Centre street. After a year there he moved next door, to No. 219, where he was established a few years, finally removing to No. 13 North Centre street. The business was carried on at that site until its recent removal to the old Dr. Robison property, where Mr. Miller, the present owner, has put up a modern building. Mr. Imschweiler conducted the business there until his retirement fourteen years ago, and acquired a substantial competence as the trade grew under his capable management. His reputation extended all over Schuylkill county, and his substantial qualities of character made him one of the leading citizens of his day. He was a member of the Reformed Church in religious connection, and belonged to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Tamaqua. He died in December, 1904, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery.

Mr. Imschweiler married Julia Miller, who was born four miles from her husband's birthplace in Germany and came to Pennsylvania with her parents when four years old. They settled at Pottsville. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Imschweiler, but only one of this large family is living, Emma Louise, the wife of Edwin J. Miller.

EDWIN J. MILLER has advanced to so solid a position among the leading figures in business circles at Pottsville that he may well be spoken of as a self-made man and his career cited as an example of what strict attention to purpose gains. His life has been one of useful activity, helpful to the community in more ways than one, and his ambition to win success has been so honorably attained that he has the unqualified esteem of his associates and of his fellow citizens generally.

Mr. Miller comes of the thrifty German stock whose influence on Pennsylvania has been felt from the days of its first settlement. His grandfather, Henry Miller, came to this country from Germany, and settled at what is now Brown's Farm, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he became engaged in farming. He died there.

William Miller, father of Edwin J. Miller, lived at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where his death occurred in 1900. Having learned the trade of blacksmith he was with the William Kear Coal Company in that capacity, later becoming an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. His widow, Mary (Heller), still resides at Minersville. Of the seven children born to them five survive: Ella, who is the wife of Walter Trezise; Ida, wife of Daniel Price, of Minersville; Carrie and Mame, living with their mother; and Edwin J.

Edwin J. Miller was born June 15, 1871, at Minersville, where he was reared. During his boyhood and youth he was employed at the mines for about five years, and as he had to go to work at an early age he continued his studies at night school for a time. For two years he tried the grocery business, but did not like it well enough to go in that line, so in 1888 he came to Pottsville and engaged with Lorenz Imschweiler, with whom he learned the confectionery business. His facility in mastering its details, and the skill he soon acquired in the practical part of the work, gave evidence of ability which has developed steadily in the quarter century of his connection with this line. Remaining in Mr. Imschweiler's employ until the latter's retirement, he conducted the business for him thereafter until his death, and shortly afterwards, in 1905, took it over on his own account. Its expansion has gone on uninterruptedly under his progressive manipulation of affairs. In fact, it is taking place among the most successful of its kind in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Miller has recently established it in appropriate quarters. It has been on Centre street from the time of its inception, under Mr. Imschweiler. In the summer of 1914 Mr. Miller purchased the Dr. Robison property on that street, and proceeded to erect one of the finest business houses in this section of the State, equipped with all the modern devices for the comfort of employees as well as for the economical dispatch of the business. Its increasing needs have shown the wisdom of employing every facility obtainable for simplifying and expediting the work, and Mr. Miller has been forehanded about anticipating the requirements, though the growth has been sufficiently vigorous of late years to overtake his provisions for the future. Its prosperous career is to some extent an indication of the favorable commercial conditions which now prevail in Pottsville, although it has aided in bringing them about in larger proportion than it has benefited thereby. At any rate, the progressive spirit and business capacity Mr. Miller has shown in its upbuilding have earned his name a permanent place among the influential men of his generation. He takes little direct part in local affairs, though he is a member of the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Pottsville.

By his marriage to Emma Louise Imschweiler, daughter of the late Lorenz

Imschweiler, Mr. Miller has two children: Lorenz W., who is with his father in the store, learning the business; and Anna Louise. Religiously the family are of the Reformed faith.

ELMER HAROLD MAURER, M. D., has been in practice at Ashland throughout his professional career. He is a native son of Schuylkill county, a descendant of one of its old families which has been settled at Pitman, his birthplace, from the early days. The Maurers are of German extraction.

Charles Maurer, the Doctor's grandfather, was born at Pitman and resided in that vicinity all his life. By occupation he was a farmer and shoemaker. He was a man of intelligent, active mind, and took considerable part in local public affairs as well as in religious work, being an earnest member of the Church of God. He died in 1895 at the age of seventy-one years. His wife, Juda (Slobig), like himself of German ancestry, lived to the age of eighty-two years, dying in 1912. Their family consisted of six children: Gabriel S., the Doctor's father, was the eldest; Elizabeth married William B. Rodenberger, whose father, Jacob Rodenberger, was the first settler at Ashland, and owned and operated the first hotel there; John is a resident of Shamokin, Pa.; Lena is the wife of William H. Nicewanger, and they are living on a farm in Snyder-town, Pa.; Amelia, who died in 1904, was the wife of Elias Mayer, of Mount Carmel, a carpenter; James died in 1902.

Gabriel S. Maurer was born May 31, 1850, at Pitman, Schuylkill county, and received his early education in the public schools there. Learning the carpenter's trade, he followed that calling until he began to teach school, at the age of eighteen years. He taught in Eldred and Butler townships, this county, and for four years was engaged at Ashland as assistant teacher in the high school. Later he was engaged in Conyngham township, and in 1898 went to Lavelle, Schuylkill county, to enter upon his duties as first principal of the school there, which position he has continued to fill ever since. His work as an educator covers over forty years, and the demands for his services are sufficient to indicate how highly they are valued wherever he is known. At present he has four assistants. Mr. Maurer married Elmira Kramer, also a native of Schuylkill county, born at Weishample, daughter of Harold and Elizabeth (Fetterolf) Kramer, the former a native of Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. He was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Elizabeth (Fetterolf) Kramer was born in Schuylkill county and was also of German descent. Her family was represented on the Union side during the Civil war by her brothers Daniel and Peter Fetterolf, the latter now gatekeeper at the State Hospital at Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county; his son Daniel is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Elizabeth (Fetterolf) Kramer died in 1888, her husband surviving until 1902. They had a family of nine children, of whom Elmira was the eldest; Charles, a resident of Ashland, Pa., is a traveling salesman; Mary is the wife of W. C. Shoemaker, principal of the school at Locustdale, this county; Sarah is married to Edward Smith, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; her twin brother died in infancy; Katie is the wife of Thomas Fennel, of Nazareth, Pa.; Belinda is married to John Carl, Jr., who is in the employ of the Mount Carmel Trust Company, and is town clerk there; Daniel, who was accidentally killed in 1901, left a wife and four children, one son, Daniel, being a physician in the hospital at New Castle, Pa.; Emma is the widow of Patrick Dorsey, and lives in Philadelphia.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel S. Maurer, namely:

Delilah is the wife of William Follwell Lloyd, a resident of Philadelphia, in the employ of the Philadelphia Electric Company; Elmer H. is mentioned below; Mamie became a trained nurse, having taken a course at the Children's Homeopathic Training School for Nurses, in Philadelphia, and is now the wife of George Metz, of Ashland, Pa. Mrs. Lloyd is also a trained nurse, having graduated in 1896 from the Hahnemann Training School.

Elmer H. Maurer was born Jan. 16, 1878, at Pitman, this county. His early education was acquired in the public schools, and he was but fifteen years old when he entered the State Normal at Kutztown, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1895. Following this he taught school for three years in Butler and Hegins townships, until he was ready to enter upon his medical course, in 1898. He matriculated at Hahnemann College, in Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1902. He has since been located at Ashland, where his skill and conscientious attention to his patrons have given him a place among the leading members of the profession. That his work is greatly appreciated by his fellow practitioners is shown by his high standing in the Schuylkill County Homeopathic Medical Society, in which he has been honored with election to the office of president. He is also a member of the Allopathic Medical Society. The Doctor's public services have been chiefly of a professional nature, he being at present deputy coroner of the county and physician to the poor in his district. He is also treasurer of the Ashland Town Society, and thoroughly interested in everything affecting the welfare of the borough. His willingness to assist all enterprises whose object is to promote the general good has made him trusted and esteemed by his fellow citizens of all classes. He has numerous social connections, being particularly prominent in the Masonic fraternity as a member of Lodge No. 294, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 219, R. A. M.; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, K. T., of Ashland, of which he is at present eminent commander; Williamsport Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Lodge No. 384, B. P. O. Elks, and to Camp No. 84, P. O. S. of A., and P. O. of A. Lodge No. 21. He is a very active worker in the P. O. S. of A., being a past State president, was assistant national president, and is now (1915) a past assistant national president. He is a member of the Hahnemann Alumni Association. On political questions he is a Republican.

On April 14, 1904, Dr. Maurer married Florence M. Hinterleiter, a native of Berks county, Pa., daughter of William G. and Catherine (Baer) Hinterleiter, of Kutztown. Her father, who died July 3, 1903, was a dry goods merchant, and his sons are engaged in the same line of business in Allentown, Pa. His mother is still living in Allentown. Her family consists of two sons and two daughters: Irene, who lives at home; Florence M., Mrs. Maurer; Raymond, who is manager of the Allentown store conducted under the name of R. W. Hinterleiter & Co.; and Arthur, who lives at home.

Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Maurer: Catherine Elmira (born Feb. 9, 1905), Florence (born Jan. 17, 1912) and Harold (born April 12, 1914). The Doctor built his home at Ashland some years ago. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and she belongs to the Eastern Star and P. O. of A.

HON. JOHN T. SHOENER, of Orwigsburg, in his well rounded career has been in close touch with the development of Schuylkill county, as a business man as well as in the discharge of the numerous public responsibilities for which



he has been chosen. The mere enumeration of the offices he has filled evidences his versatility and superior ability, and the repeated honors he has received at the hands of his fellow citizens speaks well for his efficient and conscientious attention to all the duties intrusted to him.

Mr. Shoener comes of pioneer stock of Schuylkill county, where the family has been settled since the time of his great-grandfather, a native of Berks county, Pa., who located in the vicinity of Orwigsburg (most likely in what is now West Brunswick township), in what is now Schuylkill county. John Shoener, the grandfather of John T. Shoener, was born in that township in 1800, and died at Orwigsburg in 1865. As the owner of the first stagecoach that ran from Sunbury to Philadelphia he was very well known in his day. For a short time he was engaged in the hotel business and later in life followed farming. He was also extensively interested in the timber business, for he owned a large tract of timberland in this section, and his industry and enterprise brought him prosperity. Originally a Whig in politics, he became a Republican upon the organization of the party and took an active interest in public affairs. For a number of years during the period court was held at Orwigsburg he acted as court crier. His wife was a daughter of Frederick Hesser, who was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war, and was with Washington at Valley Forge; he was born in the vicinity of Orwigsburg, where he died and is buried. To Mr. and Mrs. John Shoener were born the following children: Daniel, George, Lewis, Charles F., William A., John T., Frank H., Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, Louisa and Emma.

George Shoener, son of John, was born in 1827 at Orwigsburg, and passed the most of his life in that vicinity, dying in 1865. He followed farming and lumber dealing, for a time had a green grocery business in Pottsville, on the corner of Centre and Mahantongo streets, and during the latter part of his life kept hotel at Orwigsburg. He served as justice of the peace in South Manheim township. Like his father he was a Republican in political faith. He married Mary Super, a native of Switzerland, who came to America with her parents, the family settling at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. To this union were born six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: John T.; Fannie, now the widow of T. B. Zulick, residing at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Lillie, who married Dr. Harry Fegley and resided at Ashland, Pa. (both are deceased); George, who was killed on the railroad at Port Carbon when fifteen years old; Frank E., of Shamokin, Pa.; and Howell F., of Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

John T. Shoener was born April 5, 1850, in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and attended the public schools of Orwigsburg until thirteen years old. Removing with his uncle to Hennepin, Putnam Co., Ill., at that time, he attended the Hennepin high school for three years, and having qualified began teaching school, being so engaged for one term in Illinois and for five terms in his native county. Thereafter he turned his attention to business, in 1873 commencing the manufacture of brick, at a location between Port Carbon and St. Clair. When the Orwigsburg Shoe Manufacturing Company was organized that year Mr. Shoener became secretary, and thus has the distinction of being associated with the first shoe factory started in the borough. The business was established in what was formerly the courthouse. Besides acting as secretary Mr. Shoener represented the firm on the road until 1878, in which year he and George H. Bickley organized the Bickley Shoe Company, Mr. Shoener retaining his connection with that concern until July, 1893. After that he engaged as a wholesale dealer in boots and shoes, and though much of

his time during that period was necessarily given to public affairs, he was thoroughly successful in his business ventures. Mr. Shoener is now engaged in the manufacture of brooms at Orwigsburg, which he commenced in 1912.

Mr. Shoener has been in public life from early manhood. In 1878 he was elected to the State Legislature as representative from the Third district of Schuylkill county, and though a Republican won the election by 183 votes in spite of the fact that the district was strongly Democratic, by about one thousand majority. He served his term with the utmost fidelity to the interests of the people, and there is one very special reminder of his services in Schuylkill county, the Miners' Hospital at Ashland. At the time of its establishment this was the only institution of its kind in the world, having been provided especially for the persons injured in the coal regions, and it was unique in that it was supported by the State entirely, and designed solely for the laboring class. Mr. Shoener had the honor of introducing the measure providing for this hospital, and if he had nothing else in the way of public service to his credit his efforts in its behalf would entitle him to the gratitude of his fellow citizens. At the close of his term Mr. Shoener was renominated in 1880, but was defeated. In 1886 he was unanimously nominated on the Republican ticket for representative from the Thirtieth Senatorial district in the State Senate, and though defeated drew a most flattering vote, losing the election by only seventy-three votes in a district ordinarily Democratic by 2,500 majority; had it not been for the division of votes caused by the support given to the Prohibition candidate, he would have been the victor in this contest. His popularity again made him a candidate in 1890, when he was nominated for representative in Congress from the Thirteenth Congressional district, and again, though defeated, he ran far ahead of his ticket, his opponent winning by 1,480 votes, although the Democratic candidate for governor on the same ticket had a majority of 4,400 votes. In 1894 he became State sergeant at arms at Harrisburg, and served for one session. In local affairs he has always been very influential, and his services and advice have been frequently sought. In 1896 he was elected clerk of the courts of Schuylkill county, serving two successive terms of three years each. He has been a member of the borough council and chief burgess of Orwigsburg, and also member of the school board, in all these positions exerting himself to conserve the best interests of the municipality and further progress in the administration of its affairs. In 1900 he was the chairman of the Republican party in Schuylkill county. Mr. Shoener has long been a prominent member of the Schuylkill County Agricultural Society, and for twenty years was the executive head of that body. He has numerous social connections, being a member (and past president) of Camp No. 86, P. O. S. of A., which he joined in 1867; of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., which he has served as treasurer; of Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T.; Industrial Council, No. 437, Jr. O. U. A. M.; and the Improved Order of Red Men.

On June 22, 1875, Mr. Shoener married Ida E. Miller, daughter of Abraham Miller, of Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa., and they have had a family of three children: Walter D., who died when thirty-one years old; Edna M., well known as an elocutionist; and John Ralph, at home.

GEORGE WISHART BUTZ, of Schuylkill Haven, is at present engaged in business in that borough as proprietor of the general store formerly conducted by his father, and also follows his profession, civil engineering. He is

connected with the administration of local affairs as civil engineer, and as such has done good work for the town. Mr. Butz belongs to a very old Pennsylvania family, settled from the early part of the eighteenth century in Berks county, the first of his line to come to Schuylkill county being his grandfather, Nathan Butz.

Among the relics owned by this old and honored family of Berks county is a Bible, in excellent condition, now in the possession of Mrs. Fianna (Butz) Bertolet, who has willed it to her son, Dr. M. L. Bertolet, of Mount Penn, Pa. This Bible was brought to America by (1) John Butz, who in 1737 landed at Philadelphia with his two children, Peter and Catharine. John Butz came to this country from Hertzogberg, near Kromanenberg, in the lower part of Bavaria. He died Feb. 23, 1750, in Philadelphia.

(II) This same old Bible shows that Peter Butz (son of John) was married Oct. 22, 1743, to Anna Barbara Carl, who was born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, and they had these children: Mary, born in 1744; Caroline, in 1746; John, in 1747; Samuel, in 1750; Peter, in 1754; Elizabeth, in 1758; and Anna, in 1761. Peter Butz died in 1780, aged sixty-one years, eight months, twenty-five days. His wife died March 6, 1795, aged seventy-six years, four months.

(III) Samuel Butz, son of Peter, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, Aug. 10, 1750. By occupation he was a blacksmith and farmer. On Dec. 13, 1774, he married Anna Mary Romig, born May 31, 1754, died Feb. 21, 1813, and they had children: Peter, born Oct. 29, 1775; Catharine, March 25, 1777; John, April 27, 1779; Susanna, March 6, 1781; Esther, Dec. 29, 1783; Elizabeth, Nov. 28, 1788 (died Oct. 31, 1791); Mary, April 5, 1793. Samuel Butz died in Longswamp township Aug. 17, 1821, aged seventy-one years, seven days.

(IV) John Butz, son of Samuel, was born April 27, 1779, and died Aug. 19, 1874, aged ninety-five years, three months, twenty-two days. The place of his birth was the same as that of his father, the homestead in Longswamp township, and he followed blacksmithing and farming at the same shop and farm as his father had. Later he removed to Oley township, where he died and is buried. In 1806 he married Anna Yeager (sister of Jacob, the well known ironmaster of Berks county; the name is also translated, to Hunter), of Oley township, who died Aug. 24, 1828, aged forty years, eight months, fourteen days, and they had eight children, but only three grew to any age: Nathan, Jacob (died in Oley), and Anna Maria (married James Butz). Charles died young. In 1828 the Butz family Bible came into the hands of John Butz, who highly cherished it. This very valuable volume was printed in 1704, and it is in an excellent state of preservation. It contains the family records, and is of great value.

(V) Nathan Butz, son of John, was born in December, 1806, on the old homestead in Longswamp township, Berks county, and followed farming, starting on the old homestead. After his marriage he bought a farm in Lehigh county, Pa., in 1829, near Alburtis, cultivated that place for many years, and in 1849 moved to Schuylkill Haven, where he built the well known "Spring Garden Hotel" that year. He conducted this hotel until 1869, when he sold it and resumed farming. Later he bought the Nagel mill at Cressona, which he operated for a period of four years. Thereafter he lived retired until his death, in 1886, when he was seventy-nine years old. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. His wife, Leanda (Haas), was born in 1809,

daughter of Jonathan Haas. They had children as follows: Jonathan H.; Samuel, deceased; Marietta, who married Henry Bowman; Angeline, who married B. F. Lessig; Elizabeth, who married Jeremiah Kline; Elvina, who married Henry A. Zimmerman; James A., living at Cressona; Tillie A., who died unmarried; John, now constable of Schuylkill Haven; and Emma, who married L. W. Kern.

(VI) Jonathan H. Butz was born in Lehigh county, Pa., Nov. 25, 1829, and lived on the farm until eighteen years old. Then he began clerking for Henry Lou, near Kutztown, Berks county, remaining with him a short time. From there he went to Lobachsville, same county, where he clerked for six years, at the end of that time coming to Schuylkill county, in 1855. After assisting his father at the hotel he engaged in the general mercantile business on his own account, so successfully that he continued it for fifty-one years, until he sold out to his son George in 1911. The latter has carried it on to the present.

Mr. Butz has been very active in borough affairs as well as diligent in business. In 1870 he was elected justice of the peace, and filled that position continuously until 1911. For twenty-seven years he was a member of the school board, and has acted as president and secretary of that body. For two terms he was a member of the borough council, and in every office has discharged his duties with conscientious regard for his responsibilities. Politically he is a Democrat. As trustee, elder and deacon of the First Reformed Church Mr. Butz has been one of its most valuable members.

On Dec. 3, 1859, Mr. Butz married Hannah E. Krebs, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Schappel) Krebs, and five children have been born to them: Elmer died young; Libby died young; Eva, unmarried, lives at home; Carrie graduated from the local high school and the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, and after teaching three years at Coatesville and fifteen years at Schuylkill Haven took a special teacher's course at Columbia University, New York City, spent several years in Germany, and is now one of the leading teachers of German in the Trenton high school. George Wishart is mentioned below.

Jacob Krebs, grandfather of Mrs. Jonathan H. Butz, was a well known man in Schuylkill county, representing his district in the State Legislature for two terms, 1812-13. He died at Orwigsburg, Pa. His children were: Jacob, Daniel, Henry, Philip, Mrs. Jacob Huntzinger and Mrs. Griefff.

Philip Krebs, father of Mrs. Butz, was a well known farmer in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Schappel or Schaffell) had these children: Andrew, who is deceased; George, living in Tioga county; Mary, who married Jacob Schwenck; and Hannah E., Mrs. Jonathan H. Butz.

(VII) George Wishart Butz was born March 4, 1879, at Schuylkill Haven, where he attended the local schools, graduating from the high school with highest honors. He continued his studies at Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa., where he also did good work, securing a scholarship which entitled him to free tuition at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. There he graduated with the degree of civil engineer, in 1903. He was eligible as an honorary member of the Tau Beta Pi society. For a time Mr. Butz was with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, in Pittsburgh, having charge of the engineer corps in the field. Then he was at Baltimore, Md., as transit man for the Western Maryland railroad, and in 1906 was offered a position with the

Pittsburgh & Binghamton Railroad Company as chief draftsman, also acting as erecting engineer, etc., in turn. In 1907 he returned to Schuylkill Haven and began to do work for the borough and surrounding towns. In 1910 he again entered the employ of the Western Maryland Company, as resident engineer, stationed at Ohio, Pa., but the following year he returned to his home town once more, taking charge of the mercantile business his father had conducted for half a century. He is now sole proprietor. Though he has been thoroughly successful in business he has not by any means given up the profession of his choice, in which experience has developed his skill until he is considered one of the most reliable men in this part of Pennsylvania. He is borough engineer, and is called upon to do work in many surrounding towns. Mr. Butz is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of the Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania, of the Civil Engineers' Society of Lehigh University, and of the American Water Works Association, and has mention in the Biographical Dictionary and International Who's Who in the World. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen. He belongs to the First Reformed Church.

Mr. Butz married Mary Ebling, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Dewalt) Ebling, of Schuylkill Haven, who are mentioned elsewhere.

JOSEPH SCHABLEIN, of Pottsville, has been one of the leading figures in local business activities for a number of years. He has managed his own affairs in the most successful manner, and has done his full share in bringing about prosperous conditions in the borough and vicinity, showing his belief in the principle that business men may conserve their own interests best by catering to the general welfare. Mr. Schablein has intelligent comprehension of the needs of the day, and is one of the farsighted group in the community who are attempting to establish its future prosperity upon a solid basis.

Mr. Schablein is of German extraction. His father, Michael Schablein, was born in Bavaria, in the southern part of Germany, and coming to America when a young man made his home at Pennsylvania. His first location was near Reading, on the Tulpehocken creek, and later he settled at Pottsville for a short time, thence removing to Loysock, Lycoming county. Eventually he returned to Pottsville, where he lived for some time before his death. By trade he was a miller, and he followed that business at the various locations mentioned in Pennsylvania. He was a good penman and an excellent scholar, and enjoyed reading and discussion, taking part in many of the German debates which were so popular in his day; he was the acknowledged leader in this line at Pottsville. Mr. Schablein was a member of the first beneficial association at that place. He became well known and looked up to by his fellow citizens here, though he died at the age of thirty years, in August, 1850. He was a large man, over six feet in height. He is buried in the German Catholic cemetery at Pottsville. Mr. Schablein married Mary Dotterweick, like himself a native of southern Germany, and he sent for her after deciding to settle in this country, their marriage taking place at Pottsville. Three children were born to this union: Anthony (who died in infancy), Joseph and Frank (who died at Hillside, Pottsville). The mother remarried after Mr. Schablein's death, becoming the wife of Joseph Scherzinger, by whom she had two children, John and Robert.

Joseph Schablein was born Jan. 24, 1816, near Williamsport, in the town of Loysock, Lycoming Co., Pa., and was reared at Pottsville from the age of six weeks, receiving his education in the German Catholic parochial schools and in

the public schools. When a young man he learned the trade of carriage blacksmith, which he followed for four years, and the year he attained his majority, 1867, he engaged in carriage building on his own account, his first shop being on West Market street, where the Rettig brewery now stands. From there he moved to the present site of the post office, at Second and Norwegian streets, thence to Coal street, and later to North Centre street. When the demands of the business made another change necessary he built the place at Bunker Hill, subsequently located at Hillside, on the Cressona road, and in 1888 built his present factory. Mr. Schablein has up-to-date business facilities and equipment, having enlarged his accommodations to keep pace with the growth of the business and the changes to modern methods, and his establishment is admirably adapted to the manufacture of excellent carriages and all incidental work in that line. At present he is making some decided improvements, which will modernize the plant in every particular, and is erecting two new buildings to take care of the increasing business. It has attained good proportions, from ten to fifteen men being constantly employed. Mr. Schablein has interested himself in other local enterprises, and he was one of the first members of the Board of Trade, to which he still belongs, and he has served as a director of this organization, which has done effective work in promoting the commercial and industrial well-being of this section of Schuylkill county.

Mr. Schablein is a Democrat and has taken an active part in the work of his party in the locality. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. On Oct. 31, 1864, he married Elizabeth Hesse, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Yost) Hesse, of Germany, and they have had a large family, namely: Mary married Ralph Regniera, and they reside at Providence, R. I.; Clara married Timothy Hannah, and they make their home at New London, Conn.; Theresa married Peter Hummel, now settled in Philadelphia, Pa.; George, a painter, resides in Camden, N. J.; Frank, a painter, is a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; John is employed with his father; Annie resides at home; William died when three years old; Joseph, of Pottsville, is well known as an artist; Robert died in infancy; Lewis is now at New London, Conn.; Loretta, an adopted daughter, lives at home.

ANDREW JACKSON CRAWFORD, late of Minersville, was looked upon as one of the ablest men of his generation in Schuylkill county, particularly on questions of financial policy. Without seeking public position or personal glory of any kind he filled a prominent place in directing the conduct of local affairs, in which the influence of his opinion was felt for a considerable period. His early life was spent in Montour county, Pa., where his father was a leading citizen and one whose force of character made such an impression on his community that it is evident his son's strong qualities were inherent family characteristics which have been associated with the Crawfords for many years.

John Crawford, the father, was a lumber dealer, merchant, hotel keeper and postmaster at White Hall, the most prominent man in his section of Montour county for a number of years. He conducted the famous "White Hall Hotel," afterwards engaged in the mercantile business, and in the early sixties was appointed postmaster (succeeding William McBride), his son, George W. Crawford, being his successor in that office. The diversity of his interests brought him into contact with many classes and the circle of his acquaintance was accordingly wide. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Steinman), both died at

White Hall and are interred in a private burial ground there. They had four children: George W., Andrew J., Henry C. and Christiana (Mrs. Zehner).

Andrew Jackson Crawford was born April 15, 1837, at White Hall, Montour county, and obtained his schooling in the locality. His early experience was acquired in the most practical manner possible, as his father's assistant and partner, in the lumber and store business. He remained at White Hall until the spring of 1870, when he came to Minersville and established the lumber business to which he gave his time and energy principally for about fifteen years. He was next in North Dakota, where he was interested in a large tract of land, and at Duluth, where he owned valuable property, and was highly successful in his ventures in both locations. Returning to Minersville, he remained there the rest of his life, passing his closing years in retirement. He was one of the organizers of the Union National Bank, founded in 1902, and became its first president, serving in that capacity until his death, which occurred Feb. 4, 1910. He is buried at Minersville. Mr. Crawford's ability to handle financial problems was highly valued by his associates in the bank. Politically he was a Republican, but beyond supporting the party at the polls took no direct part in public affairs.

On Feb. 4, 1862, Mr. Crawford married Alona Beaver, daughter of Daniel Hiester Beaver and granddaughter of David Beaver, a member of an old family from the vicinity of Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa., later settled in Montour county. Mrs. Crawford continues to make her home at Minersville, where she has numerous friends. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, (1) Norval died when three years old. (2) Norma D., now living at home, is an elocutionist of note, a graduate of the National School of Elocution and Oratory at Philadelphia, and of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston. She has held professorships (in her chosen work) in Georgia and Kansas, and for a few years past has conducted a private studio in Philadelphia. She is unmarried.

(3) SAMUEL G. CRAWFORD is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, class of 1892, and for eighteen years after graduation he followed his profession, civil engineering, mostly with the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company. In 1906 he married Fannie Lawrence, daughter of F. C. and Lavinia Lawrence, of Minersville. In 1910, after the death of his father, he returned and took up his residence in Minersville, establishing an engineering office and managing the estate of his father. He has taken an active interest in the affairs of Minersville and stands for progress; he served a two-year term as a member of the school board; is a director of the Union National Bank; a director of the Union Building and Loan Association; a director of the Athletic Association, and a member of the Business Men's League. Politically he is a Republican.

JOHN THOMAS HANNUM was a resident of Schuylkill county from young manhood until he entered the Union service during the Civil war, in which he met an untimely death, caused by injuries received at the battle of Cold Harbor. Mr. Hannum was born at Concordville, Delaware Co., Pa. He learned the trade of tailor, and coming to Schuylkill Haven when a young man made a permanent home here, becoming highly esteemed through his industry and reliable character. He married Amelia J. Keefer, daughter of Andrew Keefer, a well known citizen of the county in his day, and niece of Hon. Simon Cameron, of Lancaster county, Pa. The following children were

born to this union: Luther K. is now a resident of Pottsville, Pa.; Catherine B. is the wife of William Reiff Hesser, of Reading, Pa.; Ella M. married John T. Deibert, of Schuylkill Haven; Frances A. is the wife of Charles H. Kline, cashier of the Union Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville, Pa.; Harold E. lives in New York State; and Margaret H., now the widow of Jed Hollenbach, is living at Montclair, New Jersey.

In 1861 Mr. Hannum entered the army, enlisting from Pottsville in the 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he was promoted to adjutant. He was wounded at the engagement of Cold Harbor June 1, 1864, had his right arm amputated, and died from the effects of his injuries June 7th, at Alexandria, Va., aged forty years, three months, five days. He is interred in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven, where a fine monument marks his resting place. Mr. Hannum was a member of Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven. Mrs. Hannum, who came to Schuylkill Haven with her parents when a girl of seventeen years, has continued to reside there since her husband's death. For the long period of twenty-five years she held the office of postmistress in the borough, where she is one of the most highly respected citizens. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, with whose activities she has always been closely associated, having for forty-two years acted as superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath school; through her efforts the Keefer Memorial, a primary department, was created and presented to the society. Mrs. Hannum has done her share in the encouragement of all worthy movements intended to promote the general welfare.

ANDREW KEEFER, father of Mrs. Hannum, was a native of Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa., born in 1803, and was there reared and educated, having an excellent schooling for his day. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker, which he followed for a number of years at Harrisburg, Pa., living there from 1818 until his removal to Schuylkill Haven in 1847. Meantime he had drifted into the mercantile business, and at Schuylkill Haven he carried on a hardware business for six years, doing very well in that line. In 1853, in partnership with his sons, John and Luther, he established the foundry and machine shop at Cressona (then known as West Haven), and continued his connection therewith until 1870, in which year he returned to Schuylkill Haven. There he was subsequently engaged in merchandising until his death, which occurred May 1, 1876. Mr. Keefer was a prosperous business man, and his energetic disposition and public spirit carried him into other activities as well. He was very prominent in his connection with the Lutheran Church, during his residence in Harrisburg being a faithful member of the First Church, in that city, and upon his removal to Schuylkill Haven he was one of the founders of the English Lutheran Church in that borough, St. Matthew's. He took a leading part in all the details of its organization, and was one of its most effective workers until his death, at which time he was serving as elder. He had been leader of the choir for fifty years, and superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Keefer was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically a Republican from the formation of the party, in which he took a lifelong interest. He was originally a Whig, and served as postmaster at Schuylkill Haven under Fillmore's administration.

On March 24, 1829, Mr. Keefer married Catherine Brua, and they became the parents of three children: Amelia J., born at Harrisburg April 16, 1830, now the widow of John T. Hannum, living at Schuylkill Haven; John B., who was paymaster in the United States army for about twenty years; and



Luther R., who represented his district in the State Senate for a number of years. The mother of these died in November, 1836. On Feb. 27, 1838, Mr. Keefer married (second) Elizabeth Eby, who died about two years later, the mother of one child, Anna M., now the wife of Alfred H. Schock, of Allentown, Pa. On Nov. 26, 1844, Mr. Keefer married (third) Rebecca Schafhirt, and to this union were born five children: Charles, Walter, Edwin, and two—Clara and Willie—who died in infancy.

JOHN W. REESE, now serving his second term as prothonotary of Schuylkill county, has borne an active part in the administration of local government affairs during the last twenty years and more, in various capacities of public trust. For a number of years before assuming his present duties he was superintendent of the electric light plant of the borough of St. Clair, being a machinist by trade. He is of Pennsylvanian birth and Welsh descent, his father, William J. Reese, and grandfather, John Reese, both having been natives of Wales.

John Reese, the grandfather, was born in Monmouthshire, and was twenty-nine years old when he came to America, in 1845. Shortly afterwards he settled at St. Clair, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he continued to reside until his death, in 1856, at the age of forty-two years. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Pottsville. Having been a miner in his native land, he followed the same calling in this country. His first position here was as superintendent of the Eagle colliery, operated by William H. Johns, and he was its first superintendent, holding the position to the end of his life. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Church and one of its active supporters, and his political sympathies were with the infant Republican party. His wife, Mary (Thomas), also a native of Wales, died at Shamokin, Pa., in 1890. A family of eighteen children were born to them, but only six lived to maturity, namely: Thomas C., who died at Shamokin, was at one time engaged as a coal operator and later was associated with John Mullen, at that place; William J. is mentioned below; Isaac, at one time an operator in the Shamokin coal fields, is now living in North Dakota; George, also a miner, died at St. Clair, Schuylkill county; Albert, a miner, lives at Shamokin; John Henry, deceased, was a miner.

William J. Reese, son of John, was born Feb. 19, 1838, at Nantyglo, Wales, and came to the United States with his family. The rest of his life was passed at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He learned the trade of blacksmith and machinist, which he followed until 1871, in that year becoming outside foreman at the Eagle colliery, near St. Clair. Holding that position until 1888, he resumed blacksmithing, for several years working at the Pine Forest colliery as blacksmith, and subsequently engaging in the machine business on his own account. At one time, 1870-72, he was a coal operator in the Shamokin fields. His death occurred in 1900. Mr. Reese took an active part in the affairs of his community, especially in public school matters, serving two terms in succession as a school director. Politically he was a Republican, in religion a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Reese married Ann D. Williams, a daughter of David Williams, of Llamsanlett, Wales. She came to America when six years old. The following children were born to this union: John W.: Arthur, a conductor on the Reading railroad; George H., foreman for the Coal Company at Shamokin, Pa.; William A., outside foreman for the St. Clair Coal Company; Mary,

wife of William A. Super; Ida, deceased; Annie, deceased; Maggie, deceased; Alma, storekeeper at Pottsville; and Charles J., of Port Carbon.

David Williams, father of Mrs. William J. Reese, came to America at the same time as John Reese, and also settled at St. Clair. A miner by occupation, he went to California about 1849, at the time of the gold excitement, and died there afterwards. Mrs. Reese had a sister Catherine.

John W. Reese was born June 23, 1861, at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, and took the full course in the public schools there, graduating in 1879. When a boy he began to work in the mines, and when seventeen years old went to learn the machinist's trade at Port Carbon, this county, in the Franklin shops. Following his trade until September, 1892, he then became superintendent of the electric light plant in St. Clair borough, holding that position until 1894. Then he returned to his trade for a time, in 1896-97 serving as steward at the almshouse. In 1900 he again became superintendent of the electric light plant, continuing to act as such until he assumed the duties of his present position, in 1909. In the fall of 1908 he was elected prothonotary of Schuylkill county on the Republican ticket, by a majority of over twenty-five hundred, and his work was heartily indorsed at the next election, in 1911, when he was re-elected by a majority of over thirty-two hundred. His earlier experiences in public office included two years' service as councilman of St. Clair, one year as president of the board of councilmen, and six years as deputy coroner of the county under Dr. A. L. Gillars. Mr. Reese's various successes as a candidate are sufficient evidence of his worth.

Mr. Reese makes his home at St. Clair and has always had the keenest interest in borough affairs. He has been president of the Alert Steam Fire Company; is a member of the Independent Order of Americans, and a prominent worker in the P. O. S. of A., holding membership in Washington Camp No. 75, at St. Clair, in which he has filled all the administrative offices, serving also as secretary and trustee; in 1910-11 he was State president of the order, and for a number of years has been a delegate to its national gatherings. He formerly belonged to Camp No. 21, P. O. of T. A., an auxiliary order of the P. O. S. of A., and has filled local and State offices in that body.

On April 29, 1883, Mr. Reese married Bertha Fielding, daughter of Thomas and Mary Fielding, of St. Clair, and she died Sept. 29, 1889, at the age of twenty-eight years. On March 10, 1892, he was united in marriage (second) with Bertha Greenwood, daughter of Luke and Ann Greenwood, of Locust Summit, Northumberland Co., Pa., and seven children have been born to this union: Natalie B., Jay (deceased), Lillian (deceased), Dorris, Annie, Stanley (deceased) and Bertha. Mr. Reese affiliates with the M. E. Church, while his family are Baptists.

JOHN H. DAVIS, late of St. Clair, filled a conspicuous place in the activities of that borough for so long a period that his death affected all circles and classes. Well fitted by nature and training for leadership, he took his responsibilities toward his fellow men seriously, and that he regarded his opportunities to improve conditions in his own community as a duty of privilege may be judged by his earnest efforts in that direction and the enjoyment he had in their success. In business he showed initiative and executive ability. He could plan largely and follow his ambitions to prosperous achievement. But he did not restrict those ambitions to the narrow limits of personal benefit. All shared in his good fortune, and the breadth of his sympathy



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was well indicated by the variety of his interests, business, social, religious and benevolent organizations all having their due part in his well rounded life. He owned the Ellsworth colliery and was a coal operator principally, but he had a hand in the organization and management of other important undertakings, and he gave considerable attention to public affairs and other interests not of a business nature, but which he deemed vital to the general welfare.

Mr. Davis was born in 1849 at Minersville, Schuylkill county, son of John R. and Hannah (Rowe) Davis. He grew up in his native town and received the principal part of his education in its public schools, later attending the Crittenden commercial college. During practically all of his business life he was engaged in the mining of coal, being associated with his father until the latter's death, in 1900, and the large and varied operations of the firm afforded him rare opportunities for valuable experience which he used in the most intelligent manner. Moreover, he had plenty of occasion to employ his executive faculties, at the Ellsworth colliery particularly, having a hard struggle to make a success of its development for several years prior to 1900. From that time until his death he was sole owner there, but he also had coal interests at Gilberton, this county, having joined Philadelphia capitalists under the name of the Brighton Coal Company in the construction of the colliery there a number of years ago, and he was treasurer of the company up to the time of his death. He was an incorporator and one of the principal stockholders of the Citizens' Bank of St. Clair, established in 1904, and its president from that time until his death. He was a director of the Schuylkill Pressed Brick Company. It was in the early nineties that he came to St. Clair.

Mr. Davis was interested in politics, but though a Republican on national questions was non-partisan in local matters, supporting the movements which in his judgment promised most to the community. Indirectly he exerted a continuous influence in all things affecting the general good, but he also gave personal service, being a member of the board of health and of the town council for several terms; his work in the latter body was especially noteworthy, and he served as president of the council until within a short time of his death. As an earnest member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Clair he labored zealously in its interest, acting as president of the board of trustees which rebuilt the church several years ago and did so much to put the financial affairs of the congregation on a sound basis. Mr. Davis was keenly interested in conditions in the borough and endeavored to promote social and living standards through every available channel. The *Pottsville Daily Republican* of April 13, 1914, said: "His workmen particularly were under his constant kindly supervision, and no employer ever had a more loyal set of men. During the recent strike no watchmen were necessary at his colliery, for the men took care of the plant themselves. When coal became scarce his banks were the only ones in the region that were freely turned over to the pickers. Churches and charitable institutions of every denomination received frequent contributions from him. In St. Clair he was a contributor to every church and in other parts of the county he frequently sent substantial aid to the needy religious bodies. He was a frequent visitor to the Miners' hospital and took a keen interest in the patients there. Although not a member of the Odd Fellows he took a big interest in the Orphanage of that lodge at Sunbury, and the trustees are witnesses to the fact that his contributions were always received when most needed." Aside from all this he looked personally after the wants of many needy ones, being beloved for his generosity

in many homes which felt his kindly interest when their burden of want was relieved by substantial gifts bestowed without ostentation. In fact there were a number of families of small means in the borough who knew him for a sympathetic friend, especially to widows and orphans, though he did not discriminate against any unfortunates. His modesty never allowed him to speak of any such services to his less favored fellows, but their testimony shows how far his liberality reached. His sudden death, on Saturday, April 11, 1914, was a shock such as St. Clair has seldom experienced. Though Mr. Davis had been ailing for several months his condition had improved so that he was apparently on the road to recovery, and he was downtown with his wife early in the evening when stricken. The *Pottsville Daily Republican*, in a lengthy obituary, said: "In John H. Davis, St. Clair has lost a citizen who will be missed for years to come. As owner of the Ellsworth colliery he reached a position of prominence in the town and was classed as one of its wealthiest residents. \* \* \* Ten years ago Mr. Davis erected the beautiful home at Second and Franklin streets, the handsomest residence in St. Clair." He was buried from that home, the remains being taken to the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. Mr. Davis was a thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of Williamsport Consistory and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., the latter of Reading.

Mr. Davis was first married to Mary E. Davis, daughter of Rev. Daniel T. Davis, of Scranton, Pa. She died a year later, and he was subsequently married to Mary E. Bomboy, daughter of Percival and Sarah Bomboy, of New Castle township, this county. By this union there were two children, William B. and Edith B. The daughter died in infancy, and the son when twenty-six years old. Their mother passed away in 1898, and Mr. Davis afterwards married Ida H. Honsberger, daughter of Charles C. and Lucy (Rarig) Honsberger, of Zion Grove, in North Union township, Schuylkill county, where they still reside. Mr. Honsberger was postmaster at Zion Grove for many years, and was also engaged in the timber business. Mrs. Davis survives her husband with the only child of this marriage, June H.

DAVID V. RANDALL is directing the operation of one of the most important collieries in Schuylkill county, the Lytle property in Cass township. Affording employment to about nine hundred and support to approximately as many families, it provides a living for a large share of the local population directly, to say nothing of the incidental business of the merchants and tradesmen who depend upon the patronage of these workers for their prosperity. The Lytle mines constitute therefore a large asset in the estimated resources of the county. Their judicious exploitation is a worthy problem for an expert, a man possessing business and executive qualities as well as the necessary scientific information.

Mr. Randall is the son of a prominent attorney of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and he was born in that city April 2, 1874. There he obtained his education in the public schools, and when a young man was given a place in the city engineer corps. Later he was employed with H. S. Reets, mining engineer, for a time and then took a position with the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, remaining in their employ until 1898. That year he changed to the Susquehanna Coal Company, with whom he has since been associated, the Lytle colliery, at Primrose, Schuylkill county, being one of the holdings of that concern. In February, 1909, Mr. Randall was transferred to this colliery, of which he has since

had charge. It was founded in 1889 by John Hosie and others, who sold out to Stickney & Conyngham, and in 1909 the property was taken over by the Susquehanna Company, since when it has been known as the Lytle colliery. At present the annual output is about 400,000 tons, and employment is given to about nine hundred men. The equipment has been modernized to suit the needs of the work, and better facilities for mining have been devised, and at present the colliery is one of the most up-to-date in this region.

Mr. Randall is a member of the Pottsville Club, and of the Mercantile Club of Minersville, as well as the Masons, in the latter connection belonging to Lykens Lodge, No. 570, F. & A. M.; Keystone Consistory, of the Valley of Scranton, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Randall married Harriet Witt, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Anthony Witt, who was born in Baden, Germany. Mrs. Randall is a native of Williamsport, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Randall have two sons, Hanadon Reets and David Anton.

C. ARTHUR FISHER, proprietor of the "Rising Sun Hotel" at Orwigsburg, and operator of a coal washery at Landingville, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born Jan. 20, 1877, at historic Valley Forge, Chester Co., Pa., son of Gen. Benjamin F. Fisher, grandson of Rev. Peter S. Fisher, and great-grandson of William Fisher (Fischer).

William (or Wilhelm) Fisher was of German birth, a farmer by occupation and he lived in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa. He is buried at Hain's Church, in that township. From him are descended many of the name in that section of the State. He was an adherent of the Reformed Church, as were most of his family.

Rev. Peter S. Fisher, son of William, was born near Hain's Church, where he attended the services of the Reformed denomination. So strongly were the tenets of that faith implanted in his youthful mind that he decided to follow the profession of minister of the gospel. He was located soon after graduation at Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa., later going to Sellersville, Bucks county, where he died. He was united in marriage to Veronica Heckert, of Hummelstown, Dauphin county, by whom he had the following children: Alfred; Calvin; Benjamin F.; Aaron; Nevin; Maggie, wife of Dr. Wireback; and Ada, wife of William Cordy, of Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Franklin Fisher, father of C. Arthur Fisher, was born at Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa., and was educated in the common schools, Boalsburg Academy, and Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Immediately after graduating, in 1859, he entered the law office of the late Judge Stokes L. Roberts, of Doylestown, Pa., and was admitted to the bar in October, 1860. Mr. Fisher and Dr. Joseph H. Thomas organized Company H, of the 3d Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, and on the President's call for troops in 1861 this company was mustered into the United States volunteer service as Company "H" of the 32d Pennsylvania Volunteers, with Mr. Fisher as first lieutenant. Immediately after entering the volunteer service Lieutenant Fisher was detached for duty at the School of Instruction for the Signal Corps, at Georgetown, D. C., and in the fall was assigned for duty in the field on the staff of General Hooker, with the Army of the Potomac. In the fall of 1862 he was promoted to captain and chief signal officer in the field of the Army of the Potomac, and served successively on the staffs of Generals McClellan, Burnside and Hooker. In June, 1863, on the retirement North of General Hooker's

army from Chancellorsville, which ended in the battle of Gettysburg, Captain Fisher was captured by a detachment of Colonel Mosby's men, while trying to locate the position of Lee's army. As a prisoner of war he was confined in Libby prison, Richmond, Va., until February, 1864, when he helped to dig and escaped through the famous Rose tunnel. After reaching the Union lines at Williamsburg, Va., Captain Fisher found that he had been promoted major for "meritorious and gallant conduct," and returned to Washington, where he married Alice Eliza, daughter of James H. Causton, a prominent Union sympathizer of Georgetown. To them were born six children: Alice E., married to F. K. Pennypacker, a cousin of ex-Governor Pennypacker; Fannie H., who married A. M. Vanderslice; Benjamin F., Jr., an electrical engineer of New York City, who married Louise B. Reynolds; Mary C., married to Benjamin R. Walker; C. Arthur, mentioned below; and William P., who married Mary Alexander.

In the fall of 1864, Major Fisher was promoted lieutenant colonel for "meritorious and conspicuous service," and in the spring of 1865 he was promoted colonel, with the rank of brevet brigadier general of volunteers, and appointed chief signal officer of the United States army.

In November, 1866, he resigned this office to return to the practice of law and accept the position of registrar of bankruptcy for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania. General Fisher practiced law for forty years in the city of Philadelphia, enjoying a large clientele. He was appointed receiver of the Spring Garden National Bank upon its failure and for many years was trust officer of the German-American Title & Trust Company. In 1907, upon the death of his wife, he retired to his summer residence (Colonial Springs) at Valley Forge, where he died Sept. 9, 1915.

C. Arthur Fisher was educated in the public schools of Schuylkill township, Chester county, at the Quaker School in Philadelphia, Franklin and Marshall Academy, and Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's law office in Philadelphia, where he remained for several years. He studied law for two years, but finally gave it up to become a farmer on the homestead of his father, the old Joseph Anderson place. For seven years he was supervisor of Schuylkill township, Chester county, and then he located at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, where he conducted a hotel for six years. In 1912 he became proprietor of the "Rising Sun Hotel" at Orwigsburg, Pa., the oldest licensed stand in Schuylkill county, and still conducts this hotel with success. He is also engaged in the coal washing business at Landingville, doing both a wholesale and retail business.

On April 30, 1902, Mr. Fisher married Annie R. Hoy, a daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Coats) Hoy, of Valley Forge, Pa., and to this union two children have been born: Charles A., Jr., and B. Franklin. Mr. Fisher is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and of the Sons of Veterans, at Orwigsburg. In politics he is a Republican.

SAMUEL REED, now living retired at Schuylkill Haven, is one of the best known men in and around that borough. His earlier years were spent as a boatman, and when the cessation of business on the canal made a change desirable he engaged in railroad work, afterwards carrying on a grocery store at Schuylkill Haven until his retirement.

The Reed family were early known in Schuylkill county. In 1771, when



Pine Grove township, that county, was established, Philip Rith (Reed) was a taxable. He was a native of Berks county, however, a member of the Tulpehocken family. In 1791 Jeremiah Reed, Michael Reed (both married) and Thomas Reed (single) were taxables in Manheim township, Schuylkill county. In 1802 Theodore Reed, John Reed, John (Morris) Reed, Thomas Reed, Sr., and Isaac Reed were taxpayers in Norwegian township, and John and Philip Reed in Mahantango township, that county.

Christopher (Stophel), George and Conrad Reed, brothers, were born in Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. Of these, Christopher passed all his life in his native township, and there reared his four sons, Obediah, George, Charles and Emanuel. Christopher Reed was the great-grandfather of Samuel Reed. George Reed, the grandfather, was a pioneer resident of Schuylkill Haven, and one of the successful business men of his day. He learned the trade of butcher and followed it all his life. He lived to the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in the family plot in the Union cemetery, at Schuylkill Haven. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Achey, he had five children: Samuel; Daniel, a blacksmith, who died near Ringgold; Frank, a butcher at Weissport, where he died; Joseph, who served in the Civil war with his three sons, and died at Pottsville, Pa.; and Caroline, who married Lorry Heebner and died at Schuylkill Haven. To his second marriage, with a Miss East, were born three children: Tamsey, who married James Palsgrove, of Schuylkill Haven; Missouri, who married Josiah Karcher, and is now living at Philadelphia; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Quinter and (second) William A. Yost (she and her first husband died at Schuylkill Haven).

Samuel Reed, son of George, was born May 26, 1805, in Schuylkill Haven, and during his boyhood was bound out to a Mr. Faust, in Brunswick township, where he remained a few years. His early life was spent in hard labor. Learning the butcher's trade after leaving Mr. Faust, he followed it at Schuylkill Haven for many years, and also worked as a cigarmaker, manufacturing the Lincoln cigar, a well known brand in its day. He was able to retire before his death, which occurred July 19, 1869, when he was sixty-four years old. He is buried in the Union cemetery. His wife, Mary (Ellinger), daughter of John Ellinger, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., Jan. 11, 1811, and died in Schuylkill Haven July 6, 1866. They had a large family, namely: Polly married Godfried Boyer; William died at Harrisburg, Pa.; Thomas died at Schuylkill Haven; John died young; Francis died young; Charles E. died at Schuylkill Haven; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Mengel, is living at Port Clinton, Pa.; George S., who died at Philadelphia, Pa., was a soldier in the Civil war, serving four years in Company C, 50th Pennsylvania Regiment; Sarah Louisa married Hiram Hahn and (second) Charles Jordan; Lucy married Samuel Blackburn, who is deceased, and she lived at Schuylkill Haven; Samuel is mentioned below; Henry died at Wilmington, Del., but is buried at Schuylkill Haven; Morris is living at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania.

Samuel Reed was born Jan. 3, 1849, at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, had such education as the common schools of the day afforded, and during his boyhood assisted his father, stripping tobacco. In 1863 he went to work as a driver on the Schuylkill canal, with the boat "P. D. Thomas," and he continued to work on the canal until business there was discontinued, becoming a captain when seventeen years old. Changing to railroad work, he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a period of about twenty-five years, as brakeman, conductor and train dis-

patcher, giving up this occupation in 1898 to go into business. He was a green grocer at Schuylkill Haven for the next twelve years, having an excellent trade throughout that period, and retired in 1910 with an excellent reputation for honorable dealing and ability to please his patrons.

The only public office Mr. Reed has held is that of ward assessor. He is a Republican in politics, in religion a member of the United Evangelical Church, at Schuylkill Haven, in which he has been prominent, having served on the building committee which had charge of the erection of the parsonage. For thirty-four years he was a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and he is prominent in Jere Helms Post, No. 26, G. A. R., of which he was a charter member; he has been commander for the last six years.

Though only a boy when the Civil war was started Mr. Reed served four months in the army during 1865. He enlisted from Dauphin county, Pa., Feb. 15, 1865, to serve one year or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, Pa., the next day, as a private of Capt. Solomon Cover's new company, I, of the 87th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. John M. Schall commanding. The regiment was first organized in September, 1861, under Col. George Hay, and was employed in drilling, and on guard and picket duty until the 26th of May, 1862, when it marched to Baltimore, Md., thence to Martinsburg and New Creek, W. Va. There it remained during the heat of the succeeding summer, taking part in a number of expeditions, to Beverly, Philippi, and Webster, thence returning to New Creek. Later the regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac, and took part in the engagements at Bunker Hill, Strasburg, Caster's Woods, Manassas Gap, Bealton, Kelly's Ford, Brady Station, Locust Grove, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, siege and assault of Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, all in Virginia; Monocacy, Md.; Opequan or Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Strasburg, Cedar Creek and Appomattox, Va., where Lee surrendered. It was also in a number of minor engagements and skirmishes, and took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., May 24, 1865. Mr. Reed joined this regiment in front of Petersburg, Va., participating in all its movements and engagements thereafter, performing gallant and meritorious service, in recognition of which he was promoted to corporal. After leaving Petersburg, Va., two companies from the 7th were allotted from the main army and sent to capture Clover Station, Va., and hold it until relieved. On the first day of occupation he was detached with two comrades to protect Walker's farm, near Clover Station, from depredation. On the second day several Confederate officers arrived at the farm, having been paroled. Among them was General Walker, a son of the owner of the farm, and the next morning, as Mr. Reed was eating his breakfast, General Walker entered and took a seat at the opposite side of the table, wearing his gray uniform, while the other wore the blue. This was the only time Mr. Reed ever ate a meal with a Confederate general, and it was devoured in utter silence, although the General's father apologized for his son's silence afterwards. He said that he was forced to maintain sympathy for the Southern cause, being at that time surrounded by a band of guerrillas, but he promised that in case young Reed were captured by the guerrillas he would see that he was liberated at once. After this incident the owner of the farm furnished him with a horse to ride to Clover Station, and one of his colored servants to accompany him and take the horse back. Upon his arrival at Clover Station the captain of his company inquired as to where he had pro-

cured the horse, but when informed that it was a loan, and to be returned by the servant, declined to allow it. The horse was accordingly packed for a march to Danville, and the colored man taken along also. At Danville the captain sold the horse, and the colored man remained with the company until it arrived at Harrisburg, Pa., and was mustered out. Mr. Reed was honorably discharged June 29, 1865, at Washington, D. C., by reason of the close of the war.

On Feb. 2, 1868, Mr. Reed married Mary C. Kerkeslager, daughter of Noah and Caroline (Emerich) Kerkeslager, who had a family of six children, born as follows: Charles W., Nov. 29, 1847; Mary C., Dec. 14, 1849; Alice V., Dec. 25, 1851; Carrie E., Dec. 9, 1854; Sallie L., April 12, 1860; Harry A., Dec. 26, 1862. Mr. Kerkeslager, born Oct. 22, 1820, died Oct. 15, 1863; his wife died in 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed had the following family: Carrie May, born June 2, 1869, died Feb. 19, 1873; Florence Ellinger, born Oct. 9, 1871, married John H. Emery, and is living at Palo Alto; Ellis William, born Nov. 19, 1873, unmarried and living at home, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted in 1899 in Company C, 16th Infantry, and served three years in the Philippine Islands (before the war was in the navy three years, having enlisted at League Island); Samuel Noah, born June 24, 1876, married Kate Weldon (he is in the grocery business at Orwigsburg, Pa.); Maude Irene, born May 1, 1880, married Jacob Boltz, a box manufacturer, of Pottsville, Pa.; Joseph Alfred, born Feb. 28, 1885, died Dec. 14, 1894.

HENRY A. DIRSCHEDL, M. D., of Pottsville, has been making a creditable professional record during his comparatively brief career as a practitioner. Though busy with private practice he has entered heartily into the larger duties of the medical profession, according to modern ideas, doing effective work in establishing and promoting sanitary conditions and hygienic living in a general way. His ability to put advanced ideas into practical operation has gained the recognition of his brother physicians as well as of the public.

Dr. Dirschedl was born at Pottsville, June 12, 1874, son of Joseph and Theresa (Reichenberger) Dirschedl. The parents were natives of the same place in Bavaria, Germany. They came to America with one child and first settled in Philadelphia for a time, Joseph Dirschedl following the bakery business. He then came to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, and after a short stay there moved to Pottsville, in 1864, where he was also engaged in the bakery business. He continued it until forty years old, afterwards living retired until his death, which occurred Jan. 30, 1883, when he was forty-nine years old. He is buried at Pottsville. His widow died April 24, 1905. Of their three children, two were born in Pottsville, Mary and Henry A., the latter being the only survivor of the family; Mary died Nov. 29, 1882; Max died July 3, 1878. Joseph Dirschedl was one of the first members of the German Catholic Church of Pottsville, then situated at Fourth street and Howard avenue, and later assisted in erecting the present church, in 1872.

Henry A. Dirschedl obtained his preparatory education in the Pottsville parochial schools. When Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart opened a store in the borough in 1887 he was the first to enter their employ here, and he remained with them uninterruptedly until he entered medical college in 1905. Meantime he had gained steady promotion on merit alone, becoming financial secre-

tary and assistant manager of the Pottsville store. After entering college he made a number of special trips for the company, with which he maintained his connection until 1913. Dr. Dirschedl took the full course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1910, and served as interne at St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, Pa., returning to Pottsville for practice in 1911. His office is at No. 613½ West Market street. Dr. Dirschedl is medical examiner for the German Roman Catholic Knights of St. George, and several other similar organizations, as well as for a number of insurance companies; is a member of the Pottsville city board of health; and a lieutenant surgeon in the Pennsylvania National Guard, attached to the 4th Regiment. He received his appointment to the latter office from Colonel O'Neil in 1914 and began his services in that capacity during the encampment of that year. Nothing could have shown more plainly his standing among the members of his profession than the fact that at least thirty of the leading physicians of the county recommended him for the position. He is a district deputy of the Knights of St. George in Schuylkill and Dauphin counties, and at the 1915 State convention was made State organizer. Politically Dr. Dirschedl is a Republican, but he is guided by his own ideas in his stand on local questions.

Dr. Dirschedl married Laura W. Thomas, daughter of Prof. William S. Thomas, of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, whose family consisted of three children: Fannie married Harold Schum, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lucy married Horace Priest, of Pottsville; Laura W., Mrs. Dirschedl, received her education in the public schools and at the Millersville State Normal School, from which she was graduated in 1900. Dr. and Mrs. Dirschedl have two children, William Thomas and Mary Louise.

R. BRUCE CLAYTON has been closely associated with the administration of municipal affairs in Ashland for many years, his work in the various positions of trust to which he has been chosen justifying the oft repeated honors he has received at the hands of his fellow citizens. A native and lifelong resident of the borough, his interest has been public-spirited and his efforts have been thoroughly loyal, showing a sentiment highly creditable to him. Mr. Clayton is a grandson of William Clayton, who was a pioneer of Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

Nelson Clayton, the father of R. Bruce Clayton, was born at Catawissa, Columbia county, and lived at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., from 1853 to the end of his life. By trade he was a carpenter, but after coming to Ashland he was engaged in business for several years, establishing a flour and feed store, which he carried on until 1859. Thereafter he was employed at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1878. At one time he served as assessor of Ashland. He married Mary Jane Zarr, a native of Union county, Pa., daughter of Benjamin Zarr, who was a pioneer of Union county; he was a hatter by trade. The Zarr family eventually moved to Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., where Mrs. Clayton's parents died. Mrs. Clayton, now (1914) eighty-three years of age, is living in Philadelphia with two of her daughters. She is the mother of five children, of whom R. Bruce is the eldest; Winfield Scott died about 1860; Laura is the wife of E. P. Meiswinkle, of Philadelphia; Cora B. is the wife of Brainerd Webb, of Philadelphia; Harriet M. is the wife of Harry K. Buchanan, of Lanark, Pennsylvania.

R. Bruce Clayton was born at Ashland Dec. 13, 1854, the winter of deep snow. His education was acquired in the public schools there, and when

a youth he began to learn the trade of machinist in the machine shop of M. Garner. He followed the trade for twenty-five years in all as apprentice, journeyman and foreman, giving it up to assume the duties of postmaster of Ashland, to which important position he was appointed in 1897. He served nine years, being succeeded by Mrs. Patterson. He has since been chosen to other positions in the public service, having been inspector of the streets for some time, and for the last four years he has been sealer of weights and measures. Especially interested in promoting the public school efficiency of Ashland, he has been a member of the school board for eleven years, and for seven years secretary of that body. His work in this connection has been valuable and worthy of the appreciation it has received.

In 1878 Mr. Clayton was united in marriage with Matilda A. Kintzle, who was born in Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of John L. and Rosanna (Sheets) Kintzle, and granddaughter of Henry and Sarah (Boyer) Kintzle, who were early residents of Berks county. The family is of German ancestry. Mrs. Clayton's grandparents removed to Port Clinton, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died there. Mrs. Clayton's maternal grandfather was also an early resident of Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kintzle emigrated to the West and passed the remainder of their lives there, his death occurring in 1897, hers in 1911. Of their family of four children William, the eldest, is now a resident of Freeport, Ill.; Naomi is deceased; Matilda A. is the wife of R. Bruce Clayton; Anna is married to George Gheen, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Three children, all sons, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton: Nelson lives at Pottsville and is at present superintendent of the Pottsville Water Company; he married Sarah Evans, of Ashland, Pa., and they have three children, Bruce Samuel, Sarah Dorothy and Nelson John. Robert Bruce, now living at Sonman, Cambria Co., Pa., married Gertrude Greshman, of Ashland; they have no children. William R., who lives at Ashland, married Mariam Faust, of Reading, Pa., and they have one child, Thelma.

Mr. Clayton and his wife and family are members of the Lutheran Church at Ashland. He has made many friends in his various social connections, being a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M. (which he has served as secretary); of Grisco Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M.; of Ashland Lodge, No. 384, B. P. O. Elks (he is serving as trustee of same); of Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, K. T.; of Camp No. 84, P. O. S. of A. (in which his membership dates from 1871); and of the Royal Arcanum.

ABRAHAM L. ECKERT is a prosperous business man of Pottsville and a member of the present city council. He was one of the most active workers in securing the system of municipal government now in operation, and his public-spirited efforts in that direction have given him a high place in the gratitude of his fellow citizens. Mr. Eckert was born in Pottsville April 28, 1862, son of Josiah Eckert, who lived and died here. His death occurred when he was forty-six years old, and he is buried at Schuylkill Haven. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Bowman, died when fifty-one years old. Abraham L. is the only surviving child of their family.

Abraham L. Eckert attended public school in Pottsville and began work there as errand boy for Jacob Ulmer, the packer. After four years in his employ he learned steam and pipe fitting, following that work for about six years. At the end of that period he went to Florida, where he started an orange grove, and after it was destroyed by frost he spent two years assisting in the

construction of the well known "Tampa Bay" hotel. After seven years in Florida he returned to Pottsville, where he embarked in the tea and coffee business, carrying it on for about six years. When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted in Company H, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving for eleven months. Coming back to Pottsville again, he was engaged as solicitor for the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa., continuing this work for four years. In 1902 he bought out the business of the Pottsville Ice Company, owned by James Green, and is now conducting same under his own name, dealing in coal and wood as well as ice. He has built up a large trade, keeping three teams constantly employed, and the satisfactory service which he has endeavored to render to all his patrons has held old customers and attracted many new ones. Mr. Eckert has been very keenly interested in the welfare of his home town, and of late has been particularly active as president of the City Charter Association, to whose objects he has given a great deal of his time, his reward being in the thorough success of the plans for the improvement of local government. In November, 1913, he was elected a councilman, and is also acting as superintendent of public safety. Mr. Eckert is a prominent member of the Merchants' Association, and has been appointed State organizer of same. Politically he is independent of party ties, supporting the men and ideas he considers best adapted to achieve the best results in working for the general good. He is noted for absolute fearlessness in the exposition and defense of his convictions, by which he will stand regardless of cost. While in Florida he was one of five men who organized the first and only Republican association ever formed in Citrus county.

Mr. Eckert is a member of the I. O. O. F. (both lodge and encampment), the P. O. S. of A., the Order of Independent Americans and the Spanish-American War Veterans, in the latter connection belonging to Theodore F. Hoffman Camp, of which he was the first commander. He is a past commander of the United Spanish-American War Veterans.

Mr. Eckert was married to Ruth Harrington, daughter of Caleb and Margaret Harrington, and the four children born to this union are: Ruth, Nelson, Harrington and Iva. Mr. Eckert and his family are members of the Methodist Church in religious connection.

PERRY W. FEGLEY, of Orwigsburg, has been a member of the A. E. Brown Shoe Company throughout the period of its existence. A man of notable ability, strength of character and with no disposition to shirk the responsibilities of life, he has devoted himself sincerely to the upbuilding of every undertaking with which he has become associated, and the record of his useful service stamps him as one of the most valuable citizens of the borough. His often tried ability has made him a desirable coworker in movements designed for the common benefit, and he has never failed his associates in the numerous enterprises with which he has been identified.

The Fegley family has long been settled in Pennsylvania, Bernhard Fegley, the first of the name in this country, coming from Switzerland at an early date. He first located in Montgomery county, Pa., near Greenville, but died in Longswamp township, Berks county, in 1782. Little is known of his son, Peter Fegley, the progenitor of a large family in Berks county, except that he was born in Montgomery county and settled in Douglass township, that county, induced by the fact that his uncle (a brother of Bernhard) had made a permanent settlement there. Some members of the Fegley family write the

name "Bird," the English version of the original name, and others "Vogel" or "Fogel." There are descendants of Peter Fegley living in New Jersey who use the English form.

Abraham Fegley, the grandfather of Perry W. Fegley, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, and was an early settler in the vicinity of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, making his home on the farm later known as the Martin Schaeffer place. There he followed farming all his active life, spending his closing years in retirement at Orwigsburg, where he died in 1874. In December, 1813, he married Sohna Berger, and three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter, Charles, Nathan and Amanda. By his second marriage Abraham Fegley had two children, Reuben and Daniel.

Charles Fegley, son of Abraham, was born Sept. 4, 1814, in Longswamp township, Berks county. Moving with his father to the neighborhood of Orwigsburg, he passed his early life there, being reared to farming, which he continued to follow until the spring of 1839, cultivating the place in East Brunswick township. At that time he traded his farm for a boat, the "Jenny Lind," which he operated on the Philadelphia & Schuylkill canal until 1862. For the next ten years he was engaged in mine contracting in the Schuylkill coal region, and then located at Pottsville, where he was in the employ of the Reading Company. After a short residence there he settled at Orwigsburg, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1898 in his eighty-fourth year. He was twice married, his second wife being Lovenia Hoffman, whom he married Dec. 24, 1849. Two children were born to this union, Henry C. and Perry W.; the former, born Jan. 20, 1852, graduated from Jefferson Medical College in March, 1877, and located at Ashland, where he had acquired a large practice at the time of his death, May 28, 1888, when he was thirty-six years old. The father was a member of the Democratic party, and belonged to the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Fegley died Aug. 3, 1902, at the age of eighty-four years. She was born April 26, 1818, daughter of Jacob Hoffman, and a descendant of a family of German lineage of Halle, Prussia, which has been prominent in the medical profession since 1460. Its foremost member, Frederick Hoffman (1660-1742), was one of the founders of the Halle University in 1693, and its first professor of practice of medicine, which position he held until the time of his death, with the exception of four years (1708-1712) which he passed in Berlin as the royal physician. His grandson, Cornelius, having taken up his residence in Switzerland, emigrated to the Colonies in 1768, locating on the Schuylkill below the present site of Pottstown, from which place he entered the service of his adopted country as a captain in Colonel Magraw's 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, 2d Brigade, in 1776, and was with Washington on that memorable night when he crossed the Delaware river and surprised and captured the Hessians at Trenton. After the close of the war for independence, in 1783, he was mustered out of the service, took up his residence in Brunswick township, in what was then Berks county, at the present site of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, and followed farming the remainder of his days. His son, Jacob, retaining possession of the homestead, married Kate Benninger, and was the father of Mrs. Fegley.

Perry W. Fegley was born May 8, 1855, at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, and obtained his education in the public schools there. When a youth of sixteen, in the spring of 1871, he began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, but as he did not care for the work he gave it up in October, and went to learn tinsmithing, which he followed until June, 1873. His next change was to

the shoe business, with which he has ever since been connected. After serving a three years' apprenticeship with the Orwigsburg Shoe Manufacturing Company, he was promoted to a foremanship in the factory, which he held until 1884, the year the firm of A. E. Brown & Company was formed. He became one of the partners when the concern was incorporated in 1910 as the A. E. Brown Shoe Company, and Mr. Fegley was elected president. When A. E. Brown died, his brother, Frank Brown, had his interest, and he is now secretary and treasurer of the company. Mr. Fegley has always acted as factory superintendent, and has the general oversight of the output, and his influence is felt in every department of the plant. The business is housed in a building 40 by 80 feet in dimensions, and from fifty-five to seventy-five hands are employed regularly. He is a director of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company.

Though Mr. Fegley has been untiring in his devotion to the development of his business interests he has been equally solicitous for the general welfare and has done a good citizen's share in promoting the best interests of the town. He has always had the courage of his convictions in supporting untried but promising enterprises, and his good judgment has been proved on many occasions. In 1884 he was one of the most earnest advocates of the project to supply the town with water from the mountain reservoir, and though there was great opposition to the plan at first persevered until he had enough support to insure its success. He has been a member of the school board, and was serving in that capacity when the first new school building was erected. For three terms he was a member of the borough council, in which body he gave the same efficient service which has characterized him in every relation.

Mr. Fegley and his family are all members of the Lutheran denomination, and he is a leading member of St. John's Church, having served as trustee from 1890 until 1896. In 1892, when the congregation decided to erect a new house of worship, Mr. Fegley became chairman of the building committee, and to his untiring efforts throughout the work of construction is due much of the credit for the beautiful Gothic brick church, which is one of the structures that are a matter of pride to the borough. Mr. Fegley is a Republican in politics, and socially he holds membership in Bethel Commandery, No. 319, Knights of Malta; Industrial Council, No. 437, Order of Independent Americans (of which he is a charter member); and Washington Camp No. 86, P. O. S. of A.

On Oct. 31, 1875, Mr. Fegley was united in marriage with Isadore Thorn, daughter of Theodore and Sarah (Richards) Thorn. Mrs. Fegley is a native of Pennsylvania. Seven children have been born to this union: Theodore C., born July 2, 1876, is a practicing physician located at Tremont, Schuylkill county; Mabel Lavinia, born July 22, 1877, is the wife of Joseph M. Lambruskini, of Somerville, N. J., and has two children, Philip and Isadora; Lillie, born May 26, 1886, is the wife of John J. Jacobs, of Orwigsburg; Hilda, born July 14, 1887, formerly a teacher in Schuylkill county, is now the wife of Benjamin F. Rahn, and lives at Bath, Pa.; Perry W., Jr., born July 2, 1892, died at the age of eight years; Harry G., born September, 1894, is a medical student at Philadelphia; Paul Gerald, born in 1898, is attending school at East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

REV. JOHN DUMCIUS (Dumchus is the English form of the name) is at present in charge of the Lithuanian parish of St. Francis, at Minersville,



which belongs to the diocese of Philadelphia. This parish was founded the year 1895, up to which time it formed a part of the German parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which originally included the Lithuanians, Poles, Slavs and Italians of the Catholic faith at Minersville and surrounding places, among them St. Clair and Pottsville. The parish is now made up of Lithuanians exclusively. The first church of this parish was being built at the corner of Laurel, Third and Line streets, on a leased lot belonging to the Reading Coal & Iron Company, when the site and building were judged not acceptable to all the parishioners and discussion arose over the matter in the congregation. Then an old Protestant Church on Third street was purchased and dedicated as a temporary place of worship for the Lithuanians. In 1906 a new lot was bought, comprising three acres of ground, which belonged to the Heisters' estate, for which \$2,700 was paid. In 1910 the basement of a new church was constructed thereon, at a cost of \$16,000, and the old church building was sold for \$3,000. The present value of the church property is placed at \$35,000, and there is a debt on it of \$6,000. The rectory was built in 1907, while Rev. Vincent Dargis was rector. It is a frame building, cost \$7,500, and is free of debt.

The first rector of the parish, Rev. Venceslaus Matutaitis, served from August, 1895, to January, 1899. Then as a mission it was under the charge of Rev. Albinas Kaminskas, rector of the Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia, Pa., from January, 1899, to November, 1902, when Rev. V. Dargis was appointed regular pastor. He continued in charge here until Jan. 22, 1909, when he was called to New Philadelphia and succeeded by Rev. John Dumcius, who remained until May 25, 1910. Rev. Peter Abramaitis was then appointed rector, and after his death, which occurred in March, 1911, Rev. John Dumcius was again appointed. He has continued there since, laboring devotedly in the interest of the congregation. At the beginning there were only about 450 souls in the parish. The increase by natural growth and immigration has brought the number up to 2,500. There are a number of societies affiliated with the parish, well supported: St. George's, with 181 members; St. Vincent, 175; St. Francis, 76; St. Abinus, 45; Citizen, 85; St. Casimir's Soldiers, 52; SS. Peter and Paul, 67; Women's Sodality-Rosary, 90; two girls' sodalities, 45; Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America, one group, 256. There is one nun from this parish, Ursula Stemplis.

Rev. John Dumcius is a native of Lithuania, Russia, born Nov. 10, 1870, at Mockupia, Sintautai, Suwalki. He took a course in the gymnasium at Mariampol, and pursued his theological studies in the seminary at Seiny, graduating May 27, 1893. After twelve years as assistant in Lithuania he came to America, arriving Oct. 8, 1905, and for three years was rector at St. George's, Philadelphia. On Jan. 22, 1909, he became rector of St. Francis' parish at Minersville, Pa., in May, 1910, being transferred to Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he officiated for ten months, returning to his old charge in 1911. In addition to the immediate duties of the parish he has charge of the mission at St. Clair, with about 120 families, and of that at Reading, with about thirty-five families, attending each once a month. During his pastorate he has confirmed 200 annually, baptized 160, and performed thirty marriage ceremonies.

OSCAR D. PETERY, of Orwigsburg, has been an influential resident of his section of Schuylkill county for many years, his long service as an educator

bringing him into touch with its citizens from all classes. Of late years he has devoted himself to business, and at present is also filling the office of justice of the peace, this being his second term.

Mr. Petery is a native of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and a member of the fourth generation of his family in this country. His great-grandparents came from Alsace Lorraine, then provinces of France, and his great-grandfather was a year on the ocean because the vessel could not land on account of storms. The great-grandmother followed him to America with the children, but her husband had died in the meantime, so she had to struggle to raise her family.

Mr. Petery's grandfather was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and is buried in Wheeling, W. Va., where he had gone to look for a place to settle. He took sick and died while there. His companion, who is unknown, deserted him while he was sick and came East. So his widow was left also to raise her children, Edward, Francis and Jacob F. For a while she lived in Lancaster county, and for some time collected toll at one of the gates near Reamstown.

Jacob F. Petery, father of Oscar D. Petery, was born April 18, 1822, at Reamstown, and when a young man went to Millersburg, Berks Co., Pa., where he married a Miss Ressler. She died there not many years afterwards. Subsequently Mr. Petery engaged with a cattle dealer to drive some stock over the mountains into Schuylkill county, and he started out with only fifty cents in his pocket. He settled in this county, his first location being at Tamaqua, where he was employed as a clerk, and later he was similarly engaged in a store at East Mines for some time. Thence he removed to Pottsville, where he was in the employ of Benjamin Haywood, the well known ironmaster, with whom he remained for twenty-five years in the capacity of chief clerk. Subsequently he was engaged for some time with the Reading Company, at the Palo Alto Rolling Mills, as clerk. He died in Pottsville Oct. 2, 1901, and he is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Reformed Church at Orwigsburg. By his first marriage Mr. Petery had two children, one that died in infancy and Henry. His second marriage was to Louisa Boyer, who was born Nov. 24, 1834, at McKeansburg, Pa., daughter of Samuel Boyer, and died Jan. 21, 1897. She is buried with her husband in St. John's cemetery. They were the parents of six children: Horace C., who is deceased; Oscar D.; Dr. William E., a physician, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ida E.; Clara A.; and Bertha M.

Mrs. Petery's grandfather, Henry Boyer, married Barbary (Bevy) Bensing, daughter of Fritz Bensing, who was one of four brothers, Fritz, Michael, Frank and Benjamin. Samuel Boyer, Mrs. Petery's father, married Salome Lutz, daughter of Henry and Betsy (Schwatz) Lutz, the latter a daughter of Jacob Schwatz.

Oscar D. Petery was born May 13, 1856, at Pottsville, where he attended public school. Later he became a student in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Berks county, from which institution he was graduated, and he was subsequently a member of the faculty for two spring terms. He then returned to Schuylkill county, where he followed teaching for a period of thirty-three years, twenty-three of which were spent at Orwigsburg. In recent years Mr. Petery has given the principal part of his time to the business of coal washing on the Schuylkill river, near Landingville. In 1906 he was elected a justice of the peace, and five years later was re-elected. He also represents a number of insurance companies.

All activities of the borough have had the co-operation of Professor Petery.

He was one of the organizers of the Keystone Club, of which he is secretary; is a member of the Independent Americans and of the Sons of America; and is also a Mason, being a member and past master of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., of which he is secretary at present. He is a member of the hose company and of the Orwigsburg Band. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church, and in politics he has been identified with the Republican party. His efficient assistance and intelligent counsel are valued in all these associations.

Professor Petery married Kate Koch, daughter of Abraham Koch, of New Ringgold, this county, and six children were born to this marriage, four of whom are living: Marion K., Laura K., Edna K. and Dorothy C. The mother of this family died Oct. 31, 1908, and Mr. Petery has since married (second) Mrs. Ella Irish. There are no children by this union.

JAMES B. COLLINS, of Palo Alto, is a typical member of a family which has been prominent in the affairs of that borough for two generations.

Patrick Collins, his father, was born in Ireland, coming to America when a young man and settling at Palo Alto, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he made his home during the rest of his life. As clerk in the office of the county commissioners at Pottsville, he began an association with the public affairs of the county which lasted almost continuously throughout his lifetime. After his services as commissioners' clerk he became a boatman on the Schuylkill canal, owning the "General Carrol," and was so engaged for many years, plying between Schuylkill Haven and New York City. In 1875 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, in which he served for one term (three years), and after he gave up boating he filled the position of county assessor, was supervisor of the borough of Palo Alto, member of the school board, and held the office of justice of the peace for twenty years, being the incumbent of that position at the time of his death. In political connection he was a Democrat, and few men of this part of Schuylkill county were better known in his day. The high regard which he enjoyed among his fellow citizens is substantially shown in the fact that Collins street, leading from Palo Alto to Pottsville, was so named in his honor. His faithful discharge of the numerous duties intrusted to him won him a strong place in the esteem of his contemporaries. Mr. Collins married Sarah Waldron, a native of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and the following children were born to this union: Mary, Mrs. Patrick Toole; Ellen, Mrs. Frank Kleinsmith; Katie, Mrs. Joseph McCauley; Philip, who was drowned when nine years old at the Fairmount Park bridge, Philadelphia, while on a trip with his father; Winifred, who died unmarried when twenty-three years old; Thomas J. and William F., both unmarried; James B.; Michael J.; and Sadie H. Of this family Thomas J. Collins is a trainmaster for the Eastern Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and is at present serving as president of the borough council of Palo Alto.

James B. Collins was born Nov. 28, 1888, at the home in Palo Alto where he now resides. He obtained his education in the parochial schools at Port Carbon, and began to work driving team at Palo Alto. He was afterwards employed picking slate at the Eagle Hill colliery, and his next position was as engine wiper in the roundhouse of the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Palo Alto. Later he was made clerk in the office at the roundhouse, was subsequently appointed assistant inspector of engines, and filled that office until he went to Philadelphia. There he remained a year, during which time he became

familiar with the details of the automobile trade, returning to Palo Alto. Mr. Collins was then appointed justice of the peace in 1910, and later was elected to the office, which he still continues to hold. He is also engaged in the general insurance business. Like his father he has been active in the Democratic party, and he is acting at present as majority inspector of elections in Palo Alto, where he is regarded as a highly promising young citizen. He is a member of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church at Port Carbon, and is prominent in the Foresters of America, being at present a State officer, deputy grand chief ranger.

ALFRED M. MILLER, proprietor of the A. M. Miller & Company shoe factory, of Orwigsburg, has had a noteworthy business career, whether considered from the personal standpoint or from its relative worth in the development of local industrial conditions. The words self-made and self-educated are often misapplied in describing the rise of men who have forged ahead by their own efforts, yet in Mr. Miller's case they are entirely appropriate, for he began work when only a boy of eleven years and has made his own way unaided since. Throughout this period he has been in the shoe business, and that he has been one of the live factors in its expansion in Schuylkill county speaks well for his ambition and ability. For over twenty years he has been in the business for himself.

The family to which Mr. Miller belongs is from Berks county, his father, Nathaniel Miller, having been a native of Albany township, that county, born in 1834. In 1867 he came to Schuylkill county and settled at Orwigsburg, where for a number of years he was engaged in conducting a stage line between that point and Landingville. Later he went into the green grocery business, which he followed until his retirement. He died Sept. 2, 1873, in the faith of the Reformed Church. Politically he was originally a Whig, joining the Republican party upon its organization. He married Mary Greenawald, daughter of Jacob Greenawald, and they were the parents of children as follows: George, who is deceased; Herman G., engaged in the confectionery and newspaper business; Alfred M., of Orwigsburg; and Annie E., of Washington, D. C. Though left a widow with three small children, Mrs. Miller reared them very successfully with their aid. She died Nov. 14, 1905, at the age of seventy-one years.

Alfred M. Miller was born March 28, 1866, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and the following year accompanied his parents to Schuylkill county. As he was but seven years old when his father died, he had to begin contributing to the support of the family at an early age, and was but eleven years old when he found employment with the Orwigsburg Shoe Company. After spending six years in that establishment he obtained the position of second cutter in the shoe factory of A. E. Brown & Company, also in Orwigsburg, for whom he became first cutter three months later. He was retained there in that capacity until he left in 1892 to start business for himself, and he went with the recommendation from Mr. Brown of being the most reliable employee of the concern. In a period of eight years he had been late but once and lost only one day, and that on account of a funeral. Besides holding the responsible position of cutter, which involves the handling of most of the valuable material used in a shoe factory, Mr. Miller was also intrusted with a large part of the buying, and in both positions developed the skill and ability which have made him so successful in his own ventures.



*A. M. Miller*



In November, 1891, Mr. Miller formed a partnership with Andrew C. Eisenhuth, under the name of Eisenhuth & Miller, and on the 9th of that month they broke ground for their factory, which was a frame building, two stories in height, 60 by 40 feet in dimensions. It was completed within two months, the first pair of shoes they produced being finished Jan. 9, 1892. The product consisted of children's and infants' shoes, and was marketed all over the middle Atlantic and Western States, six traveling salesmen being among the forty employees which the firm carried on its pay roll during the early part of its existence. The venture proved very successful. On Nov. 28, 1900, Mr. Miller purchased the interest of his partner in the business, which has since been conducted under the name of A. M. Miller & Company. The product now includes misses' shoes and old ladies' "comfort shoes," as well as the original lines, and ten traveling salesmen are engaged in placing the output, which is marketed in the West and Northwest. In 1902 Mr. Miller made an addition to the original plant, a brick building 60 by 30, and the establishment and all its appointments are thoroughly up-to-date, the machinery and other equipment being of the most approved modern patterns. From sixty to seventy-five hands are employed. Outside of the shoe factory Mr. Miller's interests include his association with the First National Bank of Orwigsburg, of which he was made a director in 1907; he was the institutor of the Orwigsburg Building & Loan Association, in May, 1903, and has been its vice president throughout the period of its existence. The first series of said association expired in November, 1914, paying \$203.67 per share. Public affairs have also received their share of his attention. For three years he served as a member of the borough council, and during that period he used his influence to obtain the electric light service in the borough (installed at that time), which is supplied by the Pottsville Power Company. His political support has always been given to the Republican party.

Socially Mr. Miller is a member and past master of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., the oldest Masonic lodge in Schuylkill county, which celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in June, 1914, Mr. Miller serving as chairman of the anniversary committee; he is a member of the chapter and commandery at Pottsville; of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading; of the Keystone Club of Orwigsburg (first president of that club); and he also belongs to Grace Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F., of Orwigsburg, of which he is a past grand. His religious connection is with St. John's Reformed Church. Mr. Miller has developed steadily with the growth of his interests and the community to whose expansion they have been vital, and his liberality of spirit and worth of character have been apparent in the various causes with which he has allied himself. He is a potent force for good in his section of Schuylkill county, and his contribution to its prosperity is duly appreciated by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Miller married Pauline E. Gessler, daughter of Thomas Gessler, of Newark, N. J., where her father was a well known contractor and builder. Two children have been born to this union: Irma L., a graduate of the Orwigsburg high school, class of 1913, and of Pottsville business college, and now taking a musical course, in piano study; and Linwood M., a high school student.

GEORGE HENRY MOORE, M. D., of Schuylkill Haven, is a prominent member of the profession in Schuylkill county, where as an oculist he has

gained high prestige. He is at present serving as coroner of the county. Dr. Moore is a native of Tremont township, this county, born June 6, 1872, son of William Moore and grandson of Edward Barris Moore.

Edward Barris Moore was born in the County of Durham, England, Jan. 15, 1820, and came to this country in December, 1852, first locating at Llewellyn, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mr. Moore had been engaged in mining in his native country, part of the time working at mines as deputy fire boss. At Llewellyn he found work in the same line, working as a miner there for one year, and later for five years at Donaldson, this county, where he became a boss in the colliery. From there he changed to Rausch Creek, where he held a responsible position as superintendent of a colliery for about fifteen years, later removing to Tremont, where he was superintendent at Lower Rausch Creek for Miller, Graeff & Company until his death. He passed away Aug. 4, 1875, at Tremont, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Mary (Little), died there also at the same age, and they are buried at that place. Mr. Moore was a member of the Methodist Church, and socially belonged to various fraternities, being a member of the Tremont Lodge of Masons, the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife had four children at the time they came to America. We have the following record of their large family: (1) Simon, born Feb. 25, 1844, was an experienced mine superintendent and had a high reputation in the anthracite region; he married Isabell Long, daughter of Charles Long, of Donaldson, and died leaving a family of six children, Esther Lillie, Mary F., Martha J., Charles W., Annie E. and Alice E. (2) Annie married George Long, whom she survives, making her home at Donaldson; she has a family of five children, Esther, Mary, Bella, Maggie and Blaine. (3) Richard, a resident of Philadelphia, married Harriet Faust, by whom he had seven children, Samuel, Mary, Emma, Elizabeth, Minnie, William and Sadie. By his second marriage, to Mary Jane Long, he had one child, Lee. (4) William is mentioned below. (5) Mary married Archibald Harvey, and lives at Port Carbon. They have no children. (6) Edward, whose home is in Schuylkill county, married Emma Alter, and their children are, Edward, Henrietta, May, Emma and Raymond. (7) John T., of Schuylkill county, married Mary Boltz, and their children are, Edward, Frederick, Simon, Elizabeth, Harry, Ethyl and Mary. (8) Henry died unmarried when twenty-nine years old.

William Moore, father of Dr. George Henry Moore, was born Nov. 10, 1851, in England, and was an infant when the family came to the United States. With the exception of two years spent in the then Territory of New Mexico he passed all of his life in Schuylkill county, Pa. Here he was reared, and when he went to work learned engineering, at which he was engaged during the greater part of his life. After running engines at different collieries, he became interested as a coal operator in Schuylkill county with his brother Simon and a Mr. Losch. Subsequently he went West, but soon returned to Pennsylvania, and for a time lived at Schuylkill Haven, at present making his home in Philadelphia. He married Alice Bonewitz, of Schuylkill county, and seven children have been born to them, namely: George Henry, Mary, Rebecca, Edward, Sadie, Lillie and William.

George Henry Moore began his education in the public schools of Tremont township, his first teacher being David Etien. When nine years old he went West with his parents to New Mexico Territory, where the family lived for two years, during which time he was deprived of educational advantages, there being no schools in that region then. Upon his return to Schuylkill



county he resumed his studies, attending the Tremont high school, and graduated in 1890. During the summer vacations he was always employed, working in the mines from the time he was twelve years old. Immediately after finishing his high school work he began the study of medicine with Dr. Charles Evan, under whose tuition he remained one summer, in the fall of 1890 entering the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he took a complete course in the medical department, graduating in 1893 with the degree of M. D. His first experience as a practitioner was acquired in the Heckscherville district in Schuylkill county, where he located at once after graduating, remaining there for over three years, and meeting with steady success. He was then appointed prison physician and held the position for one year. Following that he became physician for the Schuylkill County Hospital and Insane Department, locating at Schuylkill Haven, and was thus engaged for four years. He then took a special course in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat at the Philadelphia Polyclinic (Post Graduate) School, Philadelphia, after which he established himself in his present location at Schuylkill Haven. He also has an office in the new Thompson building in Pottsville, where his hours are from 9 A. M. to 4:30 P. M., daily. He has been particularly successful as a specialist, and his work has received substantial recognition from his fellow practitioners, who have honored him with the presidency of the County Medical Society. He is also a member of the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In 1911 he was elected coroner of the county on the Republican ticket for a term of four years, and is discharging the duties of that office with a fidelity to his trust highly acceptable to his fellow citizens. His fraternal connections include membership in Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M.; Minersville Chapter, R. A. M.; and the Pottsville Lodge, B. P. O. Elks. He is a prominent member of St. John's Reformed Church, and serving in the church consistory.

Dr. Moore married Annie Sharadin, daughter of the late Daniel Sharadin, who was engaged in the manufacturing business at Schuylkill Haven. Two children have been born to this union, George D. and Helen.

About 1903 Dr. Moore conceived the idea of holding a reunion of the descendants of the three brothers, Edward B. Moore, who located at the West End; John Moore, who located at Parsons, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and William Moore, who located at Shenandoah, Pa. The descendants and relatives have since then held reunions annually, and have formed an organization of which Dr. Moore has been secretary from the beginning. It has proved a great success.

JACOB A. SCHARADIN has been a business man of Orwigsburg for the last twenty-five years and some twenty years ago he started the knitting mill to whose development his talents and energies have since been devoted. Through his well-directed efforts he has established a trade which keeps him busy all the time, furnishing employment to about eighty hands, and incidentally furthering commercial interests in the borough. Mr. Scharadin has given practical evidence of his public spirit, throughout the period of his residence in the town associating himself with its social and religious enterprises, and at present assisting in the administration of the local government, as member of the borough council. His election to this office indicates how completely he enjoys the confidence of his fellow townsmen. Mr. Scharadin was born near Pinedale, this county, Nov. 24, 1859, son of Abraham Scharadin.

Jacob Scharadin, grandfather of Jacob A. Scharadin, was born in Berks county, Pa., near Topton station, on the East Pennsylvania railroad, and came to Schuylkill county about 1830, settling in West Brunswick township. There he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1873. He was a Whig in politics in his earlier years, later becoming a Republican. The children of his first marriage were as follows: David, William, Abraham, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary. By the second marriage there was a son Charles.

Abraham Scharadin, father of Jacob A. Scharadin, was born in October, 1832, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and like his father was a farmer by occupation. He owned different farms in this section, his last property being a tract of 160 acres, which he sold when he retired from active work. He now makes his home at Pinedale. Mr. Scharadin is a faithful member of the Red Church (Reformed), which he has served as deacon and for many years as trustee, being one of its most honored officials. By his first marriage, to Sarah Deibert, he had the following children: Jacob A., Ellen, Emma (deceased), George (deceased), Hannah (deceased), and Harry F. The mother of this family died in 1890, and Mr. Scharadin married (second) Amanda Alspach. No children have been born to this union.

Jacob A. Scharadin was reared upon the farm and meantime received such advantages as the local public schools afforded. Remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty-five years, he spent the next five years farming his father-in-law's place, and has since been settled at Orwigsburg. His first business venture was in the manufacture of hosiery, which he discontinued after a brief experience, selling out to Sheeler & Miller. For a period of four years he carried on a flour and feed business, in 1894 engaging in the manufacture of underwear, which he has carried on ever since. His plant is equipped with the most up-to-date machinery and facilities, and from seventy-five to eighty hands are employed, the product being ladies' fine underwear. The management of his plant and expansion of his business occupy all of Mr. Scharadin's business hours, and he has been well rewarded. Mr. Scharadin has entered thoroughly into the life of the borough, is a member of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., of the Keystone Club, and of the Independent Americans. Politically he is a Democrat and he is serving at this writing as councilman of the borough. He is a leading member of the Reformed Church, in which he is holding the offices of elder and deacon.

Mr. Scharadin married Elenora Fegley, daughter of Reuben Fegley, and they are the parents of two children, Bertha and Edward.

WILLIAM G. FAUST, late of Auburn, though he passed away in his prime, had been a leader in business circles for a number of years. His associations with manufacturing and financial affairs, with church work and with public life, showed that his ability was not limited or his interest circumscribed, and he did more than his duty in all the relations of life.

Mr. Faust was born Dec. 15, 1865, on the Faust homestead in West Brunswick township, son of George Faust. In his boyhood he attended public school at Pinedale, and later studied in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, after which he was engaged in teaching at Pinedale for a time. Then he followed farming until his removal to Auburn, where he became associated with the late W. H. Diefenderfer in the knitting business, being so engaged with him, in the manufacture of underwear, until his death. He was accidentally killed March 1, 1911, while driving a truck over the Pennsylvania railroad

tracks at Auburn, being struck by a work train. His death was a severe blow to his many friends in the community as well as his immediate home circle, for he was considered one of the most useful men of the borough, and his death left a vacancy still felt by many of the men with whom he came into contact during his busy career. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Auburn, and served as a director until his death; and he was a stockholder in the Electric Light & Power Company. For a number of years he was a member of the borough council and as such took a direct part in establishing the progressive policy which has brought Auburn to such creditable position among the boroughs of the county. His religious connection was with the Church of God, and he took an active part in its work, serving as deacon and trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. In short, he was one of the most active figures in southern Schuylkill county, where he is held in loving memory by scores of old friends and neighbors. He was a member of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M.

On April 20, 1889, Mr. Faust married Bertie L. Kimmel, daughter of Beneville and Joana Kimmel. Mrs. Faust was born Dec. 17, 1867, and died Aug. 10, 1904. Of the two children born to this marriage, Clarence, born Dec. 27, 1894, is now a student of the State College. The other, born Aug. 4, 1904, died in infancy. On Jan. 11, 1906, Mr. Faust married (second) Dora T. Mengle, who survives him. There were no children by this union.

Bernard Mengle, grandfather of Mrs. Faust, lived many years at St. Clair, later moving to Stony Creek, Schuylkill county, where he died. He is buried at Auburn. His son George, father of Mrs. Faust, lived at Auburn and died at Cressona; he is buried at Auburn. For many years he was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. His widow, Rosa (Hoffman), is living with her daughter Mrs. Faust at Auburn. She has been an invalid for the last five years. Mr. and Mrs. Mengle had a large family, namely: Minnie, the wife of Horace D. Lindermath, of Auburn; Dora T., the widow of W. G. Faust; Katie, who died when nine years old; Alice, who married W. D. Stayman; Helen, deceased, wife of John G. Riland; Robert, living in Philadelphia, who married Mabel Bishop; Clarence, living at Harrisburg, Pa., married to Emma Sheafer; and George and Charles, twins, who died in infancy.

GEORGE GILGOUR, now living retired at Pottsville, was connected with the mining industry in Schuylkill county throughout the period of his active career, which covered almost half a century. For over twenty years he was in charge of the Mahanoy City colliery, one of the best and most profitable coal properties in the Reading Company, operated and maintained on a paying basis as a result of his capable management.

Mr. Gilgour is of Scotch extraction. His father, Robert Gilgour, was born in Scotland, and on coming to America first settled in Canada in 1840. Thence he came to Philadelphia, Pa., where he was employed as a coremaker, and in 1854 settled at Forestville, in Cass township, Schuylkill county, where he worked at the mines. He died at Forestville at the age of seventy-two years, and is buried at Minersville, this county. Mr. Gilgour married Mary McAdoo, and the following children were born to them: Samuel, who is deceased; Margaret, deceased; George; Martha, deceased; Robert, deceased; and Eliza, widow of Robert Moore, living at Forestville.

George Gilgour was born Oct. 20, 1842, at the corner of Queen and Palmer streets, in Philadelphia, and moved with the family to Forestville. Not long

afterwards he began work at the mines, operating the blowing fan for Robert Bradley and Samuel Lynch, at Forestville. Later he was employed as a driver between the slope and the breaker and at pushing coal, and when sixteen years old went to work with his father, cutting coal at the Black Heath colliery. After several years' employment with his father, he began taking contracts on his own account, and in 1866 sunk a shaft at the Forestville slope and put in a drift at Woodside.

In 1874 he went to Phoenix Park colliery, No. 2, to prepare coal for the breaker, doing this work on contract. In 1876 he went to Middlecreek shaft, where he had charge, afterwards becoming inspector of mines for the Reading Company, which position he held for two years. In 1879 he located at Mahanoy City, where he was inside foreman at Elmwood slope, remaining there only a short time when he changed to Trevorton, Northumberland county. Soon afterwards he returned to Mahanoy City, where he took charge of the Mahanoy City colliery, which was operated under his management from 1880 until his retirement, in 1904. Its success is ascribed mainly to his excellent judgment and efficient oversight. Mr. Gilgour was twice awarded cash prizes for producing clean coal and for good management of the colliery. In 1904 he removed to Pottsville, where he has since been living retired, making his home at No. 124 South Third street. As a mine foreman he was considered a leading man in the business and his reputation extended all over Schuylkill county.

Mr. Gilgour is well known in fraternal circles, particularly as a Mason, belonging to Mahanoy Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; he is also a past high priest of Mizpah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 252, of Mahanoy City, and a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., of the same place. As an Odd Fellow, Mr. Gilgour originally belonged to Social Lodge, at Minersville, later transferring his membership to General Grant Lodge, No. 275, of Mahanoy City, of which he is a past noble grand. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Minersville, and also of the P. O. S. of A. In religion he is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Gilgour married Mrs. Margaret (Francis) Ludlam, widow of James Ludlam. They have had no children.

Philip and Rebecca (Harris) Francis, parents of Mrs. Gilgour, were natives of Wales, and coming to America in 1852 settled at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., where he found employment in the iron mills. He died there, and Mrs. Francis subsequently married David James. Her death occurred at Pottsville, Pa. Two children were born to her marriage with Mr. Francis, namely: Margaret, Mrs. Gilgour, who was born in Wales; and Philip, born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa. The latter spent most of his early manhood working in the coal fields, subsequently locating at Jellico, Tenn., of which city he is now (1915) mayor. Mr. Francis is engaged in business as a coal operator and is also general manager for the Prochton Coal Company, at Jellico.

HENRY J. DOHNER, of Schuylkill Haven, has been prominent in the various activities of that borough during the thirty odd years of his residence there, and his interests at present are so diversified as to show broad-minded sympathy with the enterprises which have been instrumental in promoting its advancement. His energetic business career has brought him into association with the leading spirits of the town in commercial and financial affairs, and his public spirit has led him to support local movements affecting the general

welfare and the betterment of business and social conditions in the community.

Mr. Dohner belongs to a family which has long been established in Lebanon county, Pa. His great-grandfather, John Dohner, became a successful farmer near Cornwall, in South Lebanon township, that county, at one time owning two fine properties. John Dohner, son of John and grandfather of Henry J. Dohner, was also a prosperous farmer of that vicinity, and lived to his eighty-fourth year. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Smith, reared a large family, namely: Peter, Henry, Jacob, John S., Elias, Simon, Joseph, William, Cyrus, Eliza and Frances.

John S. Dohner, father of Henry J. Dohner, was a miller and farmer in Lebanon county, where he lived and died. To his marriage with Mary Eckert were born ten children, four of whom are yet living, namely: Amelia, Katie, J. Frank and Henry J. Those deceased were: Rebecca, Cyrus M., Mary Ann, Louisa, Emeline and William.

Henry J. Dohner was born Sept. 23, 1844, in East Hanover township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and was reared there. He attended public school at Jonestown, that county. There he also served his apprenticeship to the trade of shoemaker, and with the exception of his three periods of service during the Civil war in the Union army continued to live there until 1871, when he changed his location to the city of Lebanon. In the year 1882 he removed thence to Schuylkill Haven, where he has since had his home and business interests. Mr. Dohner at once began work at his trade there, dealing in and repairing shoes, and though his means were very limited when he commenced the business he is now the most important merchant in the borough in his line, his large store on Main street being thoroughly stocked with up-to-date goods. Though his principal attention has always been given to the development and building up of his shoe business, Mr. Dohner has by no means confined his energies to this line. He was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, the leading financial institution of the borough, was a member of the original board of directors, and is still serving in that capacity. He owns a fine farm of eighty-five acres in Wayne township, Schuylkill county. His success has been due to perseverance, thrifty management and promptness in taking advantage of his opportunities. His executive ability has enabled him to keep his affairs running smoothly, and his intelligent comprehension of the demands of the community has gained him a large circle of satisfied customers. He is reaping the reward of his attention to their wants in the extensive patronage he has enjoyed for so many years.

Mr. Dohner married Amelia C. Umberger, daughter of Joseph Umberger, of Jonestown, Lebanon county, and they are the parents of six children, viz.: Mary; Elizabeth, now the wife of William D. Raudenbush; Harry A.; John J.; and Paul Elias and Ralph N., the two last named deceased. Both of the surviving sons are interested with their father in the shoe store. The family are members of St. John's Reformed Church.

Mr. Dohner served as a Union soldier in the Civil war under three enlistments. On June 23, 1863, he enlisted from Lebanon county in Company A, 26th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, Infantry, emergency men, under Col. W. W. Jennings. He was discharged July 30th at Harrisburg. In July, 1864, he became a sergeant in Company D, 1st Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Charles Stuart, for one hundred days' service, and was discharged Nov. 11th, at the expiration of the term. On Feb. 12,

1865, he became a member of Company F, 93d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for one year's service, and was under the command of Capt. B. F. Hean and Col. C. W. Eckman. This command was attached to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac, Mr. Dohner serving therewith until after the close of the war, receiving his discharge June 28, 1865. By virtue of his military service he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Jere Helms Post, No. 26, of Schuylkill Haven, in whose work he has been quite prominent. He has risen to the position of senior vice commander.

HARRY F. SCHARADIN, of Pottsville, is part owner of the Penn Knitting Mills, which he has conducted in partnership with Andrew S. Kimmel since 1906. They have done a thriving business during the eight years of their existence and rank with the successful manufacturers of the city, the reliable product for which their mills are noted enjoying a high reputation.

Mr. Scharadin is a native of Schuylkill county, born Feb. 13, 1879, in West Brunswick township, son of Abraham and grandson of Jacob Scharadin. The grandfather was born in Berks county, Pa., near Topton station, on the East Pennsylvania railroad, and came to Schuylkill county about 1830, settling in West Brunswick township. There he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1873. He was a Whig in politics in his earlier years, later becoming a Republican. The children of his first marriage were as follows: David, William, Abraham, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary. By the second marriage there was a son Charles.

Abraham Scharadin, father of Harry F. Scharadin, was born in October, 1832, at Pinedale, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and like his father was a farmer by occupation. He owned different farms in this section, his last property being a tract of 160 acres, which he sold when he retired from active work. He now makes his home at Pinedale. Mr. Scharadin is a faithful member of the Red Church (Reformed), which he has served as deacon and for many years as trustee, being one of its most honored officials. By his first marriage, to Sarah Deibert, he had the following children: Jacob, Ellen, Emma (deceased), George (deceased), Hannah (deceased), and Harry F. The mother of this family died in 1890, and Mr. Scharadin married (second) Amanda Alspach. No children have been born to this union.

Harry F. Scharadin received his education in the vicinity of his early home, attending public school. After assisting his father at farming for a short time, he worked in a shoe factory at Orwigsburg, this county, being thus engaged for six years. His next work was with his brother Jacob at Orwigsburg in the underwear business, with whom he remained for three years, at the end of which period he entered upon his present association with Mr. Kimmel. That was in 1906, and the Penn Knitting Mills have been in operation ever since. The plant is now located at No. 609 Mine street, Pottsville, this property having been purchased in 1910. It is a two-story and basement building, 62 by 35 feet in dimensions. Although but five people were employed when the business was started, the demand for the output has increased so greatly that forty hands are now employed steadily at the works and the equipment includes sixty first-class machines. The product consists of ladies' and children's underwear, which has found a ready sale. Mr. Scharadin and his partner have been progressive and enterprising about the improvement as well as the enlargement

of their business, and its prosperity has been due as much to their excellent judgment in its management as to the high quality of their product.

Aside from his business Mr. Scharadin's particular interest is in church matters, in which he has always taken an active part. He is a member of the Red Church (Reformed), and has been active in both church and Sunday school work, having served as deacon of the church and in the Sunday school as assistant superintendent, teacher and assistant secretary. Socially he holds membership in the I. O. O. F. Lodge and the P. O. S. of A., both of Orwigsburg.

Mr. Scharadin married Mrs. Bessie (Fegley) Alspach, widow of Thomas Alspach. To this marriage have been born two children, Russell and Mildred.

WILLIAM A. GRIEFF, of Cressona, now living retired, was engaged in the mercantile business in that borough for over twenty years and gained substantial standing as a business man. Personally he is regarded as a citizen of the highest worth, having proved his public spirit, trustworthiness and responsibility in various ways. Mr. Grieff was born July 16, 1848, at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, son of Daniel Grieff and grandson of William Grieff.

William Grieff, who is buried at Orwigsburg, was a farmer of that locality for many years, and a prominent man of his generation. He served one term as steward of the Schuylkill County Home. He lived to the age of ninety-four years. By his marriage to Catherine Zerbe, he had children as follows: William, who died when forty years old; Daniel; Mrs. Henry Krebs; Mrs. Bernert Yeager; Mrs. John Ege; Mrs. Daniel Hillegas; Louisa, who married Jeremiah Yerger, who after her death married her sister Sarah; Mary and Phoebe, who died young; and Mrs. Philip Weiser.

Daniel Grieff was born at Orwigsburg and is buried there; he died at the age of forty-five years. By trade he was a carpenter. He married Maria Krebs, daughter of Jacob Krebs, and children as follows were born to them: George; Charles; William A.; Mary, who married L. F. Kimmel, now a retired farmer, living at Orwigsburg; Elizabeth, who married Morgan Reed; and Emma, who married Uriah Good.

William A. Grieff was reared upon the parental farm at Orwigsburg. When a young man he was engaged as a stage driver for two and a half years, on the route between Orwigsburg and Landingville. His next occupation was as clerk in the general store of B. E. Drumheller, at Landingville, with whom he remained two and a half years. At the end of that time he entered the employ of Henry Deibert, for whom he worked at boatbuilding for a period of ten years. Coming to Cressona, he resumed clerking, being so employed in the general store of A. F. Deibert for nine years, until he engaged in business for himself, in the year 1889, as a green grocer and confectioner at Cressona. He established a profitable trade, and continued the business successfully until 1912, when he sold it to his son Elmer, who has since conducted the store, the father living retired.

Mr. Grieff has always been known as a man of the strictest integrity in all the relations of life, and his fidelity to duty in everything he undertakes has made him a highly useful member of the community. He has been one of the most active workers in the United Brethren Church of Cressona, of which he has been a member forty-five years, has served the congregation as treasurer for the last twenty years, and always takes part in Sunday school work, being treasurer of the Bible class. He has several times been chosen to the position of town clerk, but with that exception has not taken any active part in public

affairs in the locality. He votes independently. His honesty and capability have commended him to the good will of his fellow citizens, and he is thoroughly respected.

Mr. Grieff married Susan E. Deibert, who was born Feb. 22, 1850, a daughter of the late William Deibert, and died March 9, 1889. She is buried at Cressona. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Mary married William Fessler; Charles is employed as yardmaster at Rutherford, Pa.; Henrietta is the wife of Lynn Fessler; Elmer is a merchant of Cressona; Walter A., of Cressona, is a railroad conductor; four children died young—Robert S., born in 1880, died in 1885; Carrie E., born in 1883, died in 1887; Roy A., born in 1885, died in 1888; a son, born in 1887, died in 1887. After the mother's death Mr. Grieff married (second) Mrs. Emma (Bretz) Fenstemacher, widow of Moses Fenstemacher. There were no children by this union.

JOSEPH W. MOYER, of Pottsville, has had a successful career as an attorney supplemented by activity in local enterprises of great value, notably his connection with the building of the Schuylkill and Lehigh Valley railroad, and other railroads in Schuylkill and adjoining counties. Mr. Moyer is one of Schuylkill county's native sons, born Oct. 26, 1852, at Mount Pleasant, in Foster township, son of Daniel Moyer and grandson of George Moyer, of Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

George Moyer, the grandfather, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, then a part of France. The name was originally Meyer. George Moyer served in the French army under Napoleon, was with him in the famous march on Moscow, and was one of the small remnant of the mighty army that returned from that disastrous campaign. Shortly after the close of his army experience he came to America, making his home first in Northumberland county, Pa., where he acquired valuable business interests, engaging in merchandising, operating a tannery and also running a hotel. However, he remained there only a few years, thence moving to Gratztown, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he established himself in the mercantile business which he conducted until his death, in March, 1842. He is buried at Gratztown. His wife, Christiana (Shiley), survived him many years, dying in 1868 in Columbia county, Pa., where she is buried. She was born in Stone Valley, near Halifax, Dauphin county. Mr. Moyer was a Democrat on political issues, and he and his wife were Lutherans in their religious faith. They had a large family, namely: Solomon died when fifteen years old; Jacob died when two years old; Daniel is mentioned below; George went to California in 1857 and became engaged in gold mining; Isaac, who died in New York City in his eighty-fourth year, was one of those who went out to California in 1849, later returning to Pottsville, Pa., where he carried on a flour and feed business for a number of years; David was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad in 1874, at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Hiram, born Aug. 14, 1831, in Northumberland county, is now the only survivor of the family; Louisa married Benjamin Shaeffer, and died in Philadelphia; Catherine married Israel Henninger, and died in Shamokin, Pa. Hiram Moyer, the only one of his generation of the family now living, learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was engaged during most of his active life in Schuylkill county, to which county he moved in 1844. He settled in the vicinity of Pottsville. His home is now at No. 318 West Norwegian street, in that city. In 1872 he was elected prothonotary of the county for a term of three years, and gave faithful service in that office. He married Lydia Morgan, and to them were born:



Sarah A., Mrs. Walter S. Stevenson; Navada S., Mrs. I. H. Super; David J., a resident of Reading, Pa.; Dr. Sherman T., of Philadelphia; Oscar G., living in Pittsburgh; Mamie E., at home; Laura C., Mrs. Charles Spangler, and Amy L., Mrs. Harry Hupert.

Daniel Moyer, son of George, was born Feb. 22, 1822, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow principally during his active years, becoming a skilled workman. His mechanical genius was evidenced by his inventions of various agricultural implements, which included a corn planting device and a power flax brake. In 1856 he went to Hamburg, Mercer Co., Pa., where he had a farm, which he conducted besides attending to his other work, and he spent his latter years there in retirement, dying April 6, 1906. His wife, Elizabeth (Snyder), was a daughter of Jacob Snyder, of Dauphin county, and of Revolutionary stock, her maternal grandfather having served in the Colonial army under Washington. She died April 11, 1909, at the old homestead, New Hamburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer had a family of ten children, namely: Christiana, who married John Shalor; Levi, who enlisted for service in the Union army in January, 1863, joining Company A, 139th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died at New Hamburg, Pa., May 30, 1915; Amelia Jane, who married James Williams, who entered the Confederate army from Maryland, where he was living at that time, but near the close of the war left the Southern cause and joined the Union army; Jacob, who died in infancy; Joseph W.; Hiram; David; William; Emanuel E.; and Mary, who became the wife of Lewis France. Daniel Moyer, the father, was a member of the German Reformed Church for many years and at the time of his death. Politically he was a Republican, and always willing to take an active part in promoting the success of his party, but he never held any public office.

Joseph W. Moyer obtained an excellent preliminary education in the common schools of Delaware township, Mercer Co., Pa., later attending the Edinboro (Pa.) State Normal School, where he had for roommate the late Dr. Isaac C. Ketler, of Grove City College. In 1873 he registered as a law student with the firm of White & Jackson, prominent lawyers of Mercer county, and while pursuing his legal preparation under their direction also taught school in Springfield township, said county, one term. In January, 1874, he came to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he completed his law studies with Hughes & Farquhar, being admitted to the Schuylkill county bar in November, 1876, and to the Supreme court March 17, 1879. He has been engaged in practice ever since, and has devoted his attention principally to legal work, his other interests being allied with his profession. In 1886, in company with New York capitalists, he assisted in the organization of the Schuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. The road planned was built subsequently by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, at a cost of two million dollars. It extends from Tremont, Schuylkill county, to a point on the Lehigh river known as Lehigh Gap, and shortened the route from the southern anthracite coal fields to tidewater at New York City thirty-eight miles. Mr. Moyer continued to be associated with the company as solicitor until the road was sold to the Lehigh Valley Company in 1892. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme court of the State of New York Dec. 14, 1892. He is one of the well and favorably known lawyers of the Schuylkill county bar, and his active interest in every cause for the benefit of Pottsville and the county is shown in his encouragement and support of all movements whose worth commends them to his atten-

tion. His office is located at No. 208 South Centre street, where he also keeps his valuable library.

Mr. Moyer is independent in politics, originally supporting the Republican party until 1888, when, disagreeing with its position on various public questions, he turned his allegiance to the Democratic party. He was elected county chairman for two terms, and subsequently secretary, of the Democratic State committee. In 1914, dissatisfied with the Wilson policies, he returned to the Republican party, which now has his ardent support. He is an officer and director in many important corporate local enterprises, and the representative of important business and financial interests.

FRANK SNYDER, postmaster at Minersville, had a highly creditable public record before he took that office, and his fellow citizens confidently expect him to add to his prestige in the administration of his present duties. He is a native of Minersville, born May 26, 1880, son of Reuben Snyder.

Reuben Snyder was born near Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., about 1846, coming to Minersville, where he followed the business of plasterer. He became well and favorably known in his line of work, which he continued to follow all his active life, his death occurring in February, 1913. He is buried at Minersville. Mr. Snyder married Elizabeth Drumheller, who was born in Northumberland county, Pa., a member of the old Drumheller family of this part of the country. She still resides at Minersville. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Snyder had the following children: William O., who is now engaged in the greenhouse business near Minersville; Prof. Rudolph, principal of the military academy at Newton, N. J.; Kate, Mrs. William Kellecker, who has a florist business at Minersville, and Frank.

Frank Snyder obtained his education in the public schools at Minersville, graduating from the high school in 1897. He then entered the office of George Ball, who has long been extensively engaged in the lumber business at Minersville, and soon became manager of the establishment. Mr. Snyder was retained in this connection until he assumed the position of postmaster of Minersville, to which he was appointed April 29, 1914, succeeding Jonas E. Laubenstein. For several months he gave all his attention to the duties of the office, on Feb. 1, 1915, entering into partnership with George Ball (above) and Trevor Ball, under the name of the Ball Lumber Company, of which Mr. Snyder was made treasurer. His carefulness in looking after the details of the postoffice work, his obliging manners and accuracy, are thoroughly appreciated by his fellow citizens. The office is in the second class, and besides the assistant postmaster, Joseph Levan, there are five regular clerks, one substitute clerk, three carriers and one substitute carrier. The post office is located in the Sons of Veterans' building. Mr. Snyder has had four years' service in the borough council, and during that time was chairman of the street committee. In 1908 he was elected borough auditor, the first Democrat to be so honored for twenty years, and he filled the office capably for one term. He holds a commission as notary public. In 1910 Mr. Snyder was honored with the Democratic nomination for representative to the State Legislature, and though the district is strongly Republican was defeated by only two hundred votes. He is a member of the English Lutheran Church, and fraternally an Odd Fellow in good standing.

Mr. Snyder married Regina Kuech, daughter of George Kuech, a carpenter foreman at the Pine Hill colliery, and a resident of Minersville. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two children, Elvin and Ronald.

CHARLES P. ALSPACH has been associated with the business of shoe manufacturing from practically the beginning of his independent career, and after a number of years' employment with some of the important concerns in this line at Orwigsburg is now engaged in the trade on his own account.

The Alspach family has been represented in Schuylkill county for several generations. Philip Alspach, grandfather of Charles P. Alspach, lived and died in West Brunswick township. His children were: Daniel, Philip, Louis, Jonas, Rebecca, Amanda and Edward.

Edward Alspach, son of Philip, was born Feb. 16, 1837, in West Brunswick township, and spent all his life on the old homestead there. Farming was his occupation, and he was widely and favorably known in his day. His death occurred Aug. 4, 1908, and he is buried in the cemetery at the Red Church. His widow, Mary (Boyer), daughter of Benjamin Boyer, continues to reside on the old homestead farm in West Brunswick township. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alspach were the parents of eight children: George William, Francis, Albert, Philip, Thomas, Ida, Charles P. and Edward.

Charles P. Alspach was born Oct. 5, 1877, in West Brunswick township, and attended the public schools of that locality. In his early years he was engaged at the calling of his ancestors, remaining on the home farm until eighteen years old. He then entered the employ of the Adams Shoe Company at Adamsdale, this county, and became thoroughly familiar with the shoe business during the six and a half years he remained there. For a short time following he was with the Kepner Scott Shoe Company at Orwigsburg, his next change being to the factory of H. S. Albright, at Orwigsburg, where he was employed for a period of eight years. Then, after a brief connection with Bickley & Walborn, he became interested in the organization of the Orwigsburg Shoe Company, in 1913, and has been president from the start. Though one of the new houses of the kind at Orwigsburg, the Orwigsburg Shoe Company is becoming well known in the trade, turning out a product of recognized reliability, which is winning popularity with salespeople and customers alike. The business is under capable management, and Mr. Alspach's comprehensive experience in the trade is proving exceedingly valuable as a guide in the discharge of his present responsibilities. Personally he is a man of the highest worth, and his standing is favorable with all who know him. He holds membership in the Independent Americans and in the P. O. S. of A., and belongs to the Reformed Church, in which he has been a prominent worker; for six years he held the office of deacon, and is now serving as elder.

Mr. Alspach married Emma Heim, daughter of Jonas Heim, of West Brunswick township, and they have one son, Marvin Heim Alspach. Mrs. Alspach is a Lutheran in religious connection.

MICHAEL M. DONOHUE, of Pottsville, has within the last few years built up a business of decided worth to the community from the industrial standpoint. Every establishment that provides profitable and helpful occupation in the borough is an attraction for industrious, desirable citizens, who will remain where employment is plentiful and the surroundings wholesome. Mr. Donohue's contribution to the wealth of the borough is easily appreciable. Personally he is a man of unassuming habits, devoted principally to his business, but with a public-spirited concern for the local welfare which gives him a strong position among the best element.

The Donohue family is of Irish extraction. Martin Donohue, father of

Michael M. Donohue, was born in Ireland, and was about ten years old when he came to America. From that time he lived at Middle Creek, in Frailey township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and he became a miner, engaging in mining throughout his active years. His death occurred in 1908. His wife, Bridget (Walsh), like himself a native of Ireland, still resides in the homestead at Middle Creek. The following children were born to their union: Thomas died when forty-eight years old; John died when forty-five years old; Matthew died when two years old; Martin, who is an engineer, lives at Branch Dale, this county; James is a cigar manufacturer at Middle Creek; Michael M. is mentioned below; Mary is married to Peter McGinn, of Shamokin, Pa.; Anna is the wife of Edward Brennan, of Shamokin; Bridget M. is the wife of Frank Gulong.

Michael M. Donohue was born Feb. 5, 1873, at Middle Creek in Frailey township, Schuylkill county, and had such educational advantages as the local schools afforded. However, he was but a boy when he commenced work at Middle Creek shaft as a slate picker. He continued to be employed in and about the mines until twenty-two years old, when he came to Pottsville, becoming clerk in a hotel, and working in that capacity eighteen years. At the end of that time he went to Minersville, Schuylkill county, and engaged in the hotel business on his own account, carrying it on there for five years, when he returned to Pottsville. He has since been engaged in his present business, the manufacture of ladies' underwear, in which he employs steadily eighty-five hands. The plant, at No. 701 North Second street, which he erected specially for the accommodation of his business, is 40 by 40 feet in dimensions, two stories and basement. Mr. Donohue has not only been a student of market conditions and the demands of the market, but he has always been enterprising about producing goods which create a demand of their own, and his trade as a consequence has become wider, his goods being shipped to all the States and to England and Canada and South America as well. He is progressive in all things, as he is in his business, and is considered a most valuable citizen. He is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and also belongs to the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Donohue married Sarah L. O'Connor, daughter of Michael O'Connor, of Coal Castle, Cass township, Schuylkill county. They have four children, Mary, Francis, Clement and Charles.

MARCUS BITTLE (deceased) was a worthy member of a family which has been represented in what is now Schuylkill county for several generations, and its members have always been among the most respected citizens of their section, industrious, thrifty, and not only zealous in promoting their own interests but doing their share in the advancement of the general welfare.

Christopher Bittle, great-grandfather of Marcus Bittle, came to America Sept. 24, 1753, and first located at Quakertown, near Philadelphia, Pa. Rupp's Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776 says (pages 308-309) that the ship "Neptune" (John Mason, master), from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1753, and gives the name of Christoph Büttel among her passengers. At that time he was only a boy. For a time he was employed upon a farm. Later he married a Miss Neiman, and settled at Pottstown, Pa., where he purchased a farm upon which he lived for a while. Selling out, he came to what is now Schuylkill

county, locating on Summer Mountain, about half a mile east of Schuylkill Haven, where he bought the farm later owned by the Henney and Reber families, situated in South Manheim township. He sold that property and removed to North Manheim township, where he settled on a tract lying along the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Cressona, later known as the old Bartolette farm. When he sold this he bought a farm property near Minersville (in the same locality as the old Thomas Shollenberger tract), and it was there his death occurred. The place afterwards became known as the James farm. Besides farming, Christopher Bittle was engaged to a considerable extent in cutting timber, owning and operating an old-time sawmill, cutting his timber and floating it down the Schuylkill river. He had the following children: John; Jacob; Henry, who was the owner of the well known Weissinger farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, who lived and died in Panther valley, Schuylkill county; Mrs. Strauch; Mrs. Pott; Mrs. Kate Weaver; Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver; Mrs. Rebecca Reed; Mrs. Sarah Jennings, and Mrs. Warner.

Jacob Bittle, son of Christopher, was the grandfather of Marcus Bittle. Born in North Manheim township, he accompanied his father on the latter's various removals, and for a time followed farming on the tract near Minersville. Later he bought a farm in Long Run valley, North Manheim township, cleared off the timber, and spent the remainder of his life in its cultivation, dying there when eighty-eight years old. His wife, who was a member of the well known Clouser family of Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, did not attain so advanced an age. They are buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. The following children were born to them: William; Jacob, who died in Schuylkill county; John, who died on the homestead; Andrew, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Maria, who first married a Zerbe, later a Berger; Katie, wife of Isaac Berger; Tina, wife of Gabriel Groan; and Sallie, wife of Isaac Ely.

William Bittle, son of Jacob, was born on the farm near Minersville, Schuylkill county, and himself became a farmer, also dealing quite extensively in horses. He owned two farms, one lying half a mile west of Schuylkill Haven, in North Manheim township, and they contained seventy-three and one hundred and five acres, respectively, all valuable land. During the Civil war Mr. Bittle had charge of the recruiting office for Schuylkill county, which was established at Pottsville, and he became well known throughout the county in the pursuit of his various activities. His wife, Elizabeth (Berger), was the daughter of Ludwig Berger, a man of wealth and highly respected in Schuylkill county in his day. Mr. Bittle died Oct. 19, 1881, his wife in February, 1883, and they are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They were the parents of four children: Marcus; Frank, who is living at Schuylkill Haven; Samuel B., also of Schuylkill Haven; and Mary Elizabeth, who married Charles Phillips.

Marcus Bittle was born Dec. 21, 1846, on the old homestead in North Manheim township, in Long Run valley, was reared there, and followed farming practically all of his active life—for a period of forty years. He bought part of his father's farm (which was owned previously by the Kerchner family), having a tract of forty-eight acres now included in the borough of Schuylkill Haven and very valuable. Part of it has been sold for building lots, Mrs. Bittle still retaining thirty acres, where she resides. Mr. Bittle also carried on the ice business in Schuylkill Haven, having a pond made on the farm from which he derived his supply, and he made a success in both lines of work. His

death occurred in March, 1909, and he is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Bittle married Rosa Kline, daughter of the late Rev. Jacob Kline, of Schuylkill Haven, for many years affectionately and familiarly known there as "Father" Kline. To Mr. and Mrs. Bittle were born five children, all of whom reside at Schuylkill Haven: Annie E., wife of William Spotts; Charles H., who is a merchant at Schuylkill Haven; William; Ralph, and Claude. The last named remains at home with his mother, and they are carrying on the farming and ice business in partnership.

Mr. Bittle was a Republican, and actively interested in the success of his party, serving as a member of the election board. His religious connection was with St. John's Reformed Church, and he was one of its efficient workers.

MAJ. J. CLAUDE WHITE filled an important place in the economic affairs of Schuylkill county throughout his long residence there, covering practically half a century. Much of the work inaugurated by his enterprise is still going on, bearing witness to the wise judgment that guided him in all of his plans, most of which were laid with the broad purpose of fostering industrial conditions in this region as well as affording employment for his own time and capital. Reilly township, where he located upon his arrival in the county, has rich coal deposits upon which her population depends almost entirely, for the meager agricultural resources have not been valuable enough for development. The business men in the town draw their patronage from the mine employees. In the nearby township of Hegins Major White established his large estate, which his widow still owns, and which has made this section known all over the country.

A native of England, Major White was born May 17, 1829. His father, Rev. John C. White, was an Episcopal rector, located in Essex, where he lived and died. J. Claude White was reared and educated in the country of his birth, coming to the United States in the year 1851. For a time he was with an uncle in New York City, in 1852 settling in Schuylkill county, Pa., and devoting himself to the operation of coal properties in Reilly township. He became a member of the firm of Brown & White, the Swatara Falls Coal Company, who opened what was known afterwards as the Pyne colliery, in its day one of the largest collieries in Schuylkill county and one of the most successful coal properties in this region. In 1858, having sold his interest in the Swatara colliery, Mr. White opened the Eagle Hill colliery, near Pottsville. Closing operations there in the latter part of the year 1860, he removed to Elizabeth, N. J., and in 1861 opened an office in New York City, intending to do business as a merchandise broker and general commission agent. But the sudden breaking out of the war, before he had fairly started upon this venture, changed his plans, and he locked his office to go into the Union army.

After serving three months he recruited a company in Schuylkill county with which he went to the front as captain, and was still serving in that capacity when assigned to the 3d Pennsylvania Cavalry. To quote from the records: "The first twelve companies of cavalry available for the purpose, whether by reason of their presence at the seat of government or by their being at the time in its vicinity, were brought together and organized during the months of July and August, 1861, into a regiment designated 'The Kentucky Light Cavalry,' William H. Young having received a commission dated July 10th, 1861, as colonel and authority to raise a regiment by that name. For what



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possible or sane reason it was so named cannot now be ascertained, for eleven of the companies composing it had been raised in Pennsylvania. The unfortunate fact that it was so called lost the regiment its numerical precedence when, subsequently, it was assigned to the quota of Pennsylvania. Company 'L' was raised in Schuylkill county, Pa., and was mustered into service on Aug. 22, 1861, for three years, under Captain J. Claude White, First Lieutenant Howard Edmunds and Second Lieutenant William H. Bright." The date of Major White's commission (as major) is Dec. 1, 1862. Col. William W. Averell was colonel of the 3d Pennsylvania Cavalry when he was promoted. Mr. White was given his commission soon after. Owing to ill health he resigned from the service in August, 1863.

For a short time thereafter Major White was interested in a fertilizer factory at Alexandria, Va., but sold this business and returned to Schuylkill county, Pa., in 1864 taking charge of the operations of the Swatara Falls Coal Company, then owned by C. T. Yerkes and other Philadelphia men. It has been known as the Pyne colliery since taken charge of by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. It came into Major White's possession again about 1871-72, and he ran it alone profitably until shortly after he met with an accident in May, 1875. His active connections with properties in the anthracite regions extended all through the Molly Maguires' reign of terror, and many of his personal experiences during that period were dangerous but interesting. After giving up mining he gave his attention entirely to the management of his Hegins township estate and personal property. It was probably his fondness for horses and skill as a horseman that led him into the purchase of seven hundred acres in Hegins township, which he developed into a fine stock farm. He bred high-grade horses and cattle for which the estate became famous all over the country.

Major White used his influence to further the best interests of the community, and it was no doubt this unselfish public spirit which made him so popular with his fellow citizens of Schuylkill county. Few men had more real friends, and his death, which occurred Jan. 15, 1902, was sincerely mourned by the many whose lives had been affected by contact with his. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. Major White was a Mason, a member and past master of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, this county. Possessed of ability, foresight and qualities of leadership, Major White had none of the grasping ambition which places personal interest above any other consideration, and though he was successful in handling his own affairs their prosperity was shared by the whole community. The feeling of high regard which prevailed among all who ever knew him showed how generally this was recognized.

Major White married Mary A. Brown, daughter of David Wilson and Elizabeth (Percy) Brown, who survives him. Though she spends much time in travel Mrs. White maintains the old home at Swatara, in Reilly township, and retains ownership of the estate in Hegins township. It is not operated as a stock farm at present. About one-third of the property is in timber.

JOHN LEONARD, deceased, was a resident of Pottsville for over forty years and became very well known in this section of Schuylkill county, his operations on railroad construction work bringing him into close contact with its development and with many of the men who were active in that connection in his day. He was well liked personally, being a man who made and kept

friends, taking the part of a public-spirited citizen in local affairs, and by his enterprise and force gaining a place among the favorably known characters of his generation.

Mr. Leonard was born in County Derry, Ireland, Nov. 4, 1825, son of Elias Leonard, also a native of Ireland, who died in March, 1852, aged seventy-six years. He was an officer in the English army and a pensioner at the time of his death. His wife, Elizabeth (Simpson), died Oct. 10, 1846, at the age of sixty-five years. They had a family of sixteen children, eight sons and eight daughters. One of the sons, Godfrey, served in the Civil war from Pottsville, Pa., enlisting among the "First Defenders"; he lived and died in Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

John Leonard grew up in his native land and came to America in young manhood, first settling at Philadelphia, Pa. In 1852 he located at Pottsville, and for many years thereafter was engaged as a railroad contractor, subsequently for several years conducting a hotel. He lived retired for three years before his death, which occurred May 14, 1896. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. Mr. Leonard was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in religion adhered to the faith of the Episcopal Church. He served his fellow citizens at Pottsville as a member of the council. On June 19, 1850, Mr. Leonard married Mary A. Whittle, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Thompson) Whittle, and a native of County Tyrone, Ireland. She came to America with her parents when fourteen years old. They were thirteen weeks on the voyage, having the misfortune to be wrecked in midocean. Being transferred to another vessel, they continued their voyage, but were unable to land at Quebec, Canada, as they had intended, being obliged to go on up the river to Montreal, where they landed in 1847. Mrs. Leonard has a vivid recollection of this memorable trip to America, and also of the early life at Pottsville. She continues to reside in the old home at No. 203 Court avenue, Pottsville, where Mr. Leonard established the family in 1865. Her daughter and her granddaughter reside with her. She is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard: Isabella was the seventh person buried in the Charles Baber cemetery, Pottsville; Elias is living in New York City; John is deceased; Elizabeth resides with her mother; Margaret married John Young, of Newark, N. J.; Godfrey is a resident of Lansford, Pa.; Mary died young; Robert lives at Lebanon, Pa.; Harry is located at Roselle Park, N. J.; Howard is living at Kearney, New Jersey.

JONATHAN I. YOST, a leading citizen of Walker township, business man and farmer, and especially prominent in the furtherance of religious work, is holding true to the standards which his ancestors have upheld for generations. Guided by Christian principles and faithful to their ideals of right, they have been honored members of their respective communities wherever established, and though Mr. Yost's life is regarded as exemplary it is also recognized as exactly what his family and friends could expect of him. Beloved in his home and admired throughout the locality, he is bearing a worthy name well.

The Yost family is of long standing in Pennsylvania. Daniel Yost, great-grandfather of Jonathan I. Yost, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1759, and removed at an early day to what is now McKeanburg, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1839. He was an active, enterprising man in his day. A Whig in political faith, he always interested himself in public affairs, believing it the duty of every good citizen to protect and foster the common good, and

he stood deservedly high in the community, not only because of his honorable character but also for his intelligence and good judgment. He was called to various positions of trust, being justice of the peace for a number of years in his township, and discharged the duties of the office with such marked ability and signal impartiality to all concerned that he was called up higher, being elected associate judge of the county. Judge Yost married Barbara Hillogus, and they had a family of ten children.

Jonathan Yost, son of Daniel, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1797, and died in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in 1866. He came to this county with his father, learned the blacksmith's trade and followed it a number of years, but gave it up to go farming, which was his work during the last twenty years of his life. He was an active and ardent member of the German Reformed Church at McKeansburg, serving in nearly all the official positions in the church organization. He married Mary Kleckner, a daughter of Andrew Kleckner, one of the earlier emigrants from Germany into East Brunswick township, this county, where he followed farming and where he died. To this union were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters.

Daniel J. Yost was born July 22, 1820, in East Brunswick township, where he grew up, receiving a rather limited education. He learned the trade of miller early in life, and after working at this calling for fourteen years purchased a gristmill, in 1855, in Schuylkill (now Walker) township, operating it until 1889, when he transferred it to his son Jonathan. Then he embarked in a mercantile business at McKeansburg, which he carried on successfully for a period of ten years. He died Oct. 16, 1899. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics a Republican.

On Dec. 25, 1846, Mr. Yost married Charlotte Klotz, a daughter of Christian Klotz, of Carbon county, and to this union were born two children, both now deceased, Ellen and Alice. His second union was with Lydia Bretney, of Carbon county, Pa., April 16, 1854. She died Oct. 16, 1910, and is buried with her husband at McKeansburg. They had a family of seven children: Milton (deceased), Ellen, Jonathan L., Alice (twin sister of Emma, married to James E. Greenawalt, of McKeansburg, a merchant), Emma (deceased), Rev. Calvin D. (a graduate of Ursinus College, class of 1891, and of the seminary in connection with the college, 1893, now instructor in German and English at that college), and James A. (formerly a clerk in his father's store, now proprietor of a store at Ringtown, this county).

Jonathan L. Yost was born Sept. 20, 1858, at the place in Walker township where he still resides. His early education was gained in the local public schools, and he subsequently had the advantages of a year's academic study at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. He then learned milling with his father, for whom he worked from 1879 to 1889, after which he took charge of the mill, renting it for a time and then purchasing it. His principal interests have been there since. The establishment is now known as the Lewistown Mills, and includes a custom gristmill, sawmill and cider mill. Mr. Yost has sixty-three acres of valuable land adjoining his mill property and is interested to some extent in farming, having twenty acres under cultivation, and he also has an extensive trade as a dealer in feed. The neighboring town of Hecla is his shipping and receiving point.

Mr. Yost has not confined the exercise of his ability to the promotion of his private interests. For twenty-one years in succession he held the position of township auditor, and during that time also acted as secretary of the town-

ship. He has been school director and secretary of the school board for a period of seven years, and under the new code member of the board of supervisors and secretary of that body one year. In politics he has been associated with the Republican party, and he has been active at the elections, serving as inspector and clerk for many years. He holds membership in some of the local social organizations, having belonged to Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, since 1880, and to East Brunswick Lodge No. 802, I. O. O. F., of New Ringgold, since Oct. 7, 1891. In religious work he is a prominent member of Zion's Reformed Church at Lewistown, which he is now serving as elder. He has been a member of the choir for forty years, and secretary of the congregation twenty-five years. Mr. Yost has been particularly enthusiastic in the Sunday school, has taught the same Bible class for thirty-eight years, and for thirty-five years he has been superintendent of Zion's Union Sunday school, having been first elected in May, 1880, and served uninterruptedly since. His work has been highly acceptable, not only because his interest has shown no diminution, but also on account of the progressive spirit which has kept him at the head of all forward movements. Always anxious to keep abreast of the times, in 1913 he took the teacher's training course outlined by Oliver, and graduated with an average of ninety-eight per cent. Zion's is a "front line" Sunday school, with an enrollment of 125 members and a high average of attendance, thanks to the hearty cooperation of the superintendent and devoted assistants. Among its members were formerly Rev. Dr. George Stibitz, of the Central Theological Seminary, and Dr. Charles Boyer, of the Keystone State Normal School, who left the year Mr. Yost took the superintendency.

On Dec. 27, 1884, Mr. Yost married Catherine Ann Stein, who was born Nov. 11, 1866, at Lewistown, in Walker township, this county, received her education in the district schools, and remained at home until her marriage. In girlhood she was confirmed in the Lutheran Church, but upon her marriage changed her membership to the Reformed Church, where she has worked loyally side by side with her husband. She has been a teacher in the infant department of the Sunday school for some years. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Yost: (1) Herbert Daniel, born April 21, 1886, began his education in Walker township and had a year's study at the Kutztown State Normal School. He is now assisting his father at the mill. On Oct. 3, 1908, he married Hilda Lilly Billman, born Dec. 25, 1883; and their children are: Nevin Lester, born March 13, 1910, and Myrtle Catherine, born Nov. 27, 1914. (2) Laura Lydia, born May 29, 1888, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1911, and is now a teacher in East Brunswick township. She taught school in Walker township for four years and has taught four years in East Brunswick township. (3) Claude Calvin, born April 9, 1890, died Feb. 24, 1891. (4) Charles Henry, born March 11, 1894, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1911, also attended Schissler's business college, at Norristown, Pa., and took a summer course at the University of Pennsylvania. He is now a teacher of the commercial department in the high school at Clearfield, Pa. (5) Paul Jonathan, born June 17, 1900, is attending school in Walker township.

Daniel Stein, Mrs. Yost's father, was born May 24, 1818, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., son of George and Magdalene (Smith) Stein, who are buried at Bethel Church, in Albany township. He obtained his education in the pay schools conducted during his boyhood, and in 1855 moved to Walker

township, Schuylkill county, where he bought a tract of 100 acres upon which he resided until his death. General farming was his occupation, and he was thrifty and prosperous. He married Lessina Greenawalt, who was born Feb. 24, 1820, and died Feb. 24, 1893, a few months after his death, which occurred Dec. 19, 1892. They are buried in the graveyard of Zion's Reformed Church, at Lewistown, of which congregation he had been a prominent member, serving many years as elder. Politically he was a Republican. They were the parents of the following children: Mollie Ann married Simon Ruch; Willoughby, deceased, married Amanda Ringer; Lydia Ann married Simon Merkle, who is deceased; Eliza Ann married John F. Ringer, who is deceased; Jonathan married Mary Rine; Solomon married Matilda Zehner; Nathan married Messina Ringer; Levi died when four years old; Catherine Ann is the wife of Jonathan I. Yost.

ROBERT A. REID, retired, a resident of Pennsylvania for the last sixty years, is a native of Scotland, born Jan. 22, 1842, near Stirling. George Reid, his father, was a native of Scotland also, born in 1795, and there following the manufacture of linen and woolen goods until he brought his family to America, in 1854. They landed at New York and came at once to Pottsville, Pa., where Mr. Reid followed weaving until his death. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. His wife, Janet (Graham), born in the same town as her husband, died at Pottsville, she and her husband passing away in the home at No. 511 East Norwegian street, which they built and which is now owned by their son Robert. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a large family, namely: William, Janet G., John G., George, Mary, Thomas D., Ellen, Robert A., James W., Andrew and Christianna.

Robert A. Reid obtained most of his education in Scotland, attending public school for a few years at Pottsville. Leaving school at the age of sixteen he found employment at the old Fishback rolling mills, as hooker up at the rolls, and continued at this work for two years. He then went to Palo Alto mills, run by Mr. Haywood, where he was employed until the Civil war broke out, in September, 1861, enlisting in Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served for three years. The following appears in Mulholland's History of Honor, published in 1905: "Mr. Reid was born at Raploch, near Stirling, Scotland, Jan. 22, 1842, enlisted Sept. 20, 1861, Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Infantry, and served at the front for three years; was discharged with his regiment Sept. 30, 1864, at the Weldon R. R., Va. This is part of his record: At Petersburg, June 17, 1864, captured the flag of the 44th Tennessee Infantry, and these few words tell of a severe fight, of a hand to hand struggle in which Mr. Reid conquered. A splendid soldier and true son of old Scotland, brave, fearless and heroic, and took part in all the engagements of his regiment, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, and siege of Petersburg, and was never wounded."

After his return from the army Mr. Reid settled at Pottsville, and resumed work in the rolling mill, remaining there for ten years. Removing to Danville, Montour county, he continued to work as a roller, being engaged there for a period of twenty years, at the end of which time he returned to Pottsville. Thereafter until his retirement, in the fall of 1913, he was employed in the Reading Company's shops. Mr. Reid is a citizen of public spirit, and has always found time to do his share in promoting the best interests of the com-

munity. He believes the provision of excellent educational advantages is one of the most important duties of the government, and he has served as a member of the school boards both at Pottsville and Danville, at the latter place acting as president of the board, and at present (1914) as secretary of the Pottsville public school board. In political connection he is a Republican. Mr. Reid is well known among local social organizations, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; to Mountain City Chapter, R. A. M.; and the Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of which he is a charter member. By virtue of his military service he holds membership in Gowen Post, G. A. R., and the Medal of Honor Legion, and is secretary of the Survivors' Association of his regiment, whose headquarters are at Pottsville.

Mr. Reid married Sarah Jane Beacham, daughter of John Beacham, an Englishman by birth, who came to America many years ago and followed mining. Seven children have been born to this marriage: John G., a civil engineer, a graduate of the Lehigh University, class of 1893, is now located at Philadelphia as chief of surveys for the Traction Company; Bessie B., unmarried, resides at home; William is a mining engineer in the employ of the Girard Estate and lives on South Jackson street, Pottsville; Thomas D., a stenographer, is a resident of Philadelphia; George, Janet and Thomas are deceased. The family attend the Presbyterian Church.

IRWIN H. BECKER is conceded to be the leading contractor and builder at Schuylkill Haven, and with a large share of the most substantial buildings of the borough to his credit is fairly entitled to such reputation. He has been doing business independently since 1886, being now the oldest man in the borough in his line, so far as the length of his career is concerned. As to his standing, the class of construction turned over to him is enough to make it clear that there is no more reliable man in the vicinity. As he owns and operates a lumber and planing mill, he has special convenience for facilitating his work which makes it possible for him to fill his contracts promptly, the various branches of his business working to their mutual advantage.

Mr. Becker belongs to a family which has been well known in Schuylkill county for many years. Charles Becker, his grandfather, was born in South Manheim township, this county. He was a carpenter by trade, but after following this calling for some time settled down to farming in South Manheim township, where he owned a tract of 111 acres. He continued its cultivation until eight years before his death, which occurred when he was eighty-six years old, at the home of his son Jonathan. He is buried at the old cemetery in Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Becker married Mary Shower, a native of Berks county, Pa., who died at the age of seventy-four years, and is buried at Summer Mountain Church, in South Manheim township. They were the parents of seven children: Henry; Rosa, who married David Schwenk; Jonathan; Mary, Mrs. Fisher; Charles; and two who died young.

Henry Becker, son of Charles, was born in Schuylkill Haven. For a number of years he was engaged in boating on the canal, and was afterwards employed running a stationary engine. His death occurred in 1912, and he is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He married Sarah Wildermuth, and they had children as follows: Mary, Irwin H., Walter S., William, Samuel (deceased), and Harry.

Irwin H. Becker was born Feb. 8, 1862, at Schuylkill Haven, and had

common school advantages in his youth. He was employed on the canal for a few years during his earlier life, afterwards learning the carpenter's trade, at which he worked as a journeyman for three years before commencing business for himself. Since 1886 he has been contracting on his own account, and his business has expanded to such proportions that he now employs from thirty to forty hands, usually having from ten to fifteen carpenters alone on his staff. Practically all of the modern buildings in the borough are of his construction, including most of the factories and the Methodist church, the First National Bank building, and the Trust Company building. Outside of the borough some of his most important contracts were for the Methodist church at Tremont, and two railway stations for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, one at Auburn and one at Minersville, this county. Mr. Becker has made steady progress at his work, adding facilities as the increasing demands of his work permitted, and gathering a complete equipment for carrying on his business. He has aimed to keep abreast of modern ideas on construction, and to embody the most approved ideas in the work intrusted to him, and the severe tests which his construction has stood are enough to prove that the confidence of his patrons in his trustworthiness has not been misplaced. His strong personality, honorable methods, and wide-awake disposition are the forces which have given him a foremost place among business men in his community.

Mr. Becker married Kate Berger, daughter of Isaac Berger, and they have the following family: Edwin, Raymond, Blanche, Nathan, Samuel and Henry. The family belong to the Reformed Church at Schuylkill Haven.

WILLIAM F. WEBER, of Pottsville, is a business man of high standing and one who has turned his ability to account in assisting various local enterprises to success, besides his private interests. He is carrying on an old established undertaking business, one of the oldest in this section, his father having founded it many years ago, keeping alive a name which has been associated with the business prosperity of the borough and county for half a century.

Louis Weber, father of William F. Weber, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was engaged as a sashmaker. He came to America when a young man, and landing at Philadelphia remained in that city for one year, during which time he was employed as a chairmaker. He then came to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he found work with Mr. Gressang, who had a furniture and undertaking business, remaining with him for about ten years. In 1870 he established a business of his own, in the furniture and undertaking line, his first location being on Centre street, near Minersville street. From there he removed to Railroad and East streets, where he did business for two years, when he erected the building on Minersville street, near Fourth, where he afterwards had his business and place of residence. He built up a profitable patronage and attended to it until his retirement, in 1884, when he sold the business to his son Jacob. His remaining years were spent in the enjoyment of the ample means he had acquired. His death occurred Feb. 5, 1907.

Mr. Weber married Dorothy Kraus, who, like himself, was a native of Germany, Wurtemberg, and came to America, when a young girl. She preceded him to the grave, passing away in October, 1904. The following children were born to their union: Caroline married John Rubert; Jacob, as above noted, took over his father's business, and for some time was located where the Francis Schramm hotel now stands, on Centre street, later moving back to the place on Minersville street, which his father had built, continuing in the

business there until his death, May 11, 1896 (he had two brick buildings on Laurel street, which connected with the store on Minersville street); Lewis died in Chicago, Ill.; William F. is mentioned below; Clara lives at home; Elizabeth married Boyd Gilmore; Emma is at home.

William F. Weber was born in Pottsville Oct. 22, 1864, and had the advantages afforded by the public schools of the town. When old enough to work he began to assist his father, remaining with the latter until his retirement, when he went to Philadelphia. In that city he was engaged in the confectionery business for one and a half years in partnership with his brother-in-law. Returning to Pottsville, he found employment with his brother Jacob until May, 1888, when he went to Germantown, Pa., and took a position with Kirk & Nice, undertakers, in which employ he continued for a period of eight years. After the death of his brother Jacob, in 1896, he bought out the business in Pottsville established by his father and has since conducted it very successfully. The large trade has increased steadily under his management, and he is one of the best known men in his line in Schuylkill county, and, in fact, throughout this section of Pennsylvania. His business and place of residence are at No. 306 West Market street. Mr. Weber has numerous social connections, and is particularly well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of Pottsville; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; Philadelphia Consistory; and the Sphinx Club. He has been prominent in the work of the local Y. M. C. A., being at present one of the board of managers and a member of the executive committee; he is also a member of the board of managers of the Pottsville hospital, and chairman of the real estate committee of that body. Mr. Weber's religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church, in which he is quite active and is at present one of the trustees; he was chairman of the building committee when the present beautiful church was constructed. Mr. Weber has proved a useful and desirable citizen in his various associations.

On Oct. 22, 1889, Mr. Weber married Mary M. Moser, daughter of John Moser, of Pottsville. They have no children.

ALBERT L. REED, of Orwigsburg, is a member of the firm of the Reliable Shoe Company, which has a large plant and gives employment to about one hundred people. Mr. Reed's association with this concern dates from the year of its establishment, 1894, and its advancement to a leading position among the factories of this vicinity may be credited largely to his persistent endeavors. Mr. Reed is a son of the late Solomon Reed, of Orwigsburg, and his grandfather lived and died near Pine Grove, Schuylkill county. The latter's family consisted of twelve sons and one daughter.

Solomon Reed, father of Albert L. Reed, followed the trade of machinist at Hazleton, Pa., until his removal to Orwigsburg. There he was engaged as a wheelwright by Edw. Peale, in whose employ he remained for twenty-three years. He died at Orwigsburg in 1898. His wife, Catherine (Fisher), of North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, died in 1891, and they are buried at Orwigsburg. They had a large family, namely: Louisa, deceased; George; William, deceased; Emma, who married Abraham Zuber; Albert L.; Edward H., one of the partners in the Reliable Shoe Company; Frank, a cigarmaker; Ella, wife of William Thomas; and Gertrude, living at Orwigsburg.

Albert L. Reed was born in March, 1868, at Orwigsburg, and obtained his



education in the public schools of the borough. He is a self-made man, having advanced entirely through his own efforts. After doing farm work for four years, he entered the shoe factory of Shoener & Company, where he was employed for a period of fourteen years, until he left it to enter business for himself, as a member of the Reliable Shoe Company. His associates are O. S. Heist, who is treasurer, and his brother Edward H. Reed, and in 1911 they were joined by Joe L. Ege, who became the office man. The concern has attained a leading position among the industrial establishments of the section. The product is infants', children's and misses' fine shoes, high-grade turns, McKay and welts, and is marketed in the South and West. The large plant now necessary to accommodate the business is equipped with the most modern and approved machinery, and provided with thorough facilities for the prompt execution of orders. Every department of the business is managed with the utmost regard for efficiency and well judged economy. Albert L. Reed has charge of the stock room, and also attends to the buying of leather in his department.

Mr. Reed has given his fellow citizens the benefit of his best efforts in their service, and is at present filling his third term as member of the borough council. He has taken a leading part in the deliberations of that body, and is chairman of the street and water committees, both handling matters of the greatest importance to the general welfare. The high regard which his townsmen have of his personal worth as well as his executive ability is shown in the hearty support he has received at the ballot, having always had the highest vote on the ticket. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and socially of the P. O. S. of A. and the Independent Americans.

Mr. Reed married Kate Andreas, daughter of William F. Andreas, of Lehigh county, Pa., and they have a family of four children: Martha, who graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1915; Vernon; Albert, and Arthur.

SAMUEL B. BITTLE is widely known among agriculturists in his section of Schuylkill county and to the business men of Schuylkill Haven, where he has been dealing in agricultural implements and harness for the last thirty-five years. He is established at the western limits of the borough. Mr. Bittle is an accomplished mechanic and has had considerable experience with patents of various kinds, and in all his relations with his associates has proved an intelligent, reliable adviser, never abusing the confidence which his patrons repose in him.

The Bittle family is one of long standing in Schuylkill county, where the emigrant ancestor, Christopher Bittle, settled before the days of its organization. He came to America Sept. 24, 1753, at which time he was only a boy, and first located at Quakertown, near Philadelphia. Rupp's Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776, says (pages 308-309) that the ship "Neptune" (John Mason, master), from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1753, and gives the name of Christoph Büttel among her passengers. For a time he was employed upon a farm. Later he married a Miss Neiman, and settled at Pottstown, Pa., where he purchased a farm upon which he lived for a while. Selling out, he came to what is now Schuylkill county, locating on Summer Mountain, about half a mile east of Schuylkill Haven, where he bought the farm later owned by the Henney

and Reber families, situated in South Manheim township. He sold that property and removed to North Manheim township, where he settled on a tract lying along the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Cressona, later known as the old Bartolette farm. When he sold this he bought a farm property near Minersville (in the same locality as the old Thomas Shollenberger tract), and it was there his death occurred. The place afterwards became known as the James farm. Besides farming, Christopher Bittle was engaged to a considerable extent in cutting timber, owning and operating an old-time sawmill, cutting his timber and floating it down the Schuylkill river. He had the following children: John; Jacob; Henry, who was the owner of the well known Weissinger farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, who lived and died in Panther valley, Schuylkill county; Mrs. Maria Strauch; Mrs. Molly Pott; Mrs. Kate Weaver; Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver; Mrs. Rebecca Reed; Mrs. Sarah Jennings, and Mrs. Eva Warner.

Jacob Bittle, son of Christopher, was the grandfather of Samuel B. Bittle, of Schuylkill Haven. Born in North Manheim township, he accompanied his father on the latter's various removals, and for a time followed farming on the tract near Minersville. Later he bought a farm in Long Run valley, North Manheim township, cleared off the timber, and spent the remainder of his life in its cultivation, dying there when eighty-eight years old. His wife, who was a member of the well known Clouser family of Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, did not attain so advanced an age. They are buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. The following children were born to them: William; Jacob, who died in Schuylkill county; John, who died on the homestead; Andrew, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Maria, who first married a Zerbe, later a Berger; Katie, wife of Isaac Berger; Tina, wife of Gabriel Groan; and Sallie, wife of Isaac Ely.

William Bittle, son of Jacob, was born on the farm near Minersville, Schuylkill county, and himself became a farmer, also dealing quite extensively in horses. He owned two farms, one lying half a mile west of Schuylkill Haven, in North Manheim township, and they contained seventy-three and one hundred and five acres, respectively, all valuable land. During the Civil war Mr. Bittle had charge of the recruiting office for Schuylkill county, which was established at Pottsville, and he became well known throughout the county in the pursuit of his various activities. His wife, Elizabeth (Berger), was the daughter of Ludwig Berger, a man of wealth and highly respected in Schuylkill county in his day. Mr. Bittle died Oct. 19, 1881, his wife in February, 1883, and they are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They were the parents of four children: Marcus, Frank (living at Schuylkill Haven), Samuel B. and Mary Elizabeth (who married Charles Phillips).

Samuel B. Bittle was born Dec. 11, 1852, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county. He was given common school advantages for the acquisition of an education, and was reared a farmer, his early experience proving very valuable to him in the business he has since adopted, enabling him to understand the needs of his customers and the relative efficiency of the implements he handles. In 1879 he began dealing in farm machinery and harness, and he has built up a large trade by his accommodating methods. His immense stock is well selected, from the best and most approved goods in the market, and is so complete that the farmer knows he can supply all his wants therefrom. Mr. Bittle keeps his place in excellent order, economizing both space and time by his up-to-date methods and convenient arrangement of the large

line he carries. He handles gas and gasoline engines, wagons of various kinds, buggies, surreys, and agricultural implements, besides looking after repairs on same, and the advantage of having so thoroughly equipped an establishment in the vicinity is fully appreciated by those who deal with Mr. Bittle. He has a familiar knowledge of machinery and is skilled in patents, having himself invented several devices. The most notable was the magnet to extract all metallic substances from wheat as it passes into the rollers, though he was "done" out of the credit for this invention and never reaped any of the rewards. For his own pleasure Mr. Bittle has given considerable time to painting, his artistic talent being shown in a number of pictures he has produced, among them an excellent likeness of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Bittle united with the Reformed Church some years ago. On political questions he is associated with the Republican party. He is unmarried.

JOSEPH SCHWARTZ held an honored place among his fellow citizens in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, through a long and useful career, and at Schuylkill Haven, where he passed the closing years of his worthy life, was regarded with equal esteem. As an agriculturist who won unusual success, he was looked up to as an authority in his chosen calling, and he was no less admired as a man, his admirable qualities manifesting themselves in helpful association with all he knew. His life and work had an appreciable effect on the community where his lot was cast, and though he never presumed to leadership he set an example well worthy of emulation. Mr. Schwartz was born in Wayne township Jan. 7, 1834, son of Wendel Schwartz, and of German descent. His father lived for a time in Berks county, Pa., finally settling in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, where he died. By occupation he was a farmer. He was twice married, and Joseph, born to the second union, had one full brother, William, who died unmarried in Wayne township, and one sister, Annie. He had three half brothers, Daniel, Samuel and George.

Joseph Schwartz was reared to farm life and spent all his active years in the cultivation of the soil in Wayne township, where he acquired the ownership of two fine farms, about three miles from Friedensburg, comprising about one hundred and fifty acres each. Their care and management occupied most of his life. In 1907 he built a fine residence on Bern street, in Schuylkill Haven, to which he removed, and thereafter lived retired until his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1912, when he was aged seventy-eight years. He is buried in Friedensburg Church cemetery in Wayne township. Mr. Schwartz was a Lutheran in religious faith. Township affairs interested him, and he did a good citizen's share in the administration of the local government, serving for many years as a member of the school board. He was one of the best known men of his section, where he had many friends, and his intelligent conduct of his extensive farming interests stimulated many ventures in his locality which aided its progress.

Mr. Schwartz married, March 13, 1858, Mary Ann Sheafer, who was born May 31, 1840, in Wayne township, a daughter of Jacob Sheafer, and she continues to occupy the Bern street home in Schuylkill Haven. Seventeen children were born to this union: Caroline E., Franklin W., August, Sallie, Catherine, Andrew J., Jacob, Joseph, Marion (who died in infancy), one that died in infancy unnamed, Rebecca, Ellen, Matilda, another that died in infancy unnamed, Charles M., Phronie B. and Mary A. The youngest daughter, Mary A., is at home with her mother.

HARVEY D. PETRY, of Pottsville, bears a name which has been honored in Schuylkill county from the days of its early settlement, he being a member of the fifth generation in this region. The family is of German origin and the name was originally spelled Petri. His great-great-grandfather was the ancestor who came to this country from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa. He and also his son Jacob, the great-grandfather of Harvey D. Petry, lived in what is now West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, near Auburn. The latter had a farm of 129 acres and prospered in its cultivation, building a new house and barn to take the place of the old log structures originally erected there in pioneer days. Jacob Petry died on the farm at the age of eighty-eight years and was buried at Auburn. His children were as follows: Daniel; Jacob; Mary, who died unmarried; Catherine, who died unmarried; Rebecca, who married Jacob Seltzer; and Elizabeth, who married Conrad Moyer.

Daniel Petry, son of Jacob, was born in 1825 on the old homestead place, and in his earlier manhood followed carpentry, building boats for use on the canal. Later he turned his attention to farming, operating the home property. He died in June, 1911, at the age of eighty-six years, and is buried at Leesport, Berks county. By his first marriage, to Lavina Reichendolfer, he had the following children: Joseph, who is living at Auburn, this county; Charles, of Reading, Pa.; Emma, who married John Mengel, and died at Frackville; Joanna, the wife of Oscar Seidel, of Reading, Pa.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Sanders, who died in Bethlehem, Pa.; and William. For his second wife Daniel Petry married Catherine Loudon, who is now living at Leesport, Pa. To this union were born three children: Jacob, who lives in Philadelphia; Ella, wife of Harry Baltzer, of Leesport, Pa.; and Louisa, deceased.

William Petry, son of Daniel by his first marriage, was born Nov. 22, 1851, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he was reared and educated. He was brought up to farming, which he continued to follow for about six years after commencing regular work, but since 1872 he has been in the employ of the Reading Company. He married Matilda Moyer, daughter of Simon Moyer, and they have a family of five children: Wilmer, of Schuylkill Haven; Lillie; Herman, who lives at home; Harvey D.; and Elvina, at home.

Harvey D. Petry was born April 28, 1886, near Auburn, Schuylkill county, and his education was acquired in the public schools of Auburn and Schuylkill Haven. When he began work he was in an underwear mill at the latter place, and he learned the business thoroughly during the twelve years of his employment in that establishment. From there he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed in the same line of work for two and a half years, at the end of that time returning to Schuylkill county and locating at Pottsville, where, in September, 1909, he formed his present business association. In partnership with E. I. Elliott and R. C. Horn, Mr. Petry owns and operates the Glen Knitting Mills Company, whose plant is at the rear of Tenth and Market streets, Pottsville. It is a two-story building, completely equipped with all the necessary modern machinery for the manufacture of ladies' fine ribbed underwear, and the volume of the business has multiplied several times since its inception. Fifteen people were employed at the start, while the regular force now consists of from seventy-five to eighty hands. Mr. Petry is president and manager of the concern and Mr. Elliott, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Petry has spared neither time nor effort to familiarize himself thoroughly with the requirements of his business and the development of the Glen Knitting Mills Company has been carried out along the most conservative and approved business lines. Mr.

Petry and his partners deserve great credit for the progress they have made during the comparatively brief existence of their business, and its value to the community is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Petry is married to Ida Fenstermacher, daughter of George Fenstermacher, of Cressona, Schuylkill county. They have had two children, Leona and Wayne. Mr. Petry has been a member of the Reformed Church at Pottsville for many years, and socially belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M. council, at Schuylkill Haven.

FREDERICK B. REED, of Schuylkill Haven, present postmaster of that borough, is known to practically all of its citizens, and he has been engaged in the post office continuously almost from youth. Born June 21, 1885, at Schuylkill Haven, he is a son of Gordon D. Reed and a member of the Reed family which has been established in Schuylkill county for several generations.

John Reed, great-grandfather of Frederick B. Reed, lived at Reedsville, Schuylkill county, and was one of the well known farmers of that section in his day. He owned the tract now in the possession of Oscar Mengle. He was twice married, his second wife's maiden name being Kimmel, and they are buried at Reedsville. To this marriage were born children as follows: George, William, Daniel K., Elias, Hannah (married Peter Reed), and Elizabeth (married William Fehr).

Daniel K. Reed, son of John, above, was born at Reedsville, and like his father followed farming. He was also an auctioneer, his services being in great demand. After his marriage he removed to Wayne township, where he had a farm of eighty acres, and he died there at the age of fifty-four years; he is buried in the cemetery at Friedensburg. He married Susan Berger, daughter of Ludwig Berger, of North Manheim township, and they became the parents of the following children: Lyman G. lives at Friedensburg, this county; Mendon died at Friedensburg; Elizabeth married Lewis Brown, who lived at Cressona, and who was at one time county commissioner; Arabella married William W. Berkheiser, and is living in South Manheim township; Ida married Lewis Brown, of Washington township, and both are deceased; Gordon D. is the father of Frederick B. Reed; Sherman H. is a farmer and auctioneer, living near Cressona; Annie married George Emerich.

Gordon D. Reed was born Nov. 19, 1862, at Friedensburg, and spent his youth in the manner usual among farmers' sons. When old enough he went to learn the carpenter's trade, which he has followed practically all the time, for fourteen years as an employee in the car shops. From 1896 to 1897 he was steward of the county almshouse. During his residence in Wayne township he filled the office of school director for two terms and took the census in 1890, but he never held any public position during his residence in Schuylkill Haven, whither he moved in 1898, though always interested in local affairs and willing to do his share towards securing competent officials and conditions favorable to the general welfare. Politically he is a Republican; socially a member of the P. O. S. of A., Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Veteran Relief; and he belongs to the Lutheran Church.

To his marriage with Elizabeth B. Riland, daughter of Burkhart Riland, of Friedensburg, this county, has been born a family of eleven children, namely: Frederick B., Annie, Elizabeth, Mary, Helen, Gordon D., Jr., Elsie, Alice, Dora, and two that died in infancy.

Frederick B. Reed obtained his education in the public schools of Schuylkill

Haven, attending high school. During Speaker Walton's term at Harrisburg, Mr. Reed was appointed page in the House of Representatives, serving during the session of 1903, and on his return to Schuylkill Haven became assistant postmaster. He served in that capacity until 1910, after which he was acting postmaster for one year, and on Dec. 12, 1911, was appointed to the office for a four years' term. His long experience in the office had made him so thoroughly familiar with its duties that he was well prepared to meet its requirements to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens, and his services have been highly creditable. He is a director and secretary of the Textile and Sterling Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, both of Schuylkill Haven, of the former since 1910, the latter since 1913.

Mr. Reed is well known in fraternal bodies, belonging to Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of which he has just been chosen master for the year of 1915; to Philadelphia Consistory; to Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Jr. Order United American Mechanics; and the Improved Order of Heptasophs. Like the family generally he is identified with the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Reed married Viola McDonald, daughter of William McDonald, of Schuylkill Haven.

C. FRED KULL, deceased, came to Ashland over fifty years ago and throughout the period of his residence there was associated with the furniture and undertaking business, a few years after his arrival founding the establishment which he carried on until his death, and which has since been conducted by his son and namesake.

Mr. Kull was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and his father, Christian Kull, died in that country. Coming to America in 1855, C. Fred Kull settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker and incidentally also followed chairmaking. In 1863 he moved to Ashland, this county, where he worked on his own account in the Mandler house. Before long he entered into a partnership with a Mr. Humble, under the firm name of Humble & Kull, their operations at first being as manufacturers and dealers in furniture. In time they added the undertaking business, and continued to carry on both lines for forty-four years, during which time the present business site was purchased. Eventually Mr. Kull bought the interest of his partner, and he retained his connection with the business until his death, which occurred Aug. 2, 1907. He was a typical representative of his race. He had the skill acquired in thorough training, and his work could be relied upon in every particular. When he began business on his own account his thrift and foresight soon enabled him to place his affairs on a substantial basis, and he never did anything to impair the high standing which he enjoyed in the community. Mr. Kull was married at Pottsville to Sophia Mayer, a native of Germany, where her parents died. She came to America when fifteen years old with two uncles, and still makes her home at Ashland. Six sons and two daughters were born to her marriage with Mr. Kull, the eldest being C. Fred, Jr., who is mentioned fully below; Emma is the wife of Albert Binder, of Newark, N. J.; John H. is a business man of Ashland, dealing in dry goods, notions and carpets, and also has an interest in the furniture and undertaking business of his deceased father; August is also interested in the business conducted by his father's estate; Mary lives at home; Elmer is connected with the furniture and undertaking business; Albert and William are deceased.

C. Fred Kull, eldest son of the late C. Fred Kull, is manager and executor of his father's estate. He received his education in the schools of Ashland and from the time he entered business assisted his father, becoming so thoroughly familiar with the trade in its various branches that upon his father's death he took full charge of the place. Under his management the establishment has continued its prosperous career, and he has proved himself thoroughly capable of handling the interests of the estate to the best possible advantage. Like his father he is a man of high character and many substantial qualities.

In 1884 Mr. Kull married Jennie Umlauf, a native of Ashland. Her parents, Jennie and Peter Umlauf, are both deceased. Four sons and two daughters have been born to this marriage, Albert, William and Louis surviving. Mr. Kull and his mother are members of the German Lutheran Church at Ashland, the rest of the family being associated with the English Lutheran Church.

GEORGE B. RAUCH, of Schuylkill Haven, is a member of a family which has been associated with the growth of Schuylkill county for several generations and at all times identified with the substantial element of citizenship. His grandfather, Benjamin Rauch, was born in or near Schuylkill Haven, followed farming, and died at that place, where he is buried. His wife was a Kramer, and their children were: John, Henry, David, Mary and Annetta.

John Rauch, father of George B. Rauch, was born in Schuylkill Haven, and is buried at that place. In early life he became employed upon the canal, and after following boating for a time entered the service of the Reading Railway Company, by faithful and efficient service winning promotion to the position of engineer. He met an accidental death when forty-two years old at Palo Alto, this county, receiving fatal injuries when he fell from his engine. His wife was Amelia Leipensberger, daughter of George and Hettie (Miller) Leipensberger, the former a native of Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., where he died. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rauch: Benjamin, who died young; George B.; and Elnora E., widow of W. C. Kepner, of Orwigsburg.

George B. Rauch was born March 15, 1862, at Schuylkill Haven, where he was reared. After receiving public school advantages he commenced boating on the Schuylkill canal and followed that occupation for a period of fifteen years. In 1892 he became engaged in the coal business at Schuylkill Haven as a retailer and built up a profitable trade as a dealer in that line, which he continued until April, 1900, at that time selling out to E. H. Borda. He has since been interested in the same line as a wholesale dealer, and in that connection has established an extensive business, his customers being in Reading, Philadelphia and other cities of eastern Pennsylvania. He represents the St. Clair and Mount Hope Coal Companies. His home is at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Rauch owns a fine farm of 140 acres in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and from 1906 to 1912 gave a considerable part of his time and attention to its cultivation and management. He now rents the property. Though the widening of his interests has drawn him away from his home borough to some extent, he is as deeply concerned for its welfare as ever, and is never backward in the support of worthy local enterprises or in public-spirited activity for the promotion of any movement designed for the benefit of the community. He is widely known in and around Schuylkill Haven, a member

of the German Lutheran Church, and has given honorable service as a member of the town council, in which body his practical good sense, and ability to carry to completion successfully whatever he felt was necessary for the good of the town, made him highly valued by his colleagues.

Mr. Rauch married Mary C. Croll, daughter of Daniel A. Croll, and they have a family of three children: John, Albert and Sarah, all at home.

CHRISTIAN SCHMIDT, of Shenandoah, has achieved in the building up of the business of the Home Brewing Company a triumph for local industrial interests of permanent value. He has been at the head of the company throughout the period of its existence, so most of the credit for its development is due to him. Though not one of the oldest concerns in the borough it is one of the largest, and in its relation to the volume of business done in the town and surrounding territory one of the most important. It has occupied the chief place in Mr. Schmidt's business activities since its establishment, but with the passing of time he has acquired other responsibilities, in Shenandoah and elsewhere, through which he is closely associated with the progress of this region in a broad sense. With strength of character he possesses many other admirable traits, which have brought him personal popularity irrespective of his standing in the more conventional relations of life.

Mr. Schmidt is of German origin and parentage. His grandfather, Peter Schmidt, was a native of Nassau, Germany, and owned a small farm which he operated in connection with work at his trade, being a terra cotta molder. He died in 1847, when about sixty years old, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Dorndorff, Nassau, having been a member of that parish. His widow, Mary (Stahl), came to this country, and died when about seventy years old; she is buried at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Their children were: Peter; John, who remained in Germany; William; Philip; Jacob, who was burned in a powder explosion at the Kohinoor colliery, Shenandoah; and Herman, a retired miner, now living in Chicago, Illinois.

Philip Schmidt, father of Christian Schmidt, was born in Nassau, March 17, 1834, and received his education in the schools of the home parish. As he was but thirteen years old when his father died, he went to live with his mother's brother, who conducted a hotel, the boy assisting him there. He was also employed hauling the finished product from the terra cotta works in the vicinity over the mountains, there being no railroads there at the time. Thus he continued until twenty-six years old, when he came to this country, locating at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he married Anna Maria Schissler, who had been his sweetheart in the old country, and who preceded him to America by about one year, Mr. and Mrs. Schissler and seven daughters making the journey together. For two years Mr. Schmidt labored in the gangways of the mines in the vicinity of Trevorton, and then came to Schuylkill county, Pa., first settling at Ashland. He worked in the local mines for five years, thence moving to Girardville, this county, where he was a miner for the next three years, at the end of which time he came to Shenandoah, where he found employment in the Kohinoor and other collieries. For a time he gave up mining and conducted a hotel, but sold out and resumed his old occupation, taking a position in the Plank Ridge colliery, where he had been working but three days when killed by a fall of rock, on July 16, 1881. He was an expert miner and timberman. Mr. Schmidt was buried at Ash-





*Christian Schmidt*



land, in the plot where his mother is interred. He was a member of the German Catholic Church, one of the original members of the Church of the Holy Family at Shenandoah, and also belonged to St. Michael's Society. In politics he held to the principles of the Democratic party, and he took a keen interest in the affairs of his adopted home, and was elected a member of the borough council.

Mr. Schmidt married Anna Maria Schissler, who was born in 1835 at Seitzou, Nassau, Germany, daughter of George Schissler, who was a farmer while in his native land, but after settling in America found employment as stable boss at the collieries at Trevorton. Mrs. Schmidt died in March, 1889, and is buried at Shenandoah, in the cemetery of the Church of the Annunciation. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt had the following children: One daughter died in infancy; Christian is the eldest son; Lewis, who is an employe of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., married Catherine Tannenbaum, and they have a large family; Joseph married a Miss Lechleitner, and both are deceased (they left no children); George, who lives at Colorado, Schuylkill county, and is an outside employe at the Shenandoah City colliery, married and has two sons and two daughters (he had quite a reputation as a fancy dancer); Philip died in infancy; Herman, of Elizabeth, N. J., an employe of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, married a Miss Long (they have no children); Elizabeth is the wife of Martin Jernick, a tailor, of Newark, N. J., and they have six children; Michael, a farmer in Northumberland county, Pa., married a Miss Thruan, and they have two daughters; Mary is married and has five children (her husband is a brass molder, of Orange, New Jersey).

Christian Schmidt was born Feb. 25, 1858, in Trevorton, Northumberland county, and for a few years during his early boyhood attended public school in Schuylkill county, at Ashland, Girardville and Shenandoah. When he was eight years old he did his first regular work, as a slate picker at the Hunter colliery, and he spent most of the next eighteen years in and about the mines, employed in various capacities. Until he was sixteen he was engaged at outside work, running engine, plane engine, etc., and then he went into the West Shenandoah colliery with his father, who was an expert timberman, and under whose skillful guidance he acquired a thorough knowledge of that line, his inherited mechanical traits enabling him to pick it up readily. He also became a first-class miner. Later he worked with his father in the big vein of the Kohinoor colliery, robbing pillars. Leaving the mines for a time he went to Philadelphia and learned the baker's trade, upon his return to Shenandoah embarking in the business on his own account. But after carrying on a shop for a year he returned to the Kohinoor workings, and was subsequently at Gilberton (being there when his father was killed), St. Nicholas (driving breasts) and the Knickerbocker colliery at Yatesville, where he did his last mine work. His mother, who was then an invalid, persuaded him to enter the hotel business when he was twenty-six years old, and as the eldest son he took good care of her until her death. His establishment was at the corner of Coal and West streets, and while conducting that place he also represented the Lauer Brewing Company, of Reading, Pa., as local distributing agent. When the Brooks high license law was enforced he sold his hotel and turned all his attention to the Lauer Company's business, which under his fostering had grown to large proportions, and he continued in its employ until October, 1900, when the growing interests of the Home Brewing

Company demanded his undivided time. His experience in the business and local territory made him the logical leader in the formation of this company, which was organized Dec. 20, 1899, with William L. Kramer, attorney, as the first president; Walter W. Rynkiewicz, secretary; Christian Schmidt, treasurer; in company with Hon. Joseph Wyatt, of Mahanoy City; J. M. Schaeffer, of Shenandoah; George Rettig, of Shenandoah; William Neiswinter, now of Frackville; Leo Donoskey, of Shenandoah; and Joseph Grosskettler. A charter was granted to the company Jan. 10, 1900, and they purchased from Josiah Johnson a site 120 feet by 150 feet (deep), on North Main street near Line street, immediately starting to erect a plant. The engine house and part of the main building were first constructed, being added to from time to time according to the requirements of the business, and as it stands to-day it is one of the most up-to-date breweries in the United States. As Mr. Schmidt has supervised the process of building from the very start, its thoroughly modern facilities are indicative of his progressive tendencies. He believes that true economy consists in wise expenditure rather than undue conservatism, and the success of the establishment has justified every improvement he has made. Its equipment includes an up-to-date ice plant, and its capacity being greater even than the business requires the surplus product is sold to the public; the steam-heating facilities also are in excess of the needs, and many houses in the borough are supplied with heat from the brewery. These features are typical of what has been done in every department.

The Home Brewing Company began business in Shenandoah on the strength of the large trade which outside brewers were enjoying in the borough and vicinity. They felt that a home plant could not only supply the local needs, but would add to the resources of the town by keeping in this territory the large revenue which was going to enrich other sections. But the business had to be built up from the bottom, and there was only one way to get the patronage of the surrounding country—to cater to patrons with a better product. This the Home Brewing Company has endeavored to do from the start, and the liberal patronage of dealers in the vicinity has been reciprocated in many ways. The plant has been built and operated on the most approved lines, and the product is unrivalled for purity, being manufactured under the most scientific conditions known to the trade. It consists of light and dark beer, porter, ale and Weiss beer, and the annual capacity is between fifty thousand and sixty thousand barrels. Besides, there is a modern bottling department, where Weiss beer and all kinds of soft drinks are bottled, and which, also, is provided with the latest mechanical appliances and characterized by the excellent sanitary conditions which prevail all through the brewery proper. This department is conducted under the supervision of an expert, and the greatest care is exercised in preparing its products for the market. Sixty-five men are given employment in this extensive establishment, and agencies are maintained in Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, and Centralia, Columbia county, though the market is principally in Schuylkill county. The company as at present organized consists of Christian Schmidt, president; Hon. Joseph Wyatt, vice president, and principal agent at Mahanoy City; Joseph Grosskettler, superintendent of the brewery; Charles C. T. Smith; George Bolinski; and Christian J. Schmidt, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Schmidt's other interests include his connection with the People's Artificial Ice Company of Shenandoah, of which he is president; the Miners' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, of which he is vice president;

the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah, of which he is a director; and he is a stockholder in several other banks, at various places. He is a trustee of the State Hospital at Fountain Springs. Formerly he was a director of the Ashland Miners' and Laborers' Building Association. In fact, his sympathies are too wide to be restricted to his own town, though it has always held first place in his affections. He has never hesitated to share the burdens of local government, giving his townsmen the benefit of the wise judgment which has brought him such success in his private affairs. For one term he served in the borough council, two terms as tax receiver, and ten years as member of the board of health, for which work his knowledge of sanitation specially qualified him. He has been a member of the Rescue Hook & Ladder Company many years. A liberal contributor to all worthy movements set on foot in the community, Mr. Schmidt has shown that his enterprise is not confined to the furtherance of his own interests. Mr. M. E. Doyle, editor of the *Anthracite News*, of Shenandoah, says of him: "Christian Schmidt is one of our solid, sensible men; his word is as good as a bond. Enterprising and enthusiastic to a degree, he is straight, white, clean and devout. There is no trickery in Christian Schmidt, and his life since he worked as a slate picker, at the age of eight years, is an honorable example. He has no use for hypocrites or double dealers. He is the father of a large family, and all his interests are centered in Shenandoah. He employs a large number of men, all of whom hold him in high esteem. If any difficulty arises he meets his men in person and not by proxy. Christ, Schmidt is a fine specimen of the self-developed man."

Mr. Schmidt is a member of the German Catholic Church of the Holy Family and one of the most liberal contributors to its support. He was one of the organizers of the Washington Beneficial Association of Shenandoah and is a past officer of that body, as he is of the St. Michael Association; he has also been treasurer of the latter for many years. He was originally a Democrat in politics, but is now a member of the Republican party.

In 1880 Mr. Schmidt married Catherine Bender, who was born Jan. 6, 1860, at Gergeshausen, Nassau, Germany, daughter of Adam and Annetta Bender. She received her education in Germany and at Shenandoah, Pa., having been eleven years old when the family came to America. Her father was a tailor by trade, but after settling here worked around the mines. Mrs. Schmidt died Aug. 4, 1910. She was the mother of a large family: Mary M. graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School and taught school in Shenandoah until her marriage to Charles L. Knapp, who is outside foreman at the Shenandoah City colliery; they have children, Anna M., Mary M., Catherine M., and Rita. Elizabeth Catherine is the wife of John Grosskettler, foreman of the Home brewery, and their children are Agnes Mary, Gertrude Mary and Mary Josephine. Christian J., who is secretary and treasurer of the Home Brewing Company, is a graduate of the Thune School, a member of St. Michael's Society, the Washington Beneficial Association, the Columbia Hose Company, and the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 945; he married Helena Hart. Agnes is the wife of John J. Beyer, proprietor of a hotel in Shenandoah; their children are Helena and Christianna. Anna and Helena, educated at the Chestnut Hill Academy, Philadelphia, Pa., live at home. William is a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Margaret, Philip and Joseph are deceased. Mrs. Schmidt is buried in the Annunciation cemetery at Shenandoah, toward the maintenance of which Mr. Schmidt has been a generous contributor.

For his second wife Mr. Schmidt married Catherine Mentzer, a native of Shenandoah, where she received her education, attending the Holy Family parochial school and the public schools. She lived at home until her marriage. Like her husband she is a member of the German Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family.

John Mentzer, father of Mrs. Schmidt, was born Nov. 3, 1848, in Nassau, Germany, obtained his education there, and came to America when a young man. Settling at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he became a miner, for thirty years employed at the Suffolk colliery. Having been injured in the mines and incapacitated for mining, he was engaged during his latter years as a repairman, remaining at the Suffolk colliery until his death, Feb. 19, 1913. He is buried in the Annunciation cemetery at Shenandoah. Mr. Mentzer was married in Shenandoah, by Rev. Father Graetzer, to Theresa Mary Hartenstein, who was born Oct. 18, 1857, and to this union were born the following children: Catherine, Mrs. Christian Schmidt; John, who is employed as car inspector at the Shenandoah City colliery, Shenandoah; Minnie, who married Richard Lewis, engineer and pumpman, and has children Mary and Catherine; Mary, a dressmaker, living at home; Joseph, who died when eleven years old; and Joseph (2), driver at the Shenandoah City colliery, who married Margaret Everhart (they have no children). Mrs. Mentzer resides at No. 209 West Coal street, Shenandoah. Mr. Mentzer belonged to the Church of the Holy Family; to St. Michael's Society, of which he had been secretary for twenty years, serving up to the time of his death; and to the William Penn Beneficial Society of Philadelphia. Politically he was a Democrat.

Peter Hartenstein, Mrs. Mentzer's father, was born in December, 1825, in Nassau, Germany, where he spent his early life, receiving his education in the local schools. When twenty-eight years old he came to this country, settling near Pottsville, Pa., where he found work about the mines and also as inside repairman. He came to Shenandoah in its early days, and worked around the mines there for many years, but after the death of his wife he went to Chicago, Ill., where he lived with his son John, retired from active labor, until his own death, Feb. 19, 1902. He is buried there. In Pottsville Mr. Hartenstein married Catherine Stahl, who was born in Nassau in January, 1826, and whom he had long known in the old country. She, too, came to America at the age of twenty-eight years. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartenstein: Catherine, who died when sixteen years old; John, who is employed at the stockyards in Chicago, Ill.; Theresa Mary, Mrs. John Mentzer; and Mary, who died when five years old. Mrs. Hartenstein died in March, 1890, and was buried in the Annunciation cemetery at Shenandoah. The Hartensteins were members of the Holy Family Church at Shenandoah, and Mrs. Hartenstein also belonged to St. Michael's Society. He was a Democrat in his political views.

George Stahl, Mrs. Schmidt's great-grandfather in the maternal line, was a native of Nassau, Germany, whence he came to this country. He lived at different points in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, Pa., doing work around the mines, and was a resident of Trevorton, Northumberland county, at the time of his wife's death. Thereafter he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Michael Peters, at Locustdale, Schuylkill county. He lived to the age of eighty-two years, and is buried at Ashland, this county. He and his family were members of the German Roman Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl had a family of four children: Catherine, Mrs. Peter Hartenstein;

Theresa, Mrs. Michael Peters, now (1915) the only survivor of the family; Margaret, who married Martin Gracium, who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; and John, who married Margaret Nalbach, who since his death has become the wife of Jacob Noll, of Shenandoah.

JOHN McKELVEY GRAY, M. D., late of Port Carbon, was the youngest of the three Gray brothers whose conspicuous attainments and unusual skill in the field of medicine have brought honor to the name in every part of Schuylkill county. Personally he had a remarkable life, and though he passed out in his prime had reached a position of eminent influence and filled a large place in the activities of his chosen community.

The Gray family is of Scotch extraction, John Gray, the Doctor's father, having been born at Johnson, Renfrewshire, Scotland, July 14, 1832. He was only two years old when he came with his mother to America, and until 1837 they lived on Cape Breton Island and elsewhere in Nova Scotia. They then removed to Pennsylvania, settling at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where John Gray spent most of his youth and acquired the principal part of his education. Mrs. Gray, however, after a short residence there, married Robert Johnston, and removed with her family to Maryland, where she lived for a few years. Returning to Minersville, she passed the remainder of her life there. John Gray lived at various places as the family moved around during his early life, including Pottsville and Reading, Pa., coming to Cressona in 1856. Here he made his permanent home. He had learned the trade of machinist and blacksmith at Minersville, and he followed it until 1870, being obliged to give up such work on account of his health. Then he was appointed foreman in the railroad works at Cressona, controlled by the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and held that position practically to the end of his active years. By his first marriage, to Agnes Johnson, daughter of Joseph Johnson, of Pottsville, he had one child, who is now deceased. Mrs. Gray died Feb. 21, 1857, aged twenty-two years, five months. Mr. Gray's second marriage was to Agnes McKelvey, who was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, at East Norwegian and Coal streets, where the Pennsylvania depot now stands. Of the eleven children born to this union, seven sons and four daughters, ten reached maturity, namely: Isabella married Samuel Klock, formerly a butcher in Lebanon, Pa., but he subsequently moved to Truly, Mont.; James Charles is practicing medicine at Cressona; William Lincoln, a machinist, lives at Shickshinny, Pa.; Jennie B., who died in 1913, was the wife of Adam Applegate, of Pottsville, Pa.; Robert Bruce is practicing medicine at Port Carbon, Pa.; Annie Elizabeth married William Kline, and lives at Great Falls, Mont.; Agnes May taught school at Cressona before her marriage to Rheinold Plath, now of Great Falls, Mont.; John McKelvey is mentioned below; George Andrew was a ranchman at Great Falls, Mont., and was killed near that place, having been thrown from a horse on his ranch (the place is named Gray Butte in his memory, though he is interred in the family lot at Cressona, Pa.); Allen Eugene took up a claim and is engaged in ranching; Chester Hutchison died in infancy. The mother of this family died May 26, 1902, at her home in Cressona, and the father died a few months later, Feb. 3, 1903, in Montana. They are buried at Cressona. Mr. Gray was a Republican in politics.

David McKelvey, father of Mrs. Agnes (McKelvey) Gray, emigrated to this country from Scotland about 1820, and the family were early residents at Pottsville. He was engaged on work in the early development of the coal fields

there, and was the first miner to meet his death in the gate vein, being killed by a falling timber under the site of the present courthouse. His widow nobly undertook the burden of rearing her family of four children, leasing the Mount Hope farm, which she carried on, selling milk, fruit and vegetables in town. She was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Centre street grammar school, in a vault containing the bodies of thirty-five of her relatives.

John McKelvey Gray was born in February, 1872, at Cressona, this county, where he acquired his early education in the public schools. He began reading medicine with his brother, Dr. James Charles Gray, and when but seventeen years old entered the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, being the second Schuylkill county student to complete the course there. He was graduated before he reached his majority, as an honor man, though one of the youngest graduates of the institution. For a short time thereafter he was in practice at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county; for two years was stationed at the Miners' hospital, Pottsville; and resigned to become resident physician at the County almshouse, where he also remained two years. At the end of that period, in 1897, he married and located at Port Carbon, where he was in general practice until his death. Though devoted to his profession, Dr. Gray was more than a successful physician. He found outlet for his wide sympathies in many other lines of action as well, and his life was well rounded. Always a student, he nevertheless owned and conducted a drug store at Port Carbon, was also engaged in the real estate business, and kept in close touch with local public affairs, holding the office of school director for three years. In 1900 he patented the first authentic thermos case, which has been in wide demand among medical men. He also patented an ice creeper, for use on icy sidewalks. He was a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society.

Dr. Gray married Violet A. Moose, daughter of George W. Moose, of Schuylkill county, and she survives him, occupying the home at Port Carbon and looking after the interests he had acquired. Four children were born to this union: Ruth A., Galen McKelvey, Violet A. and June D. Dr. Gray passed away at his home in Port Carbon, Feb. 8, 1914, and was buried at Cressona.

CHRISTIAN G. CLAPPIER, of Minersville, has been in business in that borough for over thirty years, and is probably equally well known there in his musical associations, having been leader of the Minersville Cornet Band for a long period. He is a member of a family of French origin, which remained in France until driven out of the native country by religious persecution, when the Clappiers took refuge in Germany.

Peter Clappier, father of Christian G. Clappier, brought his family to America in 1854, making the voyage on the ship "Hillside," which landed them at New York City, May 30th. For a short time they lived in New Jersey, in 1856 coming to Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mr. Clappier followed the trade of shoemaker, and as his son Christian has taken up the same line, their association in that business at Minersville covers over half a century. During the Civil war Peter Clappier served in Company A, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg. He married Wilhelmine Wetz, and they died at Minersville, where they are buried. Of their two children, Minnie and Christian G., the daughter resides in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Christian G. Clappier was born Jan. 24, 1853, in Wurtemberg, Germany,



and was reared at Minersville, where he obtained a public school education. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he was only a mere child when he began work as a slate picker at the mines. Afterwards he learned shoe-making, which he has been following since 1874, and in 1882 he engaged in business on his own account, now having a leading establishment in his line at Minersville. He carries a most complete line of men's, women's and children's shoes, his stock including the finest goods, and his store is thoroughly up-to-date in every respect and conducted along the most approved lines. His patrons receive skillful service and courteous attention, and Mr. Clappier has neglected no detail for their accommodation. Business has occupied the greater part of his time and music is his chief recreation. For thirty years he was the leader of the Minersville Cornet Band, and his zeal and devotion contributed a large share to the success and popularity of that organization. His only connection with the public service has been as member of the school board, on which body he served two terms. He belongs to the English Lutheran Church, and socially to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member; to the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Clappier has made one return trip to his native land in 1874 visiting his birthplace, and also England and Wales. As a citizen, he holds the unqualified esteem of a wide acquaintance.

ROBERT C. SHEARER, of Pottsville, has been associated with the Chronicle Publishing Company continuously since 1901, for the last ten years in the capacity of business manager. He has earned his share of the credit for the success of the paper during that period, by which it has maintained its present high standard in Schuylkill county, the effect of his strong personality permeating every department of its activities. Mr. Shearer is a "native son" of Pottsville, born March 18, 1874, and his parents, James R. and Rachel (Dewald) Shearer, were also Pennsylvanians, the father born at Milton, Northumberland county, the mother at Reading, Berks county. James R. Shearer was a Union veteran of the Civil war, and after his service in the army followed contracting and building the remainder of his life at Pottsville, dying there in 1888. He was twice married, and a daughter born to the first union, Mrs. H. E. Wyckoff, is a resident of Philadelphia, Pa. To his second marriage, with Rachel Dewald, were born two children, the eldest dying in infancy. Before her marriage Mrs. Rachel D. Shearer taught school in Pottsville, where she died in June, 1902.

Robert C. Shearer received his education in the Pottsville public schools, leaving when he had completed the grammar school course. He then applied himself to learning the printer's trade in the job office of his uncle, Robert D. Colborn, and after the completion of his apprenticeship worked as a journeyman in Philadelphia for some years. For almost a year he was engaged as a book seller, handling Johnson's Universal Cyclopedia. Returning to Pottsville he bought his uncle's interest in the business previously mentioned, and in the year 1901 sold it to the Chronicle Publishing Company, with which he became connected as solicitor. When Charles Meyers purchased the plant, in May, 1905, Mr. Shearer was made business manager. The practical course he has adopted with regard to the paper and plant, and his efforts in behalf of sound commercial standards for the borough and county, have been so successful as to gain him a distinctive place among the trusted heads of business

in the community. He was one of the charter members of the Rotary Club at Pottsville, and has been diligent in the promotion of its activities.

The *Evening Chronicle* was started in 1875 by the Chronicle Publishing Company, as a one-cent daily, edited by Solomon Foster, Jr. Before long he became sole owner, and conducted the paper until June, 1877, when he sold it to the Standard Publishing Company, a corporation formed by leading local Democrats. The *Chronicle* is now a Republican paper. As one of the foremost journals in Schuylkill county it has considerable influence upon the trend of public opinion in this section. It is only fair to say that it is a well edited paper, always ready to present the best interests of the community to its readers and advocate their support.

Mr. Shearer married, Aug. 17, 1899, Amy C. Bassett, a native of Pottsville, and they have had two children: William, who died in infancy, and Emily Rachel. Mr. Shearer is a member of the Episcopal Church as well as his wife. Socially he holds membership in the Improved Order of Heptasophs. On political questions he is a Republican.

JOHN L. CONRAD, one of the leading business men of Port Carbon, has had a definite part in the upbuilding of that borough, where he has spent all his life. He was born there Nov. 11, 1848, son of the late Christian Conrad, for many years a well known employee at the Reading car shops in the town.

Christian Conrad was a native of Germany, and died at the age of seventy-four years in Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he is buried. He settled there upon coming to America, in 1844, and found employment at the Reading car shops, where he continued to work throughout his active years. His wife, Louisa, died at the advanced age of ninety years. They had children as follows: John L.; Christian, an engineer on the Frackville branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; Charles, a foreman for the same company; George; Rosa, Mrs. Purnelle; Louisa; and Emma, Mrs. Hartzel.

John L. Conrad attended public school until nine years old, when he commenced work as a breaker boy, picking slate. At the age of fourteen he went to work for the railroad company, in whose employ he remained four years, at the end of which period he started learning the wheelwright's trade. He followed it until 1883, when he turned to carpentry, and a year later had sufficient knowledge of the latter line to undertake contracting on his own account, continuing it for about twenty-five years, with satisfactory success. Meantime, in 1900, he formed a partnership with his son, Harry, to engage in the lumber business and flour and feed trade, and they did business together, under the firm name of John Conrad & Son, also keeping up the contracting business. Besides many of the most attractive dwellings in Port Carbon, the Conrads have erected the home of the Good Will Hose Company, the Evangelical church, and other notably substantial structures which add to the thrifty appearance of the borough. Mr. Conrad now has three of his sons associated with him, Harry, Lewis and William, and the partnership is known as John L. Conrad & Sons. In addition to the original establishment they have a large planing mill, operating the only plant of the kind at Port Carbon. It is a convenience much appreciated by local builders, and has paid from the beginning.

As one of the oldest native-born residents of Port Carbon Mr. Conrad has watched its development with interest and has done his share to promote the good work. In the course of his active business career he has contributed

greatly to its material improvement, and he has also exerted his influence in the administration of municipal affairs, having served three years in the borough council. His sound judgment and wisdom in meeting local questions have made him a recognized leader. He and his sons, who have also taken an influential part in public matters, are Republicans in political sentiment.

In 1873 Mr. Conrad married Ellen Marquardt, daughter of John Blasius Marquardt, of Port Carbon. They have had five children: Harry is a member of the borough council at present and has filled the position of burgess; Lewis, formerly employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, as a mining engineer; now in business with his father, is a member of the Port Carbon school board; William is with his father; Annie is the wife of Dr. N. H. Stein, of New Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. John is connected with the Pottsville hospital. The family attend the services of the Evangelical Association.

MILTON HENRY MILLER is the owner of the "Ideal Farm" in West Penn township, a property which in appearance as well as name expresses his ambitions in the line of agriculture. Through his efforts this place has been developed to meet the most approved modern standards, and it is a model country estate which shows that it is not impracticable to be governed by good taste in the improvement of a tract primarily cultivated for profitable farming. The physical attractions of the "Ideal Farm" which probably impress the average visitor first are, indeed, the natural result of the orderly administration and wise economy which have guided Mr. Miller throughout his residence there. Liberal management is everywhere in evidence, but there is no extravagance of waste. The work has been simplified and facilitated in every possible way by the adoption of modern methods and the introduction of machinery. Mr. Miller has almost three hundred acres in the township, his holdings extending in one direction for about two miles. Most of his land is given over to general agriculture, but he makes a specialty of fruit and poultry.

Mr. Miller belongs to an old family of West Penn township, where he was born May 1, 1865, on the farm now owned by his brother, Austin J. Miller. He is a son of Daniel F. Miller and a grandson of Joseph Miller; the latter also was a farmer in West Penn township, where he owned a good sized tract of land. He died when his son Daniel was ten years old, but his wife, Salome (Flexer), lived to the age of eighty-seven years, passing away in August, 1897. She was a daughter of Jacob Flexer. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller had the following children: David married a Miss Wertman, and both are deceased; Reuben married Julia Rex, and both are deceased; Daniel F. is mentioned below; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Charles Fry, an old soldier, and a resident of West Penn township; Lena married Daniel Dreisbach, and both are deceased; Priscilla married David Middlecamp, and both are deceased. The father was a Democrat and a member of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, where he is buried; the mother is buried at St. Peter's Church in that township.

Daniel F. Miller, father of Milton H. Miller, was born in about the center of West Penn township, in December, 1834, and died April 6, 1884. He was reared and educated in his native township, and after his father's death went to live with his maternal grandfather, Jacob Flexer, who raised

him. He worked on the Flexer farm until eighteen years of age, afterwards hiring out by the month on different farms until twenty-seven years old, when he married and bought a farm of seventy-five acres, ten of which are still uncleared. This farm is now owned and occupied by his son, Austin J. Miller. Daniel F. Miller remained there until his death, following general agriculture, and he started a good orchard, setting out one hundred apple trees, fifty pear trees and one hundred plum trees. Like his father Mr. Miller was a Democrat and a Lutheran, being an earnest member of Zion's Church in West Penn township, which he served as deacon. He is buried at that church. His widow, Amanda (Gerber), remarried, becoming the wife of Alfred Frederici, who is also buried at Zion's Church. She survives him, making her home now with her son, Charles. She was born Feb. 27, 1844, daughter of Jeremiah and Susan (Ziegler) Gerber. She had no children by the second union. To her marriage with Mr. Miller the following children were born: Austin J., born March 8, 1863, married Mary Bailey, and lives on the old homestead in West Penn township; Milton H. is next in the family; Charles O., born Jan. 21, 1868, married Elizabeth Wehr, and is farming in West Penn township; Elizabeth A., born Oct. 21, 1871, married Alfred Arner, of West Penn township.

Milton Henry Miller received his education in the Wash Creek and North Penn schools, with one course in the fourth grade of the Tamaqua school. He remained at home, working on his father's farm, until twenty-four years of age, when he married and settled on his present home place, which his father had bought one year before his death. The family had continued to conduct the farm, as part of the father's estate, for five years before Milton H. Miller bought it, and at that time only thirty of its 127 acres were cleared. The buildings consisted of a small dwelling 25 by 32 feet, and a small barn, 40 by 50 feet. Now Mr. Miller has ninety acres of this tract under cultivation, and he did all the work himself. He has added to his original holdings by two purchases, one of eighty acres and one of ninety acres, his land stretching out over a distance of two miles. A mere enumeration of the improvements he has made, innovations in methods and machinery, conveniences in home and outbuildings, show how progressive a spirit has dominated his work. In 1891 he built a new barn, 34 by 70 feet, which is up-to-date in every particular of construction and equipment. In 1912 he rebuilt and enlarged the old barn, which is now 54 by 70 feet, designing the structure himself and cutting all the timbers for it. It is provided with both hot and cold running water, the hot water being piped from the house. Both barns have cement floors. Mr. Miller keeps ten cows, principally Jerseys, six working horses and ten pigs. He has five hundred chickens, two hundred of which are young fowl, making a specialty of White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds. His chicken houses are modern in every respect. One is 16 by 60 feet, with an annex 16 by 24 feet, and another is 60 by 12 feet. Running spring water furnishes a fresh supply to the chickens at all times. He has raised and planted every tree on his place, having five hundred apple trees, four hundred pear trees, fifty plum trees and fifty peach trees, as well as twenty grapevines of the Concord and Black Warden varieties. Mr. Miller attends the Coaldale and Lansford markets three times a week, and sometimes takes his products as far as Mahanoy City. He has not been sparing in providing high-class implements to carry on his work, having \$7,000 worth of farm machinery, all in first-class condition; he bought and used the first dump wagon in his township.

His home is in keeping with the rest of the property. In 1908 he built the dwelling, which is one of the finest residences in the township. There are five rooms on the first floor, five bedrooms on the second floor and three bedrooms in the garret, and nothing is lacking in the way of comforts and conveniences. The house is heated by steam, an acetylene gas plant furnishes light and fuel for cooking, and modern plumbing, with hot and cold running water, completes the appointments of a model country home. There are cement walks around the house, and an iron fence with cement coping incloses the yard.

Mr. Miller married Elizabeth C. Kemner, who was born March 14, 1869, a daughter of Matthias and Fredericka (Gebhart) Kemner, and they have had a family of six children: Annie L., born June 14, 1888, lives at home; Daniel M., born Feb. 27, 1890, now farming at Mantzville, West Penn township, married Verna Mantz, who was born March 8, 1893, and they have one child, Marian Luella, born Feb. 10, 1915; Oliver C., born May 13, 1892, died July 14, 1909, in the German Hospital at Philadelphia, from appendicitis; Machina A., born June 4, 1893, is the wife of Leroy Zehner (born July 21, 1891), a farmer of West Penn township, and has one child, Claribel, born Dec. 20, 1914; Warren W., born July 12, 1897, is married to Eva Fritz, who was born May 11, 1895, and they reside on the Miller farm, Warren Miller assisting in its operation (he is a stockholder in the People's Trust Company of Tamaqua); Claribel, born May 16, 1901, is at home. All the children have been well educated, receiving the best advantages afforded by the local public schools, and Mr. Miller has given his family the best opportunities possible to prepare them for the real work of life. All are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Sunday school in West Penn township.

Mr. Miller has always given his hearty support to local enterprises, being a stockholder of the People's Trust Company of Tamaqua, and a stockholder and director of the Rural Telephone Company. Vigorous and enterprising in everything he undertakes, he has been a leader in agricultural progress especially, and the system in operation on his property is a practical demonstration of his efficiency and ingenuity in taking advantage of present-day methods. All the appointments of his estate are "the last word" in farm equipment, the fact that he uses an implement being a sufficient guaranty of its worth. Though he is a busy man he keeps in touch with all the life of his neighborhood; has served his township three years as school director and two years as supervisor; is a prominent member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of West Penn township, of which he has been deacon six years and trustee about twelve years; is a member of Washington Camp No. 44, P. O. S. of A., at Mantzville, West Penn township; and a member of Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 1153, I. O. O. F., at Sittler, West Penn township. Politically he is a Republican in principle, but votes independently.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. (Kemner) Miller is a native of West Penn township, where she was reared and educated. Like her husband she belongs to St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Her father, Matthias Kemner, born in Wurtemberg, Germany, died in February, 1899, in West Penn township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., aged seventy-two years. Coming to America when he was twenty-seven years of age, he landed at New York and then went to Philadelphia, later settling at Tamaqua, Pa., where he was married. He was a butcher, and followed his trade there for a short time, then buying the farm in West Penn township now owned by his son Lewis, a tract of fifty acres, half of

which he cleared. He carried on general farming until his death, and attended market at Tamaqua. Mr. Kemner married Mrs. Fredericka (Gebhart) Walter, who died aged forty-nine years (widow of Christopher Walter), and eight children were born to this union: William, who lives in Walker township, this county, married Emma Schaeffer, now deceased; Matthias, who married Sarah Delp, lives in Tamaqua, Pa.; Lewis, who is on the old homestead in West Penn township, married Catherine Blessing; John married Amanda Nestor, and they live at Tamaqua; Elizabeth C. is the wife of Milton H. Miller; Annie married Ellsworth Zehner, of West Penn township; Daniel died young; Catherine married Frank Zehner (deceased) and (second) William Staump, of Tamaqua. The mother of this family passed away when forty-nine years old. By her marriage to Christopher Walter she had four children: Christopher married Lavina Wagner, and lives at Tamaqua; Rosella is the widow of John Tiley and lives at Tamaqua; Mary married Michael Bonshoff; Emma married Lewis Steigerwalt, of Sittler, West Penn township.

Mr. Kemner was a Democrat and interested in local politics. He was an active member of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, and he and his wife are buried there. Christopher Walter is buried at Tamaqua.

WILLIAM D. BOCZKOWSKI, of Mahanoy City, is president and business manager of the W. D. Boczkowski Company, owners and publishers of the *Saule* (*Sun*), a Lithuanian newspaper, established in 1888 by the father of the present proprietors. It has been conducted by father and sons continuously since, and through its medium they have exerted a notable influence among their countrymen everywhere, having subscribers in all the leading cities of the world.

Mr. Boczkowski was born in 1881 at Baltimore, Md. His father, a native of Russian Poland, came to America in 1879, and first located at Hazleton, Pa. He was a skilled musician, and for a number of years after he arrived in this country was engaged as a church organist. In 1888 he established the *Saule*, at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where it has been issued regularly since, his sons William D. and Victor L. Boczkowski taking over the ownership of the paper upon his death. The former is president of the company, and also managing editor and business manager; the editor is F. W. Boczkowski, another brother, also of Mahanoy City. The paper is published semi-weekly, Tuesdays and Fridays, and it reaches a large percentage of the Lithuanian population of the world, having the largest circulation of any Lithuanian paper published. The aim of the publishers is to afford a means of intercommunication for those of that nationality wherever located, and they claim to represent the interests of over five hundred thousand Lithuanians residing in the United States. The company built a fine, up-to-date newspaper plant at Nos. 337-339 West South Alley, at A street, three stories in height, and thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and all the appointments necessary in a complete establishment.

William D. Boczkowski came to Mahanoy City with his father in boyhood. His education was begun at Plymouth, Pa., and continued at Mahanoy City, and he began newspaper work with his father, under whom he received all his training. His career throughout has been characterized by adherence to the most honorable principles, which have held the confidence of his fellow citizens without reserve at Mahanoy City, no less than those of Lithuanian blood. He is an accomplished linguist, speaking five languages. Progressive and

aggressive, he has been a distinct force for good in municipal life, using his influence wisely. At present he is serving as a member of the borough council, to which office he was elected in 1913 by a large majority. He is independent in politics, giving his support as he thinks best. Fraternally he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Eagles. Mr. Boczkowski and his brother own the well known Boczkowski theatre, located in the First ward of Mahanoy City.

HUSTON ROBISON MOYER, cashier of the Citizens' Bank of St. Clair, has been associated with that institution since December, 1905, throughout the period of his residence in the borough. With natural business capacity developed by experience, and the honorable principles highly important in every position of trust, he has the proper endowment for efficient service in the place he occupies, not only in regard to his relation with the bank, but also as it affects commercial conditions in the community. Mr. Moyer belongs to a family of successful business men. He is a native of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., where his grandfather, John R. Moyer, established in 1835, with a capital of but one hundred dollars, a drug business which has become the most important concern in its line in that county. It is now carried on by Moyer Brothers, sons of the founder, as a wholesale house.

The late Charles Augustus Moyer, father of Huston R. Moyer, was a stonemason by trade, and for a time was engaged in the marble business with a Mr. Barkley, at Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa. He also did business at Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne county, subsequently clerked for I. W. Hartman, at Bloomsburg, and then was similarly employed in the wholesale drug house there operated by his brothers. His death occurred at Bloomsburg, May 7, 1904, and his widow, Martha R. (Robison), daughter of John Robison, of Espy, Columbia Co., Pa., continues to make her home there. They had one child, Huston Robison. John Robison, Mrs. Moyer's father, was a pioneer settler in Columbia county. On May 14, 1840, he drove over the mountains to Pottsville to take the train for Philadelphia, train service not having been established farther than that point at the time.

Huston Robison Moyer was born March 27, 1877. He was educated principally at Bloomsburg, attending the public schools, and after his graduation from high school taking a short course at the State Normal school there. Subsequently he had some commercial training at the Scranton business college, and for a few months was employed in Scranton, doing office work for F. P. Post. Returning to Bloomsburg, he became shipping and receiving clerk for the Magee Carpet Company, and after filling that position one year was advanced to head bookkeeper. He continued with the firm in that capacity three years, when he came to St. Clair to take the position of bookkeeper in the Citizens' Bank, of which William T. Tyson was then cashier. A few days after Mr. Tyson's death, which occurred Nov. 4, 1907, he was elected cashier, Nov. 12th, and has proved himself fully deserving of the honor. Mr. Moyer's solid character has attracted confidence and good will among his business associates, and his estimable personal traits have drawn him into many pleasant social relations. He has joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, since coming to St. Clair, and while at Bloomsburg became a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and Friendship Fire Company. He adheres to the Presbyterian faith, but there being no church of this denomination at Saint Clair he joined the

Reformed Church, and has done his full share in furthering its work, at present filling the office of deacon and teaching the Men's Adult Bible class. He votes independently, using his ballot to support the men and measures he approves on principle. His influence, exerted always on the side of betterment, is a valued force for progress in the borough.

Mr. Moyer married Harriet Mabel Kline, a daughter of A. H. Kline, formerly of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., now a resident of Reading, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have two children, namely: Mabel Adilene, who is attending school, and Thelma Lovilla, at home.

The Citizens' Bank of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, was organized May 16, 1904, with a capital of \$50,000, and has been doing business ever since at No. 39 North Second street, in the busy part of that borough. Its present officers are: President, Dr. R. T. Weaver, physician; vice president, H. L. Daddow, manufacturer; cashier, H. R. Moyer; teller, M. R. Sullivan; runner, J. Wesley Ceaser; solicitor, J. M. Boone; directors, Dr. R. T. Weaver, H. L. Daddow (manufacturer), J. M. Boone (attorney), E. C. Boone (merchant), W. P. Jones (merchant), W. B. Lewis (merchant), W. J. McCarthy (justice of the peace and wholesale liquor dealer), P. Raring (merchant), J. Wellner (confectioner) and T. L. O'Donnell (deputy sheriff of Schuylkill county), all local people. John H. Davis, the first president, Charles Short and W. N. Holmes, members of the original board of directors, have died, but no others have been elected to their places. The bank is known as one of the most prosperous in the State, and under its trustworthy management has every promise of continued success. The cashier's report for Feb. 20, 1914, shows resources and liabilities of \$554,361.76, and the surplus and undivided profits amount to \$35,000.

JAMES V. BURKE, who has been a business man at Ashland for over forty years, has lived in that borough from boyhood, and is a native of Schuylkill county, born April 28, 1849. His parents, Michael and Sabina Burke, were natives of Ireland and came to America many years ago, making their first settlement in Schuylkill county, in the eastern portion, near Minersville. They moved to Ashland when their son James was but a boy. The father died in 1869, and the mother lived to the age of eighty-three years, passing away in 1896. They had a large family, viz.: William J., now a resident of Minersville, this county; John J., a resident of Ashland, who for over forty years was associated with his brother, James, in the undertaking business there; Mary Ann, Mrs. Kealy, of Philadelphia; Thomas A., a school teacher, who lives at Ashland; Michael P., deceased; James V.; Rev. Patrick F., formerly a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, now deceased; and Hattie L., of Philadelphia.

James V. Burke, as above noted, carried on a furniture and undertaking business in partnership with his brother, John, for over forty years under the name of Burke Brothers, which he still retains. John J. Burke withdrew from the business on May 7, 1913. The establishment has always commanded a good share of the patronage in Ashland, the Burkes being justly noted as reliable dealers, accommodating to all their customers and enjoying good standing among the most reliable merchants of the town.

Mr. Burke was married in Philadelphia to Regina Patterson, a native of that city, whose parents in the early days lived at St. Clair, this county. The family returned to Philadelphia, however, where Mrs. Burke's parents both



died and were buried. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burke, namely: Margaret R. is the wife of Joseph Shovlin, of Ashland; Cornelius F. is studying for the priesthood, being at present in the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at Overbrook, Pa.; Vincent A. is a student at the same institution; Frank L. is associated with his father in business; Edward J. lives with his parents in Ashland. Mr. Burke and his family are members of St. Joseph's Church at Ashland.

HARRY G. FESSLER, of Cressona, has been a leader in more than one respect in his section of Schuylkill county. At present he is serving as chief burgess of Cressona, and his broad-minded interest has drawn him into other local activities, his capacity for useful service having stood many a severe test in responsible positions.

Mr. Fessler is a native of Wayne township, this county, born Nov. 1, 1866, son of Elias Fessler, and descended from an old family of German origin which has been in Schuylkill county for several generations. His great-grandfather was a pioneer in Long Run Valley, Schuylkill county, where he followed agricultural pursuits and remained until his death. He was twice married, by the first union having two children, Joseph and John, and his second wife, whose maiden name was Confer, was the mother of the following: Andrew died in Schuylkill county; Michael died in Berks county; Abraham died in Shamokin, Pa.; William and George died in Schuylkill county; Molly married Solomon Luckenbill; Rebecca married Daniel Minich.

Of the above family, William Fessler, well known in his day as "old Bill Fessler," was the grandfather of Harry G. Fessler. He was born in Long Run valley. Living in this section in the pioneer era, he was a typical man of his day, a great hunter and fisherman, and shot several deer and bear in the Second mountain district in Pennsylvania. He did railroad work, during the early days of the railroad in this region being one of the first men employed on the Mine Hill road, helping to lay the track, later hauling coal, and still later acting as roadmaster, which position he held until 1866. At that time he retired to his land, owning two farms in this section, and continued to live there until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-five years old; he is buried in the Union cemetery at Friedensburg, this county. Few men in this part of Schuylkill county were better or more favorably known. He and William Lark built the Union Church at Friedensburg, and he never lost his interest in church work, in which he took an active part. Politically he was a Republican. In his early days Cressona was known as West Haven. By his marriage to Elizabeth Luckenbill, daughter of Solomon Luckenbill, he had a large family, namely: William, who died in Wayne township, Schuylkill county; Catherine, who died young; four who died in infancy; Esther, deceased, wife of George Lark; George, who died at Cressona; Elias, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Jeremiah, now one of the oldest residents of Cressona; Elizabeth, widow of William Breininger; Henry and James, who live in Wisconsin; Josiah, a resident of Cressona; and Amanda, who married John Lengle, and lives at Cressona. The mother of this family lived to the age of eighty years.

Elias Fessler, father of Harry G. Fessler, was born in Wayne township, this county. By trade he was a blacksmith and he also followed railroad work. During the Civil war he served in the Union army under Captain Fox in Company K, 127th Pennsylvania Regiment, and was wounded at the battle

of Fredericksburg. His death occurred Nov. 20, 1868, when he was but twenty-eight years old. He married Emma Rebecca Mertz, and they had three children, two of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Fessler remarried, becoming the wife of Charles Eiler, whom she also survives, now making her home at Cressona.

Harry G. Fessler, only child of his parents who grew to maturity, obtained his education in the public schools of Wayne township and the borough of Cressona. He was reared to farming, which he has followed practically all his life, though for six months during his early manhood he was employed at the powder mills near Cressona. He owns a fine tract of forty-one acres of valuable land, which is within the limits of the borough of Cressona, and is engaged in general farming, though he makes a specialty of trucking. For eleven years he also ran a milk route in Cressona, which he discontinued in 1913. As a business man he bears an irreproachable reputation, which promises well for the services his fellow citizens expect of him in the important office he now fills. In 1913 he was elected chief burgess, taking office in 1914 for a term of four years. Mr. Fessler was originally a Republican in political conviction, but he is now identified with the Washington party. In his various social, political, business and religious associations Mr. Fessler has made numerous friends. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, of the Order of United American Mechanics, and of Friedensburg Grange, No. 1291, P. O. H. For a long period he has been active in the work of the United Evangelical Church, which he has served as class leader and steward, has been superintendent of the Sunday school, and is now teaching a Sunday school class.

Mr. Fessler married Carrie Heffner, daughter of John Heffner and granddaughter of John Heffner, who established the family in Schuylkill county, moving hither from Berks county; her father was born in Wayne township, this county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fessler: Elizabeth, who is deceased; Charles H., who married Annie Patterson; Edna May, at home; and Roy A., at home.

WILLIAM CLINTON KEPNER, late of Orwigsburg, was a citizen of conspicuous worth and a representative of the best interests of his community for many years. As head of the Kepner Scott Shoe Company he was one of the leading business men of the borough, was a prominent figure in the management of public affairs and social life, and in every association willing to serve his fellows, who gladly availed themselves of his cooperation at all opportunities.

Mr. Kepner was a descendant of an old family of German origin, long established in Schuylkill county, where they settled when it was still included in the territory of Berks county. Bernard Kepner, his great-grandfather, was a pioneer at McKeansburg in what is now Schuylkill county, Pa., where he followed farming and remained until his death. His son Samuel, grandfather of W. Clinton Kepner, purchased a large tract of land in the vicinity of Kepnersville, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county (which was named for him), owning 390 acres. He founded the village, and besides clearing and improving the land engaged in lumbering and general merchandising, and kept a hotel and post office, his site of business being the trading center for all that section. Few men of his day were as well known, and his death, which occurred when he was fifty-seven years old, was con-



W. S. Kepner.



sidered a loss to the whole community. He is buried in the West Penn cemetery. By his marriage to Catherine Moser he had the following children: Bernard, Samuel, Emanuel, Frank, Joseph, Priscilla (married Daniel Nester), Rebecca (Mrs. Zehler) and Catherine (married Israel Seigfried).

Bernard Kepner, son of Samuel, was born on the old homestead, where he was reared to manhood. He had excellent educational advantages, for a time attending the Newton Academy. For fourteen years he was a resident of Montgomery county, Pa., engaged in the produce business, which he also carried on after his removal to Orwigsburg, in 1862. He passed the remainder of his life in the borough, dying May 29, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. He is buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran Church. On Dec. 25, 1849, Mr. Kepner married Mary A. Reichard. She survived her husband, dying Oct. 23, 1900. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kepner: Catherine is the wife of D. D. Deibert, a merchant of Auburn, Schuylkill county; Sarah is the wife of O. D. Schock, of Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.; Dora is living at home; Samuel R. is a well known cigar manufacturer of Orwigsburg; Benjamin Franklin died in 1857 when three years old; William Clinton is mentioned below; Mary Ellen lives at home. Mrs. Mary A. (Reichard) Kepner was a native of Boyertown, Berks county, a daughter of William Reichard.

W. Clinton Kepner was born Sept. 18, 1859, near New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, and was reared at Orwigsburg, where he had the advantages afforded by the public schools. For a short time he followed teaching, being so engaged for two terms, in 1879-81, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, but he found that business was a better field for his ambitions, and he began in the line which proved to be his life work, taking a position as clerk with the Orwigsburg Shoe Manufacturing Company. After one year in that capacity he became a traveling salesman for the concern, being so engaged until 1885 and meantime acquiring a thorough familiarity with the details of the business. He made a close study of the production as well as the marketing of shoes, and when he gave up his position with the Orwigsburg Company became a manufacturer on his own account, becoming a member of the firm of Beck, Haeseler & Company. The senior member, John C. Beck, retired in 1887, and the firm name was changed to Kepner, Haeseler & Co. In 1890 C. H. Haeseler's interest was taken by Alexander Scott, of Frackville, this county, and the firm became Kepner, Scott & Company, being so known until it was incorporated as the Kepner Scott Shoe Company. The business was established in a three-story frame building, 40 by 90 feet in dimensions, well equipped in every department, and the large operative and selling force has been kept constantly busy since, the goods having a steady demand wherever known. They are disposed of principally in the Southern and Western States. Mr. Kepner continued his active association with the business, which he managed personally, until his death, March 24, 1913. Its success was due in a great measure to his vigorous methods and progressive policy, and he was probably best known in this connection, though he also had other important associations. He was a director of the First National Bank of Orwigsburg, and held various public positions in the borough through a period of twenty years, serving that length of time on the school board. His broad sympathies led him into close relations with the various phases of life in the borough, and he was an active supporter in every cause in which he became interested. His work in

the Lutheran Church, of which he was an earnest member, included service as deacon and elder and twenty-one years as treasurer. He took a leading part in its Sunday school work for thirty-five years. He was a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M. (of Pottsville), Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T. (Pottsville), Harrisburg Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. (Reading); he was a past master in the blue lodge and always a prominent worker in that body. At the time of his death he was serving as president of the Keystone Club. Politically he was a Democrat. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Orwigsburg.

On Dec. 31, 1889, Mr. Kepner married Ellnora Rauch, daughter of John and Amelia (Leipensberger) Rauch, and she continues to occupy the family residence at Orwigsburg, where they have lived for many years. Of the three children born to this marriage: George R. is deceased; Mildred E., born Aug. 3, 1891, resides with her mother at Orwigsburg; Clifford is engaged in the shoe business at Orwigsburg.

TILGHMAN S. BALLIET, postmaster and merchant at Chain, in West Penn township, is in touch with the business and government of his section of Schuylkill county at so many points that he has a most comprehensive grasp of local affairs. His business brings him into personal contact with a large percentage of the farmers thereabouts; in various official positions he has given able service to his fellow citizens for years, and he has been equally devoted to the improvement of social and living conditions, having the broad sympathies which make him a willing worker in all causes for the general good.

The Balliet family is of French origin, and Tilghman S. Balliet is of the fourth generation to live in West Penn township, this county, where his great-grandfather, George Balliet, settled on coming from France, his native country. He lived in the Mahoning valley, where he became the owner of a large tract of land, much of which he cleared. After coming here he united with the German Reformed Church, and he and his wife are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, the latter dying young. The sons were George, Jonas, Stephen and Leonard.

Leonard Balliet, the grandfather of Tilghman S. Balliet, was born and reared in West Penn township, and used the German language fluently, learning it from his German neighbors there. He was a prosperous farmer, owning about six hundred acres of land in the Mahoning valley, which he received by grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and a large portion of which he cleared. He lived retired for a number of years before his death, dying at the home of his grandson, Tilghman S. Balliet, when ninety-one years old. He married Mary Magdalena Lechner, and they are buried in West Penn township, in the cemetery of Zion's Reformed Church, of which they were members, Mr. Balliet taking a very active part in its work. Politically he was a Democrat. His family consisted of the following children: Henry, who married Anna Hill; Daniel and Jacob, who went West; John L.; Kate, who married David Sechler; and Maria, who married Abraham Miller.

John L. Balliet, father of Tilghman S. Balliet, was born in West Penn township, and grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the public schools. In his early life he assisted his father in the cultivation of the old

homestead, and later bought 150 acres of his own, of which 100 acres were improved. On this farm he remained until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-six years old. He was one of the active men of his locality, serving as school director and taking a leading part in the work of Zion's Reformed Church, of which he was elder and deacon for many years, and also trustee. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his wife were both buried in the cemetery of the St. Peter's Reformed Church. Mr. Balliet married Carolina Sittler, daughter of Everett Sittler, and she died at the age of seventy-three years. They were the parents of three children, namely: Emma, born Jan. 2, 1852, is the widow of William Wehr; Stephen, born Nov. 8, 1854, a resident of West Penn township, married Kate Gerber; Tilghman S. completes the family.

Tilghman S. Balliet was born July 28, 1857, in West Penn township, and received his early education in the public schools there, later having the advantage of two terms of study at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa. Subsequently he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he left home to gain a little experience. For about a year he traveled through the States of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the Middle West. Returning home Mr. Balliet married and settled at his present place at Chain, in West Penn township, buying from his father the farm he still owns, of 235 acres, 130 acres of which are under cultivation, devoted to general farming. This tract was originally the John Ohl farm.

While Mr. Balliet has never given up his agricultural interests, he has been equally as active in other lines. About twenty-five years ago he began selling agricultural implements, and his stock now includes almost all kinds of farm machinery, farm supplies and fertilizers, in which he has a very large trade. He put up a large building at Chain for its accommodation, the lower floor being devoted to the needs of his implement business, while the upper is used for lodge purposes by Pocahontas Council, No. 406, Order of Independent Americans. Mr. Balliet has always exerted himself in securing conveniences for his neighbors, and he was instrumental in having the post office established at Chain some sixteen years ago; he has held the position of postmaster throughout that period. He has been chosen to other local offices, having been school director for twelve years, auditor for six years, and in every capacity he has shown himself to be an intelligent and public-spirited man. That his neighbors appreciate his business acumen and good judgment is evident from the fact that they frequently seek his advice, and he has often been called upon to act as executor of estates and to write wills. He is a director of the People's Trust Company of Tamaqua, Pa.; a member of the Democratic party; a member of Pocahontas Council, No. 406, Order of Independent Americans, a past councilor of same, and at present serving the council as treasurer; a member of Washington Camp, No. 132, P. O. S. of A., in West Penn township; and of Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 1153, I. O. O. F., at Sittler, West Penn township. Like his ancestors he is prominently identified with the support of the Zion's Reformed Church, which he has served six years as elder, three years as deacon and two years as trustee; at one time he was superintendent of the Zehner Sunday school.

On Feb. 15, 1880, Mr. Balliet married Kate Eberts, who was born Sept. 3, 1861, in Mahoning township, Carbon Co., Pa., daughter of Joseph Eberts. Five children have been born to this marriage: (1) Eva Jeanetta, born June

14, 1881, married Morris Shellhammer, a farmer of West Penn township, and their children are: Charles, Carrie, Mildred, Lloyd, Catherine, Alberta and Paul. (2) Carrie Ellen, born April 7, 1883, married William Kistler, a mail clerk in the Philadelphia post office. They have two children, Gwendolin and Marian. (3) Willis John, born Jan. 10, 1887, is operating his father's farm. He married Carrie Zehner, and their children are Erna, Alma and Tilghman. (4) Ulysses Harvey, born March 20, 1890, a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company, resident of Allentown, Pa., married Jennie Eberts and has children Madaline and Valma. (5) Minnie Margaret, born Nov. 11, 1893, married Leon Gerber, a farmer of West Penn township.

Joseph Eberts, father of Mrs. Balliet, was born in Mahoning township, Carbon Co., Pa., and lived to the age of seventy years. He was a farmer and cattle dealer all his life. He was a devout member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and highly respected for his sincere Christian character. Politically he was a Republican. He married Polly Breiner, daughter of Peter Breiner, and she died at the age of seventy-three years. Both are buried at St. Peter's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Eberts became the parents of the following children: Frank married Agnes Sittler; Milton was twice married, his second wife being an Arner; Sarah (deceased), married Richard Diehl; Kate is Mrs. T. S. Balliet; Matilda married Frank Knepper; Ellen married Victor Solt; Jennie married Calvin Arner; Olivia married Henry Semmel.

WILLIAM HABER has, in a lifetime of honorable business and official activity at Tamaqua, contributed his full share toward expanding the interests of that borough and placing them upon solid foundations. Born and reared in Germany, he had the thorough training which all tradesmen in that country are required to undergo before they are considered competent workmen, so although he arrived in America with little money he had a possession more valuable, both to himself and to the community. The blacksmith and wagon works he established were a useful addition to the flourishing industries of the town, and are still in existence though under other ownership. He has filled a creditable place in local affairs throughout his residence here.

Mr. Haber's father, John Haber, was a blacksmith and wagonmaker in Germany, where he lived and died. His children were: William; Eobold; Karl, who died in Germany (at the time of his death he was holding a responsible office in the government service); Conrad; and Martha, who married John Krug and is living in Tamaqua.

William Haber was born Nov. 16, 1844, in Hessen-Nassau, where he was reared and educated, learning his trade under the careful tuition of his father. For two and a half years after completing his apprenticeship he traveled over his native land, working at his trade in different shops to acquire the experience which a diversity of work gives, learning to adapt himself to varying conditions and methods. Coming to America, he reached Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 3, 1865, and soon found employment at his trade. It was not long before he began to follow it on his own account, locating on Pine street, where he did general blacksmith work and built wagons and sleighs. His custom increased steadily, and he held it by reliable work and honest dealings, until he sold out in 1893 to Philip Krell, who operated the shop until 1914. Mr. Haber then bought a hotel on Pine street, which he



conducted for four years, since when he has lived retired, doing no active work except what is necessary to look after his interests properly. He was directly connected with the municipal government for a long period, having served six years as a member of the borough council and four years in the responsible capacity of borough treasurer. In both positions he discharged his duties with painstaking regard for the wishes of his townsmen, retaining their good will and respect by his unselfish public spirit and unquestionable integrity.

In 1867 Mr. Haber married Mrs. Catherine E. (Wetterau) Kraus, whose father, John Ernst Wetterau, came to this country from Germany. By her first marriage, to John W. Kraus (deceased), she had one son, William, who married Lavina Raab; their daughter, Annie B. Kraus, is now the wife of C. C. Hirsch, and has one son, William Haber Hirsch. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haber.

Mr. Haber has made two visits back to the Fatherland since he settled in the United States. In 1875 he made his first trip home, spending three months in travel, and in 1893 he and his wife went together, on that occasion bringing his mother and sister and the latter's husband back with them to Tamaqua. Mrs. John Haber, the mother, died Oct. 18, 1899, at Tamaqua, where she is buried.

Mr. Haber is a Mason in fraternal connection, belonging to Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, F. & A. M.

CONRAD BISCHOFF, late of Tamaqua, was the founder of one of the most successful business establishments in the borough, now conducted by his sons, all of whom are respected residents of the place which was the scene of their father's active career. Mr. Bischoff was a typical thrifty German, reared with the practical ideas for which his native land is noted, and trained with the thoroughness which few but old-country apprentices know by experience. So though he had little in the way of worldly goods when he arrived here he was well equipped to take care of himself, and besides was blessed with ambition and courage, which he showed in venturing alone to a strange land. He was well rewarded, and in turn proved one of the valuable citizens of the community he chose for a home, contributing much toward the establishment of sound business standards in the town of his adoption.

Mr. Bischoff was born in Bavaria, Germany, where he spent his early life, coming to America when a youth and settling at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was a skilled cabinetmaker, and followed the business all his days. Though he started modestly he made steady progress, and in 1870 he built a large brick factory on Lafayette street in which to carry on the manufacture of furniture, in which line he commanded a large trade, both wholesale and retail. He also did an extensive business as an undertaker. Mr. Bischoff continued his active connection with both branches until his death, which occurred Dec. 3, 1901. He married Wilhelmina Buri, who survived him several years, passing away April 3, 1910, and she conducted the business after his death under the name of W. Bischoff. It is now operated by their children, as the Estate of Mrs. Wilhelmina Bischoff, all the children having equal responsibility and interest therein. The factory, as already mentioned, is on Lafayette street, and the store is at No. 115 West Broad street, which is the location of the old family homestead, where all the Bischoffs still reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bischoff had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter: (1) Fred is at present serving as assessor of the North

ward of Tamaqua. He married Emma Becker. (2) William C., born April 27, 1861, was for fifteen years a member of Company B, 8th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, in which he held the rank of lieutenant. (3) Charles, who is now representing the North ward in the borough council, was a member of Company B, 8th Pennsylvania National Guard, for twenty-three years, and saw service in the Spanish-American war. All three brothers are members of the B. P. O. Elks and of the American Hose Company, and William C. Bischoff has been a member of Washington Camp, No. 57, P. O. S. of A., for the last thirty-eight years. (4) Emma, the only daughter, is the wife of Fred Zizelmann, and they have one son, Conrad Bischoff. All the family belong to the Lutheran Church.

The Bischoffs are among the most substantial business men in Tamaqua, holding a large share of the local trade both as furniture manufacturers and dealers, and in the undertaking line.

WILLIAM F. DOCHNEY has been closely associated with the administration of municipal affairs in Mahanoy City, in fact he has been one of its most popular officials. As chief burgess for five years he made a record of executive ability which was a fitting climax to the reputation he had acquired in previous services to his fellow citizens, for he has been active in public life from the time he attained his majority. He has cooperated in every progressive movement undertaken, showing keen insight and good understanding on questions of local importance, and can always be counted on the right side of every issue affecting the general welfare.

Mr. Dochney was born in September, 1857, at West Wood, Schuylkill county, son of Nicholas Dochney. The father was a native of Ireland, coming to America when a young man, and first settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thence removing to West Wood and later to Middle Creek. In 1872 he located at Mahanoy City, where he lived retired until his death, in 1883. He was engaged in mining throughout his active years.

William F. Dochney began work at the mines at an early age. For about nine years he held the position of foreman at the Mahanoy City colliery, at the end of that period going into the furniture business on his own account, being so engaged for a period of fourteen years. He was then honored with election to the principal executive position in the borough, becoming chief burgess, and he filled that office for five years with eminent satisfaction to a large majority of the residents of the borough. It is generally conceded that Mahanoy City never had a more popular man at the head of its government. It was during his term that Mahanoy City held its semi-centennial celebration, in 1913, and as chairman of the executive committee in charge of the arrangements, and member of the transportation committee, he labored untiringly to make the occasion a success long to be remembered. Too much credit cannot be given him for his zeal in the work. His enthusiasm was contagious, his example one of unselfish public spirit, and the celebration was carried out in an elaborate and appropriate manner, reflecting the highest credit on the town and its people for loyalty and enterprise.

Mr. Dochney was only twenty-one years old when elected a member of the Mahanoy City school board, and he was retained in that office for nine years. For two years he served as justice of the peace. He was one of the founders of the board of health and a member of that body for eight years. Since the close of his term as burgess he has resumed mine work, being now

foreman at the Tunnel Ridge colliery. For thirty-two years he has been a member of the Humane Fire Company, and takes a leading part in its activities. He was a charter member of the Mahanoy City lodge of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Dochney married Sarah Houlahan, who was born at West Wood, this county, daughter of Thomas Houlahan, a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Dochney have had the following children: John is now located in New York City; Thomas lives in Mahanoy City; Jane is a public school teacher in Mahanoy City; Catherine is at home; William resides in Reading, Pa.; Joseph, twin of William, is a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at Mahanoy City; Frank, a mining engineer, resides at Mahanoy City; Raymond and Mary are at home.

ROBERT J. LUTZ, carpenter and builder, of Mahanoy City, has been doing a liberal share of the best construction work in the borough executed within the last decade. In workmanship, solidity, architecture, arrangement and finish his structures compare well with those around them, for Mr. Lutz has had the worthy ambition to embody in his work the high principles which make him respected as a man.

Jacob Lutz, the grandfather of Robert J. Lutz, lived and died at Lewistown, Schuylkill county. He was a farmer by occupation. His son, Solomon H. Lutz, father of Robert J. Lutz, was born and reared at Lewistown, and came to Mahanoy City in 1860, before its incorporation as a borough. By trade he was a carpenter, and he followed that calling in Mahanoy City and the vicinity all his active years, becoming very well known in this section as an honest and competent workman. His death occurred July 21, 1895, and he is buried at Tamaqua. His widow, Mrs. Kate (Kline) Lutz, is still residing at Mahanoy City. They had two children, Robert J. and Gertrude, the latter the wife of Dr. I. O. Felmlee, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Robert J. Lutz was born March 31, 1874, at Mahanoy City, where he spent his boyhood in attendance at the public schools. He early began assisting his father in carpenter work, following the trade as journeyman until nine years ago, when, in 1906, he undertook contracting on his own account. The contracts for a number of the best residences and business blocks constructed since he started for himself have been awarded to him, and his patrons have been well satisfied with his services. He has given close attention to the various branches of the work, neglecting nothing and placing due importance on each detail. For this reason his buildings are unusually complete, economically and tastefully arranged, finished with a regard for lasting beauty as well as durability, and for fitness, being distinctly desirable units in the material features of the borough. He has a faculty for making the most of space, and for using the points of a location to good advantage, which bring the effects of his completed structures into harmony with their surroundings. Among the residences he has constructed are the James K. Silliman house and the home of Joseph Garrahan, lawyer; his business contracts include the *Tribune* building, the Cook & Meehan building and the Gatly & West building. Mr. Lutz has taken a public-spirited interest in local government, and since 1911 has been a member of the town council. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to all the local Masonic bodies—Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M.; Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M.; and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T.; and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum.

His religious connection is with the United Evangelical Church. Personally he is held in high esteem wherever known. Mr. Lutz married Mabel M. Kriner, and they are the parents of the following named children: Leon, Carrie, Robert, Norman, Ira, Martha and Roy.

PROF. WILBUR MERRILL YEINGST, A. M., one of the most efficient educators of Schuylkill county, has been superintendent of the public schools at Minersville since December, 1908, and has been enthusiastic in the promotion of the best interests of public education throughout his career. He is a native of Cumberland county, Pa., a member of a family of German origin which has long had its home there.

George Yeingst, his grandfather, was born in Dickinson township, Cumberland county, and was engaged in farming in that township, on what was known as the Bradley farm. Thence he moved to Mt. Holly, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying at the age of seventy-six years. His wife also died at Mt. Holly, when seventy-one years old. They were the parents of the following named children: Sallie is the widow of David Geyer, and is living at Mt. Holly Springs; Michael died in 1902, in Dickinson township; Fred, who is a carpenter, makes his home in Carlisle; Alfred died in Illinois; William lives in Dickinson township; Amelia, Mrs. Kauffman, is a resident of Mt. Holly Springs; David, born in 1841, married Martha Sowers; Charles, a carpenter, is employed at Steelton, and makes his home at Mt. Holly Springs; James was the father of Professor Yeingst.

James Yeingst was born in South Middleton township, Cumberland Co., Pa., learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed it for many years as an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Boiling Springs, in his native county. He died May 9, 1914. To his marriage with Elizabeth Smith was born one child, Wilbur Merrill.

Wilbur Merrill Yeingst was born June 12, 1875, near Boiling Springs, in South Middleton township, Cumberland county, and attended the local schools. His higher education was received at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1897. He has since been devoted to educational work. After two years as teacher in the high school at Boiling Springs he was engaged for three years as principal of the schools at Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa. For the six years following he was supervising principal of the schools at Lykens, also in Dauphin county, in December, 1908, assuming the duties of his present position. Professor Yeingst has met with unqualified success in his chosen profession, and the work he has done at Minersville is typical of the services which have given such satisfaction wherever he has been engaged. His modern ideas, prompt adoption of tested methods and promising changes, and above all his energy in every department of school work, have fostered a spirit of cooperation among his fellow teachers, and also among the pupils, which could not fail to have a wholesome effect upon the general welfare of the schools under his charge. Professor Yeingst is a member of the Modern Woodmen, of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Lykens Lodge, No. 570, F. & A. M.; Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M.; Harrisburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Harrisburg. His religious association is with the Methodist Church.

Professor Yeingst married Olive Mountz, daughter of Urias Mountz, of

South Middleton township, Cumberland county, and they have a family of four children: James, Oliver, Violet and Helen.

CALVIN ELIJAH SITTLER, postmaster and general merchant at Sittler, Schuylkill county, is a son of the late Tilghman E. Sittler, founder of the town and its leading citizen for a generation and more.

The name of Sittler or Sitler has had many representatives of solid worth in the older communities of Pennsylvania from Colonial times. It was in the year 1736, according to the testimony of his descendants of the third generation, that Dietrich Sitler, the ancestor of the branch of the family here under consideration, arrived in America with his older brother Mathias. Their origin, the reasons for their emigration and the unique tradition which had its rise in the circumstances of their complete separation from early home and family ties, and the comparatively recent efforts of the family to establish their claims as heirs to a vast estate in Germany, constitute a record of unusual interest. The story forms an appropriate introduction to the history of Dietrich Sitler and his posterity.

This account of the earliest known ancestors of these Sittlers is compiled from a report of Prof. J. R. Dimm, dated "Selingsgrove, Pa., Sept. 4th, 1900," of the efforts he and others made that summer in pursuit of information relating to the Sitlers, at the instigation of a number of the family, and with the view of stimulating the present heirs to united activity in the famous Sitler will claims. He is a grandson of Margaretha Sitler, wife of Christopher Dimm, who on Aug. 20, 1784, had a large lot of ground in the town of Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., conveyed to him. The desired records, and the descendants of the emigrant Sitlers able to throw any light on the subject, were scattered over York, Lancaster, Berks and Lehigh counties, but the investigation was conducted most conscientiously and had many promising results, as well as a number of disappointments. The work occupied several weeks. The various sources of information exploited included the Colonial records found in the State libraries; the county records; church records; tombstone inscriptions; old family Bibles; and family traditions—and where indisputable facts were being sought each was found to have its limitations. The county record begins with the date of the county's erection, which in most cases was later than the Sitlers' arrival in America and settlement in the Province of Pennsylvania. Of early records, the church chronicles are the most reliable, and when complete very valuable, but in many cases they have been so irregularly kept as to be only fragmentary, and, moreover, they "bear no witness at all to those who neglected the Christian religion." It was found, too, that in many cases the books had been lost or destroyed; or that they had been neglected; or that the handwriting was so defective and the ink so pale as to make the entries undecipherable. Many burials were made in the woods where they cannot be located, even though in grounds set apart for the purpose; many tombstones were not engraved for want of skilled craftsmen; and others have had the markings almost obliterated by time. Old family Bibles seem to be scarce, and comparatively few contain records; and traditions, though legion, and usually a guide to the facts upon which they are founded, are not reliable.

Professor Dimm fortified himself with all the available knowledge concerning the family before he set out on his twofold mission. Jacob Sitler, of Hittenthall (post office Schartzenu), Westphalia, Germany, found the name

of Mathias Sitler, father of the emigrant ancestors of this family, in the records of Elsoffer Church. The entry translated reads as follows: "Baptized Mathias Sidler, son of Frederick Sidler and his wife Elizabeth, born June 4, 1651. Sponsors Hans Ludwich Theis of Hoffe and Ann Elizabeth, wife of John Kasper Miller." This Mathias was the Baron von Sidler, the story of whose strange will forms the foundation of a family tradition of exceptional interest. It would appear that the Baron was a man of original mind; but he could scarcely have considered the consequences in case his plan miscarried. Two of his sons, Mathias and Dietrich, changed their religious allegiance from the Roman Catholic to the Lutheran Church, which so incensed the father against them that the alienation was permanent. It was probably the cause of their emigration to the New World, for as far back as known in this country the tradition has existed in the family that they were entitled to a share of large estates in Germany possessed by their ancestor, Baron Mathias von Sidler, the settlement of whose property was delayed by the peculiar directions concerning his will, that it was not to be opened before the lapse of a century after his death. As trustee to take charge of his estates during the one hundred years he appointed the King of Prussia. It was understood that the Baron's wealth was employed in banking institutions in the province of Alsace. The Baron had another son, Abraham, who, it is claimed in some quarters, also came to America, but there is nothing to refute or prove the claim.

Those of the Sitlers who have given any time to gathering and preserving family information have the united testimony of the third generation in America that the Sitlers came to this country in 1736. Mathias, from the fact that he was given his father's name, was probably the eldest son. He settled in Lancaster county, Pa., owned a house in the city of Lancaster in 1764, and later moved westward into York county, where he had a large landed property. His last removal was to Baltimore, Md., where he purchased lands which he let out on ground rents in parts, for ninety-nine years, helped to develop the city, and left a large estate unsettled when he died in Baltimore in 1787. Some of his family moved back to York county, Pa., where their descendants still reside; others went to the Southern States. A daughter of his grandson Abraham Sitler was found at Hanover, Yorks Co., Pa., by Professor Dimm in 1900. She was then seventy years old (born in 1830), an intelligent, well educated woman of unimpaired faculties, and testified that from her earliest childhood she had heard her father speak to his family about the will of his great-grandfather, who died in 1745, which would make the year 1845 as the time set for the distribution of the property. Her father confidently expected this, and it was a subject of common conversation among the relations whenever they visited. There is evidence to show that the same belief about the will and its eccentric provisions prevailed in other branches of the family. When 1845 went by and the expectations were not realized an effort was made to find out whether these estates really existed or not, the Sitlers sending a lawyer to Germany to inquire into the matter, and especially to ascertain the possibilities in the case of the American claimants. In Berks and Lehigh counties Professor Dimm found men whose fathers had contributed, to the expense of this investigation, and who said the attorney returned with the news that there was an estate worth millions awaiting their claims, but that he was not equipped with the genealogical records and other papers necessary to make proper application therefor. The matter

rested at that stage until about 1850. Meantime two grandsons of the emigrant Mathias Sitler, residing in York county, Pa., received several notices from Germany informing them of the existence of the estates awaiting American heirs; no attention had been paid to these notices. From various Sitalers it is learned that about 1850 a messenger was sent from the German government to the United States government, at Washington, where he was referred to Thaddeus Stevens, then the representative in the House from the district made up of Lancaster, York and Berks counties. Mr. Stevens obligingly undertook his introduction to the Sitler heirs in York county. It is related that they arrived at the house of a wealthy grandson of Mathias Sitler near the city of York about nine o'clock one night, after he had retired, and he refused to get up but had them come up to his room. After learning their errand he told them to collect what was due, take out their pay and give him his share. Thaddeus Stevens it is known made one more effort, offering to collect the whole estate and bring it to America for twenty-five per cent. But the grandsons considered the percentage too high, and so nothing was done.

In 1897 the American consul at Berlin inserted a small advertisement in a New York newspaper: "Wanted heirs to inherit a vast estate left in Germany by Mathias Sitler, Sr." It had the effect of bringing the present-day descendants to their feet, and the organization now existing among them is the result. The Sitler German society was founded in 1897 by descendants of Mathias Sitler, none of Dietrich's posterity being included. Upon inquiry Professor Dimm learned that its primary object was to assert and enforce the claims of the heirs of Mathias Sitler of Baltimore to an unsettled estate and the interests in certain grounds in Baltimore whose leases had expired (to which property the heirs of Dietrich had no right); and, that accomplished, to use the proceeds to prosecute their claims to the estates of Baron von Sidler. However, the officers of the society explained that it then had neither charter nor constitution, and that reorganization to secure the full cooperation of the heirs in both branches was possible, so that an agent sent to Germany would represent all the heirs, all of whom should participate in bearing the expense of the undertaking. However, it was considered advisable to suggest the proviso that the Dietrich Sitler heirs should make no claim to the property of Mathias Sitler of Baltimore; and if they contributed anything to aid in the prosecution of the claim their money should be returned to them with interest from the date of contribution when the claims were awarded.

As a result of the exertions of Professor Dimm and his coworkers it was planned to hold a meeting at which all the descendants of Mathias and Dietrich Sitler should be represented, and the executive committee of the Sitler German Society called such a meeting, at Harrisburg, the date set being Oct. 23, 1900, in order to acquaint those interested with the known facts; to amplify these as much as possible from other information in the family; and to secure definite promises of assistance, for the fund necessary to carry on the researches which were a necessary preliminary to the legal action. At Philadelphia the cooperation of a lawyer engaged by one of the group of the family was secured, his clients falling in with the general plan. Professor Dimm, as a representative of the Dietrich Sitler heirs, and the various officers of the Sitler German Society, representing the Mathias Sitler heirs, agreed on certain preparatory work: to complete the family trees in this country; to ascertain if these estates still exist in the care of the German government, or whether they have been forfeited to the authorities; to obtain documentary

evidence in support of their claims, including baptismal records and a copy of the will in question from Germany; and to engage competent German legal talent. There was some apprehension that the German government might resist the transfer of so much property to citizens of another country.

Dietrich Sitler, the younger of the two brothers whose change of faith isolated them from their family and gave to Pennsylvania some of the sturdy Teutonic stock which has largely influenced the characteristics of the population even down to the present time, came to this country in 1736—in the midst of the Colonial period, fifty-four years after Penn founded Philadelphia, when only a few counties had been erected in Pennsylvania, and forty years before the Declaration of Independence. The brothers settled on lands now included in the counties of Lancaster and Berks, and Dietrich remained a citizen of the latter county to the end of his days, and was buried, as his descendants believe, at the Moselem Church in Richmond township. In the course of his investigations during the summer of 1900 Professor Dimm visited this old church, the oldest house of worship in all that region, located on a tract of land (103 acres) presented to the German Lutherans by a son of William Penn. Dietrich Sitler helped to build the first church there, in 1745, a log structure which was burned by the Indians. It was replaced in 1761 by a stone church, and Dietrich Sitler was one of the members and officers until 1778; his son Henry was one of the church officers from 1785 to 1816. It is practically certain that Dietrich is buried in the graveyard there, and a close search was made for a possible tombstone, though, as is frequently the case, the ancient burial spot had few stones marking the scores of graves. On close examination it was found that several stones had once borne clear inscriptions, now so effaced by time and the weather as to be almost if not entirely illegible, and many were broken and lying flat on the ground. However, one of the upright markers, a stone about three feet high, sixteen inches wide and six inches thick, showed plainly the word Sitler, with a German "D" before it, the rest of the wording all worn off except the dates, of which the months were doubtful, but the years plain. The inscription as finally deciphered read: "Dietrich Sitler, born Sept. 13th, 1716, died Oct. 20th, 1775." But as 1716 is the date of birth of Mathias, brother of Dietrich, and as there is documentary evidence that the latter was living in 1778 (he certified to a settlement of church accounts Jan. 22, 1777, and communed in Moselem Church with his wife June 27, 1778), the date on this stone must refer to another of the same name, and there is no tangible support for the supposition that the Dietrich Sitler in which we are interested rests there. The outline of his history may be found in the records of the Colonial period, 1730-1780, now deposited in Philadelphia. He married Anna Maria Von Resler, and they reared a family of six children. By his second wife, Doratha, he had no family. Nothing concerning him was found in the records at Reading and Hamburg.

Phillip Sitler, son of Dietrich, is next ancestor in the line of Calvin E. Sitler. His wife's name was Catherine.

George Sitler, son of Phillip and Catherine Sitler, married a Miss Moser, and they had a large family: John, Solomon, Samuel, Johnathan, George, Mrs. Judith Weiss, Mrs. Lucy Werley, Mrs. Shoemaker (of Ohio), Mrs. Lechleiter (of Ohio), Mrs. Klingeman and Mrs. Beninghoff (of Ohio). Of the sons, Samuel, grandfather of Calvin E., is referred to more fully in the next paragraph. John had a son John, who settled on a cattle range out West. Solomon



had four children: Edward, whose children were Pierce, Calvin, Harvey, Vinnie, Rudolph, John and Estella; John, who had Wesley and Stanley; Charles; and Sallie, who married Edward Lester and had four children, Edward, Jennie, Adelbert and Frankie. Johnathan had three children, Elias, Catherine and Caroline; this family moved to Ohio, and Johnathan's widow married a Mr. Stoldt. George had a family of eight: Reuben, whose children were James, Sylvester, Caroline, David and Sarah; David, who had Daniel and Sarah; William; George, who had Henry, John, George and James; Regina, Mrs. Abraham Kestler; Polly, Mrs. Nathan Miller, who had a daughter Ella, wife of Alvin Rupp; Lovina, Mrs. Peter Warner; and Levi, father of Dr. Al Sittler.

Samuel Sittler, grandfather of Calvin E. Sittler, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and settled in Mahoning township, Carbon Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He had a farm of sixty acres. By his marriage to Elizabeth Everett, daughter of Jacob Everett, he had a family of six children, namely: (1) Caroline married John Balliet and had children: Stephen, Tilghman and Emma. (2) Charles married Priscilla Snyder and had children: Agnes (Mrs. Eberts), Savannah (Mrs. Kistler), Daniel W., Martha (Mrs. Kresge), Ida and Estella. (3) William married Mary Snyder. (4) Tilghman E. married Louisa Hunsicker. (5) Sarah married Joseph Hoppes and had one child, Lizetta. (6) Amanda married John Longacre and had children: Olivia (Mrs. Wertman), Lizzie (Mrs. Delp), Caroline, Hattie and Roscoe. Mr. Sittler was a Republican in his political faith. He was a member of the German Lutheran (Ben-Salem) Church in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., and he and his wife are buried there.

Tilghman E. Sittler, son of Samuel, was born in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., July 19, 1837, and died Sept. 27, 1907. His education was obtained in the public schools of Mahoning township, Carbon county, and at Perkiomen Seminary, and he taught school in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, until his enlistment in the Union army, in which he served as sergeant. He enlisted Aug. 16, 1864, for one year, and was enrolled at Harrisburg as sergeant in Company A (Capt. Jacob D. Laciars), 202d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was under the command of Col. Charles Albright and later of Col. John A. Manns. The regiment rendezvoused at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Sept. 3, 1864, and proceeded to Camp Couch Sept. 10th, where it was drilled and led out on a three days' march for exercise on Sept. 23d. Going on to Washington and Alexandria, it was then sent by General Stough to do duty on the Manasses Gap railroad, taking possession along the road from Thoroughfare Gap to Rectortown; and participated in the fighting at Salem Heights, Oct. 8-16, 1864. The enemy wrecked their railroad train and poured a volley upon the poor sufferers in the wreck; Colonel Albright then ordered that all the buildings within a radius of one mile be burned; later this railroad was abandoned and the 202d Regiment was engaged in its destruction as far as Alexandria. This regiment guarded the Orange and Alexandria railroad from Bull Run to Alexandria, with headquarters at Halifax Station, where they protected woodmen and teams which were engaged in the construction of four works for the United States army. The regiment was then sent to Philadelphia, and from there took headquarters at Tamaqua, Pa., later assembling at Harrisburg, where Mr. Sittler was mustered out and honorably discharged Aug. 3, 1865.

Returning from the army, Mr. Sittler engaged in the general store business

at the location which later became known as Sittler's (the post office is Sittler), and he was instrumental in having the post office established there. He was appointed the first postmaster, holding the position until his death, when his son Calvin E. Sittler succeeded him. Mr. Sittler was a man of energetic disposition and entered heartily into local enterprises, in which his intelligent cooperation was properly valued. He represented the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, and had charge of the district embracing West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and the Mahoning Valley, Carbon county. He served his home township as school director, and was known as one of the most faithful members of the Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, just across the Schuylkill county line in East Penn township, Carbon county. He is buried there. Mr. Sittler was a member of Bertolet Post, No. 484, G. A. R., of Lehighton, Pa., and remained a Republican to the end of his days.

Mr. Sittler married Louisa Hunsicker, a daughter of Henry and Abigail (Arner) Hunsicker, and they had the following children: Dr. Warren C., born Feb. 2, 1868, now resides in Mahoning township, Carbon Co., Pa.; he married Hattie Zeliner, and they have one child, Earl, who is attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. Calvin E. is next in the family. Jennie E., born Jan. 27, 1873, is married to Harry N. Cannon, manager of the Childs restaurants in Baltimore, Md.; their children are Burdelle and Harry. Lulu M., born Jan. 27, 1880, is the wife of Rev. J. S. Kistler, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., and has one child, Louise. LeRoy A., born Feb. 15, 1881, is a truck farmer in Lehigh county (on Macungie R. F. D. Route No. 2); he married Katie Dennenhauer. Elsie Sallie Lufonta, born Dec. 18, 1887, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1905, lives at home. George C., who completes the family, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted in Company C, 21st Regiment, United States Regular Infantry, in 1898, at the recruiting office in Pottsville, Pa. He was sent to Fort McPherson, Ga., and then to Austell (Lithia Springs), that State, and after a short period spent in these two camps of instruction proceeded to Cuba, by way of Tampa, Fla., for active service at the front. He participated in the engagements at Matanzas, Cienfuegos, El Caney, San Juan, Guantanamo and Santiago. After the surrender of the Spanish army he was transferred to Plattsburg Barracks, in New York State, and was there discharged in February, 1899, under orders of the adjutant general's office, which gave him the privilege of receiving his discharge after the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain. While at Austell, Ga., he was struck by lightning, the accident shattering his health. He holds a medal as a first-class marksman (sharpshooter), for which honor he qualified at the Plattsburg rifle range.

Calvin E. Sittler, who has succeeded his father as general merchant and postmaster at Sittler, was born Feb. 12, 1871, in West Penn township, and received his preparatory education there in the public schools. Later he was a student at the West Chester State Normal School and the Eastman Business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and his practical business training was gained as clerk in his father's store and assistant postmaster. Upon his father's death he was appointed postmaster, and has served as such to the present time, looking after the office in connection with the operation of his general store, which is the largest and best equipped establishment of the kind in the territory. He succeeded his father as representative of the Farmers'

Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and by his honorable transactions has come to occupy the same enviable position his father held in the general esteem. Fraternally he is a member in good standing of Lodge No. 1153, I. O. O. F., of Sittler, Pa.; formerly he belonged to Joseph Webb Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Lehighton, Carbon county. He holds membership in the Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, and was at one time a teacher in the Sunday school.

Mrs. Louisa (Hunsicker) Sittler, mother of Calvin E. Sittler, was born July 6, 1844, daughter of Henry Hunsicker and granddaughter of Henry Hunsicker. The latter was a farmer in Mahoning township, Carbon county. He married Eva Moser, and they had children as follows: John; Henry, father of Mrs. Sittler; Joseph, who married Polly Gerber and (second) a Mrs. Houser; Catherine, Mrs. Charles Xander; Leah; and one daughter who married David Nothstein. In his political views Mr. Hunsicker was a staunch Republican, and he was an active member of the Ben-Salem Church, where he and his wife are buried.

Henry Hunsicker, father of Mrs. Sittler, died when she was two years old. By his marriage to Abigail Arner there were two children, namely: Louisa, Mrs. Sittler; and Emmaline, now the widow of Thomas Musselman, residing at East Orange, N. J. Mr. Hunsicker was a Republican. His widow married (second) Amos Riegel, a very prominent Republican politician of Carbon county, where he served as sheriff and county commissioner. He was a veteran of the Civil war, during which he served in the home guards, and belonged to Bertolet Post, No. 484, G. A. R., at Lehighton. By occupation he was originally a drover. While sheriff he bought several farms, where Packerton is now located, and cut them up into building lots. He was a member of St. John's Reformed Church in Mahoning township, Carbon county, and helped to build the church at Lehighton, to which he was a liberal contributor. He died at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried at Lehighton. His wife is buried at St. John's Church in Mahoning township, Carbon county. They had four children, namely: Jerome married a Miss Koch, and both are deceased; Tilghman died young; Johann married Caroline Balliet, who is deceased (he was a ranchman in South Dakota for many years; he has served as justice of the peace at Lehighton); Sallie resides at Lehighton.

CLEMENS M. ROSENBERGER, of Pottsville, has risen to a noteworthy position among the successful business men of this region on his own merits. Beginning as a breaker boy at the coal mines, he has become a prosperous coal operator, and he and his brothers have filled the wants of the large local trade, finding an immediate market for their production. Mr. Rosenberger also takes a keen and active interest in municipal affairs, feeling that all matters affecting the general welfare are worthy the attention of public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Rosenberger's grandfather, Andrew Rosenberger, came to this country from Germany, settled in Pottsville, Pa., and was a section boss on the first railroad in this locality. John Rosenberger, son of Andrew, was born at Pottsville, and died Sept. 23, 1899, aged fifty-three years; he is buried at Pottsville. He followed mining, for a time operating the Billheiser colliery at Pottsville. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Wanamaker, died in Pottsville May 28, 1909, aged sixty years. Thirteen children were born to this marriage: Elizabeth married Philip Ploppert; John A. is a contractor and builder of Pottsville; Benjamin is engaged in the coal business

with his brother Clemens; Clemens M. is next in the family; Christina married Lepold Horner, of Pottsville; Kate married Fidus Smith; Emma married George Sowers; Gertrude married Frank Schaffer; George is a carpenter; William is also a carpenter; Lewis is in the coal business with his brothers; Annie is unmarried; Ella died in 1911, the wife of August Pfluger.

Clemens M. Rosenberger was born Oct. 29, 1874, at Pottsville, and obtained his early education in the public schools of the borough. Subsequently he took a course at the Scranton Correspondence Schools. He began work as a breaker boy with his father, was promoted in time to the position of gig boss, and afterwards became breaker boss at the Lehigh Valley colliery, York Farm, holding this position for four years, until the colliery was closed. He then became boss for the Manhattan colliery, located at Forestville, near Minersville, being so engaged for about six years, in 1898 beginning operating on his own account on the Richard estate, lying south of Pottsville and on the north side of the Sharp Mountain. His brothers Benjamin and Lewis are associated in business with him, and they are now operating three veins, taking out the free burning coal, all of which is disposed of to the local trade.

Mr. Rosenberger has taken a prominent part in the workings of the Democratic party, and has served a number of years as judge of election of his district. He was elected a member of the Pottsville council, and gave three years of faithful service in that body. He is a popular member of the Yorkville Fire Company, in which he has held office, and he is a Catholic in religious faith, belonging to St. John's German Church.

Mr. Rosenberger makes his home at No. 1709 West Market street. He married Margaret Ballmann, daughter of Benjamin Ballmann, of Egg Harbor City, N. J., and they have had four children, Joseph, the eldest, dying when fifteen months old. The survivors are Margaret, Josephine and Elizabeth.

FRANK C. REESE, of Pottsville, is a native of Schuylkill county, born Feb. 11, 1865, at Wadesville. His parents, John and Flower (Codrington) Reese, were natives of Wales, coming to America from that country about 1863, and first settling at Wadesville, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania.

John Reese soon became prominent in mining and railroad circles, and held positions of responsibility during the period when the "Molly Maguires" were in their ascendancy. He was soon spotted as a man who should be removed, being one of six men in the county who were sworn to secrecy and to whom, with the aid of that celebrated Detective James McFarland, Captain Linden, of Philadelphia, and Franklin B. Gowen, of Philadelphia, the task of removing the blot on the county was intrusted. Numerous attempts were made to carry out the nefarious schemes they planned for the riddance of so able an opponent. At one time three men were detailed from among the "faithful" to kill him, but he was warned and escaped. Numerous times they visited the home of Reese, but were thwarted in their hellish purpose by the men on guard; for two years it was necessary to have from two to five police on guard at his home. His house was made the headquarters for the law-abiding citizens of his community, and members of the family were obliged to remain on upper floors to escape violence from prowling "Mollies" for a period of seven months. Though Mr. Reese was fired at on four different occasions, and his clothing pierced with bullets, he escaped personal injury from that source. He was killed by an explosion of gas in the Kehley Run colliery, in July, 1880, two other mine superintendents losing their lives at the same time.



*Frank C. Ruse*



As a division superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and an authority on mining and expert on the mine damps and gases, his services and advice were greatly in demand. He had attained a high reputation and standing in the social and business affairs of the county.

Frank C. Reese, then but a lad, rendered valuable service in the capacity of messenger boy during the Molly Maguire troubles. Often at night he was sent on an errand with important letters, followed by an officer who saw that the lad was not molested as he made the delivery of same to different bosses or clergy and to the detective himself, or to Captain Linden, who had charge of the operations of the detectives at work. So close was the secret held that although Captain Linden made his headquarters in the Reese home for a period of nine months, Mrs. John Reese had never during that time met the Captain or his hired men, as the meetings were all held at night. But Frank was the messenger, and to avoid danger in the delivery of the important mail the letters were placed in his shoe and taken from it by the person to whom the delivery was to be made. At that time Thomas J. Foster, who is now president of the Correspondence Schools at Scranton, was owner and editor of the *Shenandoah Herald*, printed in Shenandoah, and as he was doing heroic work in exposing the doings of the Mollies it was almost impossible to get his papers delivered. Frank C. Reese was put to work making the delivery, and many evenings he distributed his papers with an officer of the law on each side of him to protect him from harm. His close association with the dangers of the time, at a period of his life when deep impressions are made, and the opportunity he had to go over his father's private affairs, left to him by his father's death, render him to-day one of the best authorities on Molly Maguireism in Schuylkill county.

Mr. Reese attended the common schools of his native locality, but his education was broken into by the untimely death of his father. Frank was then fifteen years old. Being the eldest of six small children, he shouldered the responsibility of providing for them and his widowed mother. At the death of his father the mine bosses raised and delivered to his mother \$1,000, with which she purchased a home, and Frank began to work at the breakers, picking slate and doing other work such as his age would permit. His mother opened a little grocery store, and after working in the daytime Frank hauled out the goods at night. He was then placed in charge of an office at one of the collieries and took up telegraphy, which he learned on one of the old-style paper or tape machines, as they were called in those days, in the year 1880. Any spare time he had he devoted to studying mathematics and finance. In 1883 his mother borrowed enough money to send him to Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, where he spent seven months. Returning from school with his efficiency much increased along the line of clerical work, he soon established an enviable reputation among the officials of the Philadelphia & Reading Company in his service as clerk of various collieries operated by that company. In his spare time he applied himself to the settlement of financial differences of private individuals, and was always in demand in the settlements of tax collectors in his locality, and often called as an expert witness on financial matters in dispute before the county courts. Very early in life he became interested in Soule's shorter methods in mathematics and soon became an expert accountant, applying methods wholly unknown to the average clerk, yet reaching accurate solutions of complicated problems in incredibly short time. This has been a feature of his life work. In 1891 he attended a performance given by Professor Kellar, the well known magician, at which Kellar offered a

prize of one hundred dollars to anyone in the audience who would detect an error in his calculations on cubing of numbers. Mr. Reese's quick eye and mental calculations were brought into play, and the Professor had not gone far until he had him caught. Kellar admitted the error and paid over the money, and Mr. Reese that evening at a supper given in honor of the Professor's visit to the town took a blackboard and for one hour demonstrated the Soule system, to the wonder and satisfaction of the select party, proving that he had done in a practical way what the Professor accomplished with the aid of two other persons used in the computing.

In the year 1890 Mr. Reese was borough and school auditor, also assessor and register of voters in Shenandoah. In 1892 he brought before the people of Shenandoah the fact of the unjust assessments of property, and through his efforts had the same adjusted and the school appropriation due from the State increased \$6,000 per year. In 1892 he was chairman of the Legislative convention. He was a candidate for the office, but withdrew on the day of the convention. The same year, when the Baker ballot law was to become operative, he organized an election board, he being the judge of same; and traveled over the county giving advice and holding mock elections so as to instruct the voters in the new law.

In 1893 and for years afterwards he was financial secretary of musical festivals which were held here. The best talent obtainable in both vocal and instrumental music was assembled and prizes offered, by which means musical art was advanced materially in the county. For years Mr. Reese managed excursions to the different parks, etc., the proceeds going to charitable institutions.

In 1893 he was appointed chief clerk in the county controller's office, but after he had served a short time the act under which the appointment was made was declared unconstitutional and the office done away with. He then returned to clerking at the mines, working thus a short time, until he became assistant manager of the Shenandoah Water and Gas Company. About this time he and two others drafted the bill known in the State as the Mines and Mining Bill, which is at present in force with new acts passed since that time, and is one of the most important acts of legislation now on our statute books for the protection of employees working in the anthracite regions.

In 1895 Mr. Reese was appointed deputy controller of the county under a new act of legislation and served in that capacity until Dec. 31, 1896. In 1896 he became the candidate for register of wills and clerk of the Orphans' court of the county, was elected, and served until Dec. 31, 1899. He was a candidate for reelection in November, 1899, and was defeated by a small majority. In 1897 he with others tried to place a hospital known as the American Hospital for the Care of Women and Children in the Shenandoah valley, Mr. Reese acting as secretary of the movement; but while money enough was raised by private donation, and land donated on which to build, the movement was defeated by jealous politicians, who had the governor of the State veto the bill which had been passed giving the aid for which the State was responsible, for the maintenance.

In the year 1907 Mr. Reese was a candidate for county chairman of the Republican party, and before the people received ninety-three delegates to the opposition's sixty-two; but when the convention met he was defeated by a small margin. In 1909 and for some years prior ballot box stuffing, as well as other criminal acts in elections, was being practiced in the county, but



after two years of persistent endeavor he with two others brought the culprits to the bar of justice, and as a result of their hard work sixteen of the "stuffers" were placed in jail for the crimes they had committed. Some few escaped, taking French leave before the officers could get them. It was during those trials that the first ballot box in the State of Pennsylvania was impounded, thereby making it possible to convict. Mr. Reese's record shows that while he has been active in politics all his life he has always fought for honest elections, and stood up for clean politics.

In 1912 he was a candidate for the Legislature, receiving the nomination on the Republican, Progressive, Prohibition, and Independent tickets, and was elected by a large majority. In the session of 1913 he served with distinction, holding membership on important committees, to wit: Appropriations, Legislative Appointments, Mines and Mining, Counties and Townships, Municipal Corporations, and Banks and Banking. He took up the fight against the impeachment of the learned Judge Hon. C. N. Brumm, believing him the victim of some unscrupulous politicians, and his enemies were thwarted in their desires. He also was one of the strongest advocates of the famous Parkway bill in the House, supported the movement for the increase of the State constabulary, was active in the defeat of the bill to divide the county, and presented the bill called Pure Coal Bill, to give to the consumer a better grade of coal. In 1915 he was a candidate for county treasurer before the Republican and Washington parties, and was defeated by the Republicans and nominated by the Washington party. Throughout his political life he has been in demand in the caucuses of his party, and it is claimed that he has been sponsor for more successful candidates for office than most men.

Mr. Reese has the record of educating some thirty-four young men in the line of business, fitting them to battle with the trials of the business world. In business life he is known from one end of the State to the other, and has had a remarkably successful career. His quick appreciation of possibilities and practical ideas about their working out combined with a sound sense of judgment which makes him thoroughly trustworthy are qualities which have attracted business and established confidence to such an extent that he has been "on the ground floor" in almost every local enterprise proposed. Some conception of the extent and variety of his interests may be gained from a mere mention of a number of his associations: He was secretary of the Shenandoah Water and Gas Company of Shenandoah for years. During the years from 1886 to the present time he has promoted and held offices of trust in the following companies: president, Kehley Run Ice Company, Shenandoah; president and secretary, Shenandoah Powder Company, Shenandoah; president, Black Diamond Powder Company, Scranton, Pa.; manager and secretary, Snow Shoe Lumber Company, Pottsville, Pa.; manager and secretary, Pottsville Ice & Cold Storage Company, Pottsville, Pa.; manager, G. A. Biting Lumber Company, Pottsville, Pa.; manager, D. Duffy Lumber Company, Pottsville, Pa.; manager, Reese & Brumm Lumber & Supply Company, Pottsville, Pa.; manager and secretary, the Anthracite Lumber Company, Minersville, Pa.; president, Reese Garage & Motor Company, Pottsville, Pa. He was one of the promoters and owners of the Penn Tobacco Company, Wilkes-Barre; one of the owners of the *Daily and Weekly Local*, a newspaper published in Ashland, Pa.; also promoted the Dauphin Ice Company, Harrisburg, and backed them in the supply of ice for two seasons. Mr. Reese is still connected with numerous enterprises of noteworthy importance, backed

by unlimited capital, in his close relations with the heads of large and wealthy corporations in distant cities and States. In addition to the above he has been identified with other promoters in the looking up of data for investors in the following investments: Bond issues, savings funds, cold storage Scranton, telephone franchises, water plants, shovel manufacture, fire clay, patents, and land deals, as well as minor products in commercial life. He represented geologists and mining experts in getting data on several occasions, being in different Southern States upon this work. He has always been in close touch with the current events. As a friend he needs no eulogy here, being always on the alert to help any in trouble. He has always espoused the welfare of the workingman, and no person in his county is in closer touch with the poor and needy.

The twenty years Mr. Reese spent in the management of lumber camps in the Allegheny mountains were crowded with very interesting incidents and funny experiences, as well as dangers. In 1899 he and two other men nearly lost their lives crossing the Broad mountain, being caught in a blizzard, and they were saved only by prompt relief, parties being sent out after them. In 1903 Mr. Reese was caught in the wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad near Hazleton, in which three persons were killed, and he was so injured that for years he suffered from the nervous shock.

In 1886 Mr. Reese was married to Lizzie Girton, a daughter of John and Martha Girton, of Shenandoah, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Reese's mother died four years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Reese became the parents of eight children, only three of whom are now living: Mabel, born Jan. 3, 1891; John F., born Oct. 12, 1892; and Frank C., Jr., born Sept. 26, 1900. Blanche, Hazle, Ruth and Margaret all died in childhood, the eldest being but eight years old. The family home is at No. 1001 Market street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Fraternally Mr. Reese is a member of Washington Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., Shenandoah, and was secretary of this camp for a number of years; he is a past grand of John W. Stokes Lodge, No. 515, I. O. O. F., Shenandoah; past chief patriarch of Shenandoah Valley Encampment, I. O. O. F., Shenandoah; a member of the State grand lodge of both I. O. O. F. orders; a member of Pottsville Lodge, No. 207, B. P. O. E., Pottsville, Pa.; of the West End Hose Company, Pottsville; of the Pottsville Historical Society, Pottsville; of the Schuylkill County Motor Club; Pottsville Business Men's Association; Commercial Club, Pottsville; The Druids, a Welsh association, at Shenandoah; and of the T. P. A., Post O, of Pottsville. He is a Methodist in religious connection.

LINDER. The Linder family has been represented for three generations at Orwigsburg in practically the same line of business, its founder, Michael Linder, having been a pioneer tailor at that place, where he was succeeded by his son, John Thomas Linder. The latter's son, E. Raymond Linder, is now in the clothing trade there, being one of the leading merchants in his line in southern Schuylkill county. Burd R. Linder, another son of John Thomas Linder, is the present postmaster at Orwigsburg. From the time of its establishment here the Linder family has been represented among the most substantial citizens of the community, members in every generation giving evidence of the qualities which command respect and confidence.

Michael Linder was born Dec. 18, 1795, followed tailoring throughout his active years, and died April 16, 1871. His wife, Elizabeth, born Feb. 3, 1797,

died Dec. 15, 1882. They are buried at Orwigsburg. This couple had the following named children: Catherine married Samuel Kimmel; Anna Maria married Elijah Reed; Sarah Ann married John Haesher, M. D.; Mary Ann married Charles Heimbach; Emma married Augustus Seiger; John Thomas is mentioned below; Charles died at Pottsville, Pa.; Alfred died at home.

John Thomas Linder was born Dec. 12, 1828, at Orwigsburg, where his life was spent. He learned the tailor's trade with his father, and after the latter's death succeeded him in the business, which he carried on with steady success throughout his active years. His wife, Elizabeth (Rickert), was born Jan. 4, 1837, daughter of George and Amelia (Hammer) Rickert; her father, born Nov. 1, 1810, died April 7, 1895, and her mother died July 15, 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Linder died April 22, 1897, his wife surviving until Sept. 4, 1910, and they are buried at Orwigsburg. Their family consisted of seven children, namely: Mamie, wife of H. K. Moyer, is living at Amsterdam, N. Y.; Edith is married to John Weider, and living at Allentown, Pa.; Maude married J. C. Headman, and is living in New York City; Prof. Albert is principal of the Mohegan Lake Military School, in New York State; George is a well known merchant of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Burd R. is postmaster at Orwigsburg, Pa.; E. Raymond is a merchant of Orwigsburg.

BURD R. LINDER, son of John Thomas Linder, was born Sept. 11, 1876, at Orwigsburg, where he obtained his education in the public schools. In his young manhood he was employed here with his father and brother, George, with whom he was associated until his appointment in 1898 as postmaster at Orwigsburg. He has been retained in that position continuously since, by reappointment every four years, a record of unbroken service which has been equally remarkable for the manner in which his duties have been performed. They have naturally increased considerably with the development of the borough, and he has been thoroughly progressive in adapting himself to the new conditions and requirements, in appreciation of which his fellow citizens have retained him in the public service. Practically all his time is given to the work of the office. Socially he holds membership in several fraternal bodies, belonging to Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., the P. O. S. of A., and the Order of United American Mechanics. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Linder gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. By his marriage to Nora G. Albright Mr. Linder has a family of six children: Ralph, Froda, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth and Anna. Mrs. Linder's father, M. S. Albright, holds the office of steward at the Schuylkill County Almshouse.

E. RAYMOND LINDER, youngest son of the late John Thomas Linder, was born May 15, 1880, at Orwigsburg, and received his preparatory education in the public schools. He also took a course in the Mohegan Lake Military School in New York State, graduating in 1897, and has since been associated with business interests at Orwigsburg. He is engaged in business on his own account as a clothing merchant, and has one of the most popular establishments of the kind in the southern end of the county, carrying a fine stock of men's clothing and shoes, which attracts patronage from the most discriminating trade in this section. His wide-awake policy and up-to-date methods have received deserved recognition, and he is justly considered one of the merchants of Orwigsburg to whom the borough may look for the continued expansion of trade along modern lines. Mr. Linder has been an interested worker in various local activities, being a member of Schuylkill Lodge, No.

138, F. & A. M., of the I. O. O. F., Knights of Malta and the P. O. S. of A.; he was master of Schuylkill Lodge in 1913, when that body celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its founding. An earnest member of St. John's Reformed Church, he has served as deacon, and is at present superintendent of the Sunday school. On political questions he is a Republican.

Mr. Linder married Jennie M. Kern, daughter of L. W. Kern, of Orwigsburg, and they have had two children, Edgar Kern and Helen L.

DANIEL A. GREENAWALD has been a resident of Schuylkill Haven for several years, his business interests being at that point, but he belongs to a Berks county family of long standing, founded there several generations back. In Albany township, that county, are found many descendants of the emigrant Jacob Greenawalt, and in that locality at least one place, Greenawald Station, perpetuates the name. It is variously spelled Greenawalt or Greenawald.

Jacob Greenawalt, born in Switzerland, came to America in 1738, and upon his arrival at Philadelphia was sold as a redemptioner to a man named Schuler. In 1741 he married Elizabeth Filhower, a native of Germany, then of Montgomery county, Pa. In 1742 he and his wife located in Weisenburg township, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa., where he claimed several hundred acres of land, upon which he erected a grist mill, oil mill and tanyard. He prospered at this place, where were born his six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, Johannes, Abraham, George, Mrs. Grim and Mrs. Barbara Weise. All of these reared families of their own. The pioneer and his wife are buried at Ziegel's Church, while others of the family are interred at Seiberlingville, and some at Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Lehigh county. The Greenawalts are a strong, robust and healthy race, and many have attained ripe old age.

Jacob Greenawalt, son of the pioneer, was born in 1751, and married Maria Stambauch. In 1784 he bought 142 acres of land from J. Sutter, in Greenwich township, and there he spent the remainder of his life, dying at this place in 1839, in his eighty-ninth year. He had built a tannery on his property, which he operated. In 1836 he sold this tract to his son Peter, who in 1884 sold it to his son Henry, the present owner. Jacob Greenawalt and his son Henry and daughter Barbara are buried at Becker's St. Peter's Church, in Richmond township, Berks county. To Jacob and Maria (Stambauch) Greenawalt were born four sons and five daughters, namely: Jacob, Henry, Christian, Peter, Elizabeth, Susanna, Sabina, Barbara and Maria.

Henry Greenawalt married Silben Bote, and they had eight children: Adam, Jacob, Charles (married Polly Dietrich), Nathan, Samuel, John (died in infancy), Henry and Polly (Nagel).

Nathan Greenawald is buried in Albany township, Berks county. He passed his life in that county, owning and operating a sawmill, and met an untimely death, being killed while yet a young man. He had children as follows: Henrietta, wife of James Seeder, living in Reading, Pa.; Anna, Mrs. Cornelius Machmer; Kate, Mrs. Edw. Chalfant; Josephine, deceased, who was the wife of David Epler; and Wilson.

Wilson Greenawald, son of Nathan, was born in Berks county, and is still living there, carrying on an extensive business in and around Hamburg as a painter. He has several men in his employ. To his marriage with Lavina Epler, daughter of Louis and Kate (Epler) Epler, have been born children

as follows: Daniel A.; Jonathan, who is at home; George, now at Port Clinton, Pa.; Katie, wife of Joseph Matz; and Nathan, of Palo Alto, Pennsylvania.

Daniel A. Greenawald was born July 23, 1874, at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa. There he received the principal part of his education in the public schools, attending high school for two years, and he was afterwards a student at the Shissler business college, at Norristown, Pa. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, beginning as a brakeman, and after one month in that position being promoted to fireman, in which capacity he continued for eighteen months. He then became an engineer, running between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, and was thus engaged for four years and six months. He was then in the employ of the Hamburg Brick Company, becoming superintendent of their plant within a short time, and he remained with the concern for about four years. Again he was engaged in railroading, running the engine from 1904 to November, 1907, since when he has been associated with the Schuylkill Pressed Brick Company. The works are located at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., where Mr. Greenawald is stationed as superintendent, and he is also a stockholder in the concern. The officers are H. L. Daddow, of St. Clair, president, and John H. Ryon, of Pottsville, secretary and treasurer. The plant is a little above Schuylkill Haven, at the Halfway House, in North Manheim township, and the company has an office in the Pennsylvania National Bank building at Pottsville. The manufacturing and marketing are conducted along systematic lines and according to modern ideas, and the company has prospered accordingly. A man of recognized ability and worth, Mr. Greenawald deserves the high position he occupies among the substantial business men of Schuylkill Haven. He has numerous fraternal connections, holding membership in Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M., of Pottsville, Reading Lodge of Perfection (fourteenth degree), Philadelphia Consistory (thirty-second degree) and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; besides his Masonic affiliations he belongs to Carroll Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F., at Schuylkill Haven; Washington Camp No. 78, P. O. S. of A., of Hamburg, Pa.; Arcadia Chamber, No. 20, Knights of Friendship, of Hamburg, and to the Royal Arcanum. His religious connection is with St. Michael's Reformed Church in Upper Bern township, Berks county.

Mr. Greenawald married Sallie Rentschler, daughter of Harry K. and Eliza (Wolf) Rentschler, and their home is at present in Schuylkill Haven. They have no children.

EDWARD W. GROSSER, photographer, of Ashland, Pa., has been established in his present line since 1896, and has a leading business in his section of Schuylkill county. His prosperity has been based upon the thorough satisfaction he has given his patrons, for he is progressive about keeping abreast of the times, and his work compares favorably with the output of the most reliable galleries.

George Grosser, his father, a native of Saxe-Meiningen, Germany, settled at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed his trade of carpenter very successfully, having been a well trained mechanic. In 1872 he married at Ashland, for his second wife, Margaret Dorrer, who was born Nov. 19, 1848, at Gumbertshoffa, Alsace-Lorraine, on the line between Germany and France, and

came to America in 1853 with her parents, Peter and Margaret (Myers) Dorrer. Peter Dorrer was also born in Germany, on the French border. When he brought his family to America they landed at New York, and they soon located at North Branch, Sullivan county, that State, making their permanent home at that place. Mr. Dorrer was a carpenter by trade, following that calling, and also owned property and a farm near North Branch and between Youngsville and Liberty. He and his wife both died at North Branch. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom survive, Mrs. Grosser being the fourth; Magdalena is the wife of Frederick Hubbard, of North Branch, Sullivan county; Frederick also lives at that place; Philip also lives in Sullivan county; George is now on the old homestead.

George Grosser died in 1876, when his son Edward was an infant. The mother is still living at Ashland. Edward was the only child of this union. He has two half-brothers and a half-sister, children of his father's first marriage.

Edward W. Grosser was born at Ashland in 1875, and obtained his education in the common schools of that place. He began work at shoemaking, learning the trade, which he continued to follow until the fall of 1896, since when he has been engaged in his present line, photography. Beginning business on Centre street, he remained at his original location until 1910, after which he established himself at Eighth and Centre streets. In 1912 he purchased the business formerly conducted by Alexander J. Miller, which has widened his original field considerably, and removed to Miller's location. Mr. Grosser's high-class work has raised the standard of his profession in this section, for he prides himself on his familiarity with up-to-date methods and makes improvements in his supplies, facilities, etc., whenever possible. His business standing is excellent, and personally he commands the esteem of all his associates. He is well known as a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge and the Independent Order of Americans. In religious connection he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1912 Mr. Grosser was united in marriage with Ellen M. Hepler, a native of Pitman, this county, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Traub) Hepler, who still reside at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Grosser have two children, Margaret Elizabeth and George Henry.

ALBERT H. STEIGERWALT, of Sittler, Schuylkill county, is a business man and farmer of substantial position in West Penn township, where all the members of the Steigerwalt family are highly respected. It was established in this section by his grandfather, Frederick Steigerwalt, who settled in the adjoining township of East Penn, in Carbon county, many years ago. He was a native of Germany, and a son of Carl Steigerwalt.

Frederick Steigerwalt came to America and settled in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., where he encountered the most primitive conditions, sleeping under the trees when he first came to the township, until he could make a home. He became the owner of a 100-acre tract. He married Mary Hetler, a daughter of George Hetler, and they had a family of twelve children: Leah married Gideon Nothstein; Reuben married Priscilla Stahler; Charles married Katie Halderman; Levi married Mary Wise; Hannah married James Nothstein; Mary married Amos Gerber; Rebecca married Matthias Frantz; Levina married Levi Frantz; Lucenna married William Kressley; Stephen was the father of Albert H. Steigerwalt; Rosinna married

William Wise; Gideon married Christie Bowadbeck. Mr. Steigerwalt was a Democrat, and active in township affairs and in the work of the Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, which he attended regularly. He served as elder and deacon, and in other positions. He and his wife are buried there.

Stephen Steigerwalt, son of Frederick, was born July 18, 1835, in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., and died Feb. 13, 1905. He was educated in that township and at the Lehighton high school, and worked with his father until he enlisted in the Union army, during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company A, 202d Regiment. When he returned from the army he went to Tamaqua, this county, and married there. He settled in East Penn township, buying the homestead farm, which he operated until advancing years made it advisable for him to give up hard work. Then he built a home in Sittler and lived retired until his death. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it to some extent.

On Sept. 25, 1862, Mr. Steigerwalt married Priscilla Houser, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Wertman) Houser, and she survives him, residing at Andreas. They had children as follows: Albert H. is mentioned below; Louisa is Mrs. Owen A. Andreas; Uriah married Emma Wehr; Ira married Lilly Wehr; Clara married Charles Everett; Edward was killed on the railroad when twenty-three years old; Mary married George Wertman; Wallace married Emma Steigerwalt; Beulah married Warren Trexler; Minnie married William Loch. Mr. Steigerwalt was a very active member of Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, which he served as elder and deacon. He is buried at that church. He served his township as school director, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. By virtue of his Civil war service he was a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Bertolet Post at Lehighton.

Albert H. Steigerwalt was born in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., Jan. 9, 1869, and received all his education in that township. He grew to manhood on the paternal farm, working with his father until twenty-one years old, when he started to learn the trade of saddler and harnessmaker, with P. O. Fritz, in Seipstown, Lehigh Co., Pa. After remaining there two years he went to Lehighton, Carbon county, and worked at his trade for one year, at the end of which he came to Sittler and opened the shop which he has conducted ever since. He is the owner of a small tract, sixteen acres and a few perches, of which there are eight and a half acres under cultivation, Mr. Steigerwalt operating this tract in connection with his harnessmaking business. Aside from business he is particularly active in religious work, being a Lutheran and a prominent member of the Ben-Salem Church in East Penn township, Carbon county, and present treasurer of that church. He has also filled the offices of trustee and deacon, and for twelve years was superintendent of the Sunday school. He has many friends among his fellow members in Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., of Sittler (of which he is past president), and Lehighton Commandery, Knights of Malta. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

Mr. Steigerwalt married Ida S. Gerber, who was born Dec. 26, 1870, a daughter of Daniel U. and Emmalina (Adams) Gerber. They have three children: Myrtle Estella, born Jan. 1, 1896; Arthur Dewey, born Aug. 14, 1898; and Ermany Marian, born March 22, 1904—all at home.

Mrs. Steigerwalt was educated in West Penn township and at Ashfield, Carbon Co., Pa., where she worked for a sister for a number of years. Then she went to Lehighton, Carbon county, and started to learn tailoring; after-

wards she lived at the home of David Miller, near Ben-Salem Church, for a few years; then went to Weatherly, Carbon county, for two years; and then to Mauch Chunk for six months. Returning to her home in West Penn township, she was married, as already mentioned. She is a member of the Ben-Salem Reformed Church, in East Penn township, Carbon county.

Daniel Gerber, grandfather of Mrs. Steigerwalt, was a cooper by trade, and followed that calling for a number of years. Later buying a farm of over 150 acres he cleared a great deal of the land, and died on his farm at an advanced age. His wife, Catherine (Arner), died while attending service at Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, of which she and her husband were members, Mr. Gerber helping to build the church. They are buried in the cemetery there. Mr. Gerber was a Democrat in political opinions. His children were as follows: Daniel U. was the father of Mrs. Steigerwalt; Amos married Mary Steigerwalt (deceased) and (second) Kate Nester, who survives him and lives in Tamaqua, Pa.; Eli married Fianna Troxell and (second) Sarah Snyder, all now deceased; Benjamin married Celia Bachert, who is deceased; Elizabeth married Charles Henninger, who is deceased; Harriet, widow of Elias Schaeffer, is the only survivor of the family; Annie married Daniel Beck, deceased; Katie married Nathan Rex, who is deceased.

Daniel U. Gerber, son of Daniel, was born in West Penn township May 25, 1828, on the 150-acre tract of his father, above mentioned, was educated in that township, and remained on the home place all his life, after his father's death buying the property. He had a cider press on the farm which he operated during the season, attended market at Tamaqua, and was known for his enterprise and thrift. He was a popular township official, serving as school director, tax collector and assessor, was a member of the Democratic party, and belonged to Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township. He is buried at that church. His death occurred July 29, 1881.

Mr. Gerber married Emmalina Adams, who was born Nov. 19, 1836, in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of Carl and Magdalena (Meister) Adams, and granddaughter of William and Catherine (Mertz) Adams, the former also a native of Longswamp township. Carl Adams was born Nov. 22, 1805, in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., and moved from that county to West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he died. He followed his trade of tinsmith and also operated a small tract of land which he owned. He and his wife Magdalena (Meister), who was born Oct. 22, 1809, are buried at St. Peter's Church, at Wehr, in West Penn township, of which he was a member. In politics he was a Republican. His children were: Emmalina, mother of Mrs. Steigerwalt; David, who married Kate Wertman; William, who married Sarah Sheckler; Kate, Mrs. Amandus Kistler; Levina, Mrs. Thomas Bellman; Susanna, Mrs. Jonas Snyder; and Charles, a soldier in the Civil war, who met his death and was buried on the battlefield at Gettysburg.

Mrs. Emmalina (Adams) Gerber now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Steigerwalt. She is the mother of fourteen children, namely: (1) Kittean, born Sept. 25, 1854, died April 10, 1855. (2) Susanne, born May 9, 1856, married William Heintzelman, of Allentown, Pa. (3) Savina, born April 7, 1858, married Henry Ohl, of Sittler, West Penn township. (4) Emmeline, born Nov. 14, 1860, married Thomas Knepper, of Reading, Pa. (5) Harriet, twin of Emmeline, is the widow of Nathan Zimmerman, of Palmerton, Carbon Co., Pa. (6) Tilghman, born May 14, 1863, died Oct. 14, 1866. (7)



Alvina, born March 25, 1865, died Oct. 16, 1866. (8) Viola, born July 31, 1867, died March 13, 1869. (9) Ida Sabilla is the wife of Albert H. Steigerwalt. (10) Albert, born Feb. 17, 1873, married Clara Erwin, of Philadelphia, Pa. (11) Alue, twin of Albert, married Mannie McLean, of Lansford, Carbon Co., Pa. (12) Charles, born Nov. 2, 1875, married Bessie Kressley, of Mahoning township, Carbon county. (13) Sarah Agnes, born June 7, 1878, married Alfred L. Hunsicker, of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. (14) Mary Alice, born April 1, 1881, married Theodore Searing, of Germantown.

JACOB WALLAUER has been a resident of Schuylkill county for the last sixty years and of Ashland since 1858. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Dick) Wallauer, natives of Bavaria, Germany, came to this country in 1856, and first settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., two years later removing to Ashland. The father was a stonemason by trade, and while in his native land was engaged as foreman on construction work at the government ports. After coming to America he continued to follow his trade until his death, which occurred in 1898, when he was eighty years old. The mother had died many years before, in 1871, at the age of forty-seven years. Their family consisted of six children: Jacob is the eldest; Tillie is the wife of Thomas Evans, of St. Louis, Mo.; Kate (who has been a Notary Public for twenty years), is the wife of Louis Biltz, of Girardville, a merchant, who was postmaster there from 1898 to 1909; Elizabeth is the wife of John Ludwig, of St. Louis, Mo.; William is deceased; Frederick lives at Ashland, Pa. The oldest three children were born in Germany.

Jacob Wallauer was born Dec. 18, 1846, in the Rhine country of Bavaria, and lived there until his tenth year. He continued to attend school for several years after the family settled at Ashland, but he was still young when he began to learn the trade of painter and paperhanger, which he followed for a period of ten years. In 1871 he engaged in business, starting the general store which he has ever since conducted, dealing principally in dry goods and groceries. He has met with substantial success, and there is no more respected citizen in Ashland, where the family is well represented in the business circles and the life of the borough generally. In the year 1870 Mr. Wallauer married Matilda Corth, who was born in Prussia, daughter of Peter and Louise Corth, both of whom died at Ashland. The family came to this country at an early date, first settling at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later making a permanent home at Ashland. Mrs. Wallauer died in 1894. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Harry, now station master at Jersey City for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; Bert A., who has a leading general store at Ashland; Ida E., married to William Seitzinger, general engineer for the Reading Coal & Iron Company at Ashland; Louis, who has a dry goods business at Mahanoy City, Pa.; Arthur F., who has a grocery and notion store at Ashland, on Front and Centre streets; Edna, deceased; and Clarence, of White Plains, N. Y., salesman for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On April 2, 1906, Mr. Wallauer married (second) M. Margaret Eisinger, a native of Ashland, whose parents, Jacob and Catherine (Aichelen) Eisinger, were born in Germany, and came to America in 1854. The father died in January, 1905, the mother yet surviving. Mr. Eisinger was a wheelwright, and after following his trade for some time carried on a meat market at

Ashland for many years, retiring from business some time before his death. He served the borough as member of the council.

In the course of his forty odd years as a merchant at Ashland Mr. Wal-lauer has built up a profitable trade and become well and favorably known in that place, of which he and his family have been most creditable citizens. He was reared in the faith of the German Reformed Church.

JOHN S. DESILVA, late of Mahanoy City, was one of the most widely known residents of Schuylkill county, maintaining business, social and church connections which drew him into close relation with many of his fellow men. Possessed of practical ability and unusual intelligence, he combined strong qualities of leadership with personal characteristics that won confidence and friendship in all circles, and his name commanded respect wherever known. Mr. DeSilva was born at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Dec. 7, 1838, son of John E. DeSilva. The father was a native of the city of Lisbon, Portugal, and members of the family are well known in South America. John E. DeSilva was a gunman for many years, stationed on board the "Constitution," and saw service in all parts of the world. When he settled in America he lived at Philadelphia for a time, later in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and he died at Ashland, this county.

John S. DeSilva was given a good public school education and then learned the trade of machinist, which he followed for a short time. When yet a young man he became superintendent of coal mines in Schuylkill county, being so engaged in the employ of various independent operators, and when their holdings were bought by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company he was retained in the same capacity. Mr. DeSilva's shrewd judgment and executive ability were recognized factors in the success of the collieries he supervised, and he had a high reputation throughout the anthracite fields. He continued with the Philadelphia & Reading Company until 1902, after which he served two years as deputy revenue collector in this district, extending his already wide acquaintance in Schuylkill county. He was as well known in other connections as in business. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., and to Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M. He also held membership in the P. O. S. of A. and the G. A. R., taking a very active part in the latter organization as a member of Severn Post, G. A. R., of Mahanoy City, which he served as commander. During the Civil war he fought on the Union side under three enlistments, the first in the three months' service and the second for nine months in the 129th Pennsylvania Regiment. Mr. DeSilva was also prominent in Church and Sunday school work, a leading member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mahanoy City, which he served as elder and trustee, filling both offices at the time of his death, March 11, 1911.

In 1871 Mr. DeSilva married Ella Richardson, who survives him, residing in their old home at Mahanoy City, where she is highly respected. Mrs. DeSilva is a daughter of Isaac W. and Sarah (Black) Richardson, both of whom came from England, Mr. Richardson settling at Mahanoy City, Pa., soon after his arrival. Their son, the late Col. W. F. Richardson, became very prominent in military circles in this State, for many years holding the position of keeper at the Harrisburg Arsenal, and at the time of his death he had the rank of colonel in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He was a

thirty-third degree Mason, one of the founders of Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Harrisburg.

FRANKLIN DAVID BAVER bears a name which has long been associated with good citizenship and progress in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and for a number of generations with the history of Berks county, Pa. He is a son of David Baver and a grandson of Christoph Baver.

Christoph Baver was born Jan. 14, 1777, and died March 5, 1865, after a lifetime devoted to farming and blacksmithing. He is said to have been an excellent mechanic, and to have enjoyed a large trade, the blacksmiths at that time being very scarce and living far apart. He also raised considerable flax, which was woven into clothing in the winter months by his industrious wife. On July 14, 1805, Christoph Baver married Susanna Elizabeth Boyer (born Jan. 6, 1787, died Jan. 25, 1865), and these sturdy pioneers lived together for the unusual period of fifty-nine years, six months, eleven days. Their marriage was blessed by the birth of the following children: Polly, who married Jacob Stitzel; Samuel, who married Lydia Focht; John, who married Hanna Focht; David; Elizabeth, who married Jeremiah Focht; Daniel, born in 1825, who died unmarried in 1849; Joseph, who married Mary Focht; Ann, who married Jacob Miller; and Amelia, who married Bill Marshall. The father was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics adhered to the principles of the Democratic party. He and the mother are buried at Zion's Church in Windsor township, Berks county.

David Baver, son of Christoph, was born in 1823 in Windsor township, Berks county, where he was reared, receiving such education as the local pay schools afforded. Having learned the trade of carpenter, he became a boatbuilder in the employ of the Schuylkill Navigation Company at Hamburg, Pa., and also followed the other branches of his calling, assisting in the construction of a hotel at Tuscarora, Schuylkill county. He bought the farm of seventy acres in West Brunswick township, this county, now owned by Charles Schaeffer, and after living there eleven years rented the George Moser farm for one year, after which he purchased from John Medlar the farm at present owned by his son Franklin David Baver. When it came into his possession it consisted of 160 acres, but he sold part of the property, retaining 125 acres, now practically all under cultivation. He carried on general farming, and was one of the industrious and prosperous agriculturists of the neighborhood in his day. A man of active disposition and foresight, he was one of the first to advocate the establishment of public schools in the township, and he served twenty years or more as a member of the board of school directors, filling the office until his death, which occurred Feb. 18, 1888, in West Brunswick township. In political faith he was a Democrat, in religious connection a member of Zion's Reformed Church (the Red Church) in his township, and he was serving that body in the capacity of elder at the time of his death. As a member of the building committee he helped to rebuild the present house of worship of that church. He and his wife are buried there. Mr. Baver married Mary Miller, who was born in 1823, daughter of Daniel Miller, a native of Berks county, and died at the age of seventy-six years. They had the following children: Saria, who married H. J. Wagner; Emma, Mrs. J. R. Stevens; Cordelia, who died unmarried; Ellen, unmarried; Mary Cordelia, now the widow of Charles Mengle; Sarah J., unmarried; Allen

Albert, who married Serena Smith; Franklin David; and Annie, Mrs. Horace Stroah.

Franklin David Baver was born May 8, 1861, on the farm in West Brunswick township now owned by Charles Schaeffer, and obtained his education in the Molino school near by. He was trained to agriculture from boyhood, working on the home place for his father up to the age of twenty-six years, at which time his father died. Thereafter he operated the farm for the estate four years, and then upon his marriage bought the property, where he has since continued to reside. He does general farming. Mr. Baver has prospered by dint of industry and good management, and has contributed his share to the general advancement by looking well to the improvement and development of his land, setting a worthy example by his faithfulness to every duty. He has been quite active in township affairs, having succeeded his father as school director and still continuing to serve on the board, of which he was treasurer for eighteen years or more; he has acted as judge and inspector of election, and also as auditor of the township, and has discharged his responsibilities intelligently in every position. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. He has been a deacon of the Reformed congregation of Zion's (Red) Church, to which his wife also belongs.

Mr. Baver married Catherine Kramer, who was born Dec. 16, 1866, in East Brunswick township, this county, on the farm now owned by Charles Koch, was educated in West Brunswick township, and was engaged as a seamstress until her marriage. Eight children have been born to this union: Vernon David, born Jan. 2, 1892, was educated in West Brunswick township and at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, and has been a school teacher; Clinton Mendon, born March 10, 1894, was educated in West Brunswick township and at the Keystone State Normal School, and is now engaged in teaching; Mary Amelia, born May 26, 1896, died Oct. 20, 1897; Annie May, born May 22, 1898, died Aug. 25, 1906; Herbert Franklin was born Oct. 10, 1900; Raymond Theodore, March 8, 1903; Charles Lewis, Oct. 31, 1904; Allen Albert, July 29, 1909. The younger children are attending the local public schools. Mary Amelia and Annie May are buried at Zion's Church.

Joseph Kramer, grandfather of Mrs. Baver, was a carpenter by trade, and he also had a farm in West Brunswick township, the property now owned by Samuel Dreher. He followed general farming, and manufactured rakes and other farm implements, being a competent mechanic. He died on the place mentioned, when over seventy years old, and his wife Christianne (Albright), survived him many years, living to the age of ninety-one. They are buried in the cemetery of St. John's Reformed Church at Orwigsburg. He was an elder of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, and lived up to the faith he professed in his relations with all his fellow men, by whom he was thoroughly respected. Politically he was a Republican. His children were: Elijah, of West Brunswick township, who married Phoebe Bock (she is deceased); Mendon; Isabella, who was to have been married to Joseph Kimmel and died on her wedding day; and Joseph, of West Brunswick township, who married Catherine Kock (she is deceased).

Mendon Kramer, son of Joseph, was born Dec. 26, 1843, at the place in West Brunswick township where Samuel Dreher now lives, and died July 8, 1914. He received his education in that township, worked for his father up to the time of his marriage, and then took up farming on his own account, buying a farm of ninety acres from Abraham Sharadin in West Brunswick

township. There he passed the rest of his life, carrying on general farming, and he became a well known man in his locality, holding the township office of school director, and serving several terms as deacon of the Reformed congregation of Zion's (Red) Church in West Brunswick township. Politically he was a Republican. His wife, Amelia Louisa (Koch), daughter of John and Salome (Fussleman) Koch, died March 8, 1914, aged sixty-nine years, one month, twenty-three days, and they are buried at Zion's Church. They were the parents of seven children: Mrs. Franklin D. Baver; John H., of Allentown, Pa., who married Emma Fussleman; Ida J., wife of Charles F. Fichthorn, of Philadelphia; William H., who also married; Theodore, who married Annie Hill and lives on the homestead farm; Irwin, deceased in infancy; and Herman, who is an invalid, and lives with his brother Theodore.

SAMUEL S. BAILEY, at present serving his second term as recorder of deeds of Schuylkill county, has been a railroad man most of his life, having rounded out a service of thirty-nine years with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company before he assumed the duties of office. His home is at Frackville.

The Bailey family is of English origin. During the Revolution John Bailey (grandfather of Samuel S. Bailey) and his wife Sarah lived at Springfield, in Chester county, Pa., where he followed farming. He served in the war with the Colonial troops, and his wife cooked and supplied food for many of the soldiers. Removing to Schuylkill county, he bought a tract of land on Peach mountain, now included within the limits of Pottsville. On this tract, while digging a well, he found coal, the first discovered in Schuylkill county. He built a log raft covered with boards, and his son John took it down the Schuylkill river. In time John Bailey, Sr., opened a hotel at Pottsville, where he was one of the pioneer settlers, and he continued to carry it on for many years. Later he bought property on Acker street in Port Carbon, this county, where he lived until his death, in 1846. He was buried at Pottsville, behind the grammar school, in what is now the public park where the John Pott monument stands. Mr. Bailey married Sarah Butler, a native of the North of Ireland, who died in Port Carbon in 1856, reaching the advanced age of one hundred and four years, seven months, five days. They had a family of seven children, Hannah, Betsy, Polly, Rachel, Harriet, Phoebe and John.

John Bailey was born in Chester county, Pa., and came to Schuylkill county with his father. For several years he was engaged in shipping coal to Philadelphia, being the first man to take coal down the canal from this district, and he came to own a line of canalboats, for many years also carrying on a general mercantile business at his father's homestead in Port Carbon. During the Civil war he boated hay and other feed down to Washington and Baltimore for the government, and his last active work was the shipping of coal down the canal to Philadelphia. He lived retired one year before his death, which occurred July 10, 1879, at Port Carbon, and he is buried in the Presbyterian graveyard there. Mr. Bailey was originally a Democrat in politics, changing later to the Republican party, and always took an interest in public affairs. He served for years as assessor of Port Carbon, and exerted a very appreciable influence for good in his community. By his marriage to Ann L. Fister he had the following children: William, a resident of Ashland, Schuylkill county, formerly a railroad engineer, married Priscilla Halderman; John, who

is engaged in the butcher business at Port Carbon, married Margaret S. Ammon, of Chester county, Pa.; Dillie is the wife of John M. Oren, deputy recorder of Schuylkill county, and they reside at Port Carbon; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Joseph died at the age of twenty-five years; Amanda died at the age of sixteen years; George died when two years old; two children died in infancy; George Taylor, who married Emma Wetstone, of Mahanoy City, died Dec. 10, 1911, aged sixty years, and is buried at Tamaqua.

Samuel S. Bailey was born at Port Carbon Jan. 10, 1856, and received his education in the schools of that place. His first work was driving mules on the canal, and he was thus engaged for about eight years. He then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, first as a brakeman, afterwards as fireman, conductor and finally engineer, in which capacity he continued with them for about twenty-two years. His services with this company altogether covered a period of thirty-nine years, during which time he was located at Palo Alto, Tamaqua, Mahanoy Plane and, ultimately, Frackville, as convenient to his work.

In 1908 Mr. Bailey was elected to the office of recorder of deeds of Schuylkill county, which he has held continuously since, having been reelected in 1911. When he took office he appointed his brother-in-law, John M. Oren, as his deputy. Mr. Bailey's administration of the affairs of this office has been efficient and highly creditable to himself and to the county he serves. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Bailey was one of the organizers of the Frackville-Gilberton Light, Heat & Power Company, and served as a director of that company until the plant was sold to the Eastern Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Other local projects have also had his encouragement and influence. Socially he is well known, holding membership in Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, F. & A. M., of St. Clair; in Council No. 828, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Frackville, and in Division No. 90, Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers of Pottsville. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bailey married Mary Miller, daughter of George Miller, Sr., of Port Carbon. They have no children.

EDWIN E. WIESNER, M. D., of Mantzville, Schuylkill county, is not only a successful medical practitioner but in various other connections as well a leading citizen of his section, a force for progress whose influence should have a permanent effect on its advancement.

Dr. Wiesner is a native of Pennsylvania, born Oct. 19, 1878, at Stines Corner, in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and is of old Montgomery and Berks county stock. The family has long been settled in this State. History shows that the Woesner, Weasner, Wiessener, Wisner, Wissner, Weisner, Wiesner families in America migrated from Europe in three separate migrations, the first, Johannes (or John) Weasner, coming from Switzerland to Long Island just about two hundred years ago, and very shortly moving to Orange county, N. Y., where a considerable number of his descendants still live. A grandson of this Johannes Weasner, namely, Henry Wisner, was a man of considerable prominence, being a delegate to both of the Continental Congresses, and enjoyed the distinction of being the only man from New York who actually voted for the Declaration of Independence. His name appears in Dwight's Lives of the Signers, and he is also mentioned in Bryant's and Gay's History of the United States, in a footnote on page 484 of Volume III which reads as follows: "Henry Wisner was one of the delegates from New York, and Thomas



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McKean, a delegate from Delaware, declared in several letters, written at different times and in subsequent years, that Wisner voted for the Declaration of Independence. But as the vote was taken by colonies his individual vote could not be counted if the rest of the delegates refrained from voting." This Henry Wisner was not present when the Declaration was signed, and therefore his name does not appear among the signers.

The second migration came about fifty years later (1750) and settled in either Bucks or Berks county, Pa. A certain Jacob Wiesner or Weasner, who was the progenitor of this line, in 1758 paid a tax on 100 acres of land. The third migration came in 1800, when seven brothers came and landed at New York. They seem to have scattered pretty well, but two of the brothers' families have been traced, Jacob Wisner and Frederick Wisner.

A certain Christian Wisner, who came from Germany to this country in 1850, and who is a Presbyterian minister in Indianapolis, Ind., tells us that the original spelling was Woesner, and that Wisner is the correct English form of the word. The first branch came from Switzerland, the second and third from Wurtemberg, which is right next to Switzerland. There seems but little doubt that all three emigrations are remotely related. The name itself seems to have meant "dwellers on the meadows," which must have been at one time a sort of tribe name. It is to this second migration that we trace a certain George Wiessener, who came on the snow "Catherine," Captain Gladman, and arrived in Philadelphia May 28, 1742. Leonard, Martin and Heinrich, the latter the Doctor's great-grandfather, were three of George Wiessener's sons. In 1769, in Philadelphia county, lived George Wiessener, who owned 160 acres of land, and Leonard, who paid a proprietary tax on 100 acres of land. John Wisner (as the Doctor's early ancestors spelled the name) was a ranger of the frontier from Northampton county, Pa., between 1778 and 1783, in John McClelland's company. One Godfrey Wisner lived in Lehigh county in 1829, aged seventy-four years; he was a pensioned soldier of the Revolutionary war. In 1744, in Philadelphia county, lived David Weisner, who owned 100 acres of land, and is said to have been a pioneer of the family now located about Pottstown, Pa. In 1783 the Thomas Weisner estate was assessed in Falls township, Berks Co., Pa. In 1786 one Matthias Wesner was assessed from Lower Makefield township, Berks county.

Heinrich Weisner, the Doctor's great-grandfather, lived in Douglass township, Montgomery county. He was an undertaker and farmer, and died in 1809 aged about thirty-seven years. He is buried at the Swamp Church, in Montgomery county, and his wife, Catharine (Yerger), is buried at Huff's Church. She married for her second husband John Laub. To Heinrich and Catharine Weisner were born children as follows: George, located in Northumberland county, Pa.; Amos, located about Danville, Pa.; Lydia, married to George Reichard; Rachel, married to Ezra Yergy; Rebecca, married to Charles Wagonhorst; Henry, who died young; Jonas, married to Sallie Dietrich; Samuel (died in Montgomery county, aged fifty-nine years), married to Sarah Smith, of Montgomery county, and had Catharine (who is blind, and lives at Pottstown), Matthias (of Pottstown) and Mary (married John Wanner, of the Trappe).

Jonas Weisner, son of Heinrich, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery Co., Pa., Dec. 15, 1806, and before his marriage located in Greenwich township, Berks county. Here he was married to Sallie Dietrich, daughter of Michael Dietrich. She was born Jan. 6, 1810, and died Jan. 25, 1895.

Jonas Weisner was a lifelong prosperous farmer, and for many years operated the Weisner farm at Round Top, which consisted of more than 120 acres. He was a shoemaker by trade, and made his own shoes and those for his family. He died Jan. 24, 1892. To him and his wife were born the following children: Henry (1833-1906); Jonas (1835-1855); Mary Ann, married to William Zimmerman; Samuel, married to Mary Schaeffer; Nathan, married to Mary Ann Zimmerman; Willoughby; David, married to Ellen Moyer; and Lydia, married to Alfred Dietrich.

Willoughby Wiesner, father of Dr. Wiesner, was born at Round Top, in Albany township, Berks county, and acquired his education in the local schools. He left home and went to Danville to get business experience and familiarize himself with the English language, and after returning home continued to work on his father's farm until his marriage. Then he worked for his father-in-law until the latter's death, when Mr. Wiesner purchased the farm from the estate, and he still lives there, actively engaged in general farming. His home place comprises about ninety-six acres, situated in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and ninety-two acres of the tract is cleared. Besides this he owns a farm of eighty-two acres in Weisenberg township, same county, of which all but ten acres are cleared; he rents that property. Mr. Wiesner raises general crops, but makes a specialty of potatoes, and he has prospered steadily because of his diligence and thrift. He is a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at Wessnersville, and in politics supports the Democratic party. Mr. Wiesner married Amelia Oldt, who was born at Stines Corner, Lehigh county, only child of Elias and Catherine (Snyder) Oldt, the former a native of Greenwich township, Berks county, the latter of Lynn township, Lehigh county. Elias Oldt was a blacksmith, and later bought the farm now owned by Willoughby Wiesner, where he died when nearly eighty years old; his wife died when ninety-one years old. He was a Republican, and a member of the Frieden's Church at Wessnersville, where he and his wife are buried. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiesner: Alfred Leo died in infancy; Edwin E. is next in the family; Elias G., a dealer in general merchandise and agricultural implements at Stines Corner, Lehigh county, married Lillie Fisher, and they have three children, Ethel, and Ellis and Violet, twins; Annie M. is living at home.

Edwin E. Wiesner began his education in the public schools of Lynn township, Lehigh county, and during the summer seasons attended the local subscription schools. In 1898 he entered the Normal University at Valparaiso, Ind., where he took a course in pharmacy, graduating with the class of 1900. This he followed with a medical course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1903. During his attendance there he was a member of the Roussel Medical Society. He commenced practice the year of his graduation at New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he remained until his removal to Mantzville, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, in 1906. Here he has since been established, having a beautiful home upon which he has made many improvements, and enjoying the full confidence of his fellow citizens, both in his professional capacity and as a private citizen. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, Pennsylvania State Medical Society and American Medical Association. Though busy with his chosen work, the Doctor has successfully combined with it activity in business and public affairs, being at present a director of the Tamaqua National Bank and a director and secretary of the Mahoning

Rural Telephone Company; township supervisor, for competent service in which position his professional driving gives him many opportunities; a member of New Tripoli Grand Council, No. 204, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which he is a past councilor; member of Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 1153, I. O. O. F., of Sittler, Pa.; of Norman Commandery, No. 135, A. & I. O. Knights of Malta, Leighton, Pa.; Wehr Tent, No. 464, Knights of the Maccabees, of Wehr (in West Penn township), this county; and Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, F. & A. M. His religious connection at present is with St. Peter's Lutheran Church. He was formerly a Sunday school teacher in the Ebenezer Lutheran Church at New Tripoli. On political issues the Doctor is a Democrat.

Dr. Wiesner married Ella D. Seiberling, who was born Oct. 28, 1882, in Hynemansville, Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, where she received her early education, later attending school at Allentown and Philadelphia, Pa. She joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, and is now a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and a member of the Luther League. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Wiesner: Hazel E., born Oct. 30, 1905; Ernest E., born Oct. 13, 1907; and Carl S., born Nov. 9, 1909. The children attend St. Peter's school in West Penn township.

Joshua Seiberling, grandfather of Mrs. Wiesner, lived for many years at Seiberlingville, Lehigh county, conducting the "Seiberlingville Hotel" and a general store; he also operated his farm of 150 acres, retiring some years before his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mary (Mrs. William Grosscup), at Germanville, Lehigh county, when he was eighty-two years old. His wife, Catherine (Moser), died also when eighty-two years old, and they are buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Seiberlingville, of which he was a faithful member. He served a number of years in the official capacity of justice of the peace, was a Democrat in politics, and one of the well known residents of the neighborhood in his day. His children were as follows: Oliver died in the West; Henry, deceased, who was a veteran of the Civil war (his wife was Mollie); Fred, who lives at Allentown, Pa., married Sarah Kline; Joshua W. was the father of Mrs. Wiesner; Mary married William Grosscup and lives at Germanville; Emma married Dr. Willoughby Kistler, of Leighton, Pa.; Lila is the wife of Edwin Lobach, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ida married Lavinus Holben, of Allentown, Pa.; Rosa married Henry Grim, of Coggon, Iowa; three children died young.

Joshua W. Seiberling, M. D., was born July 4, 1847, at Seiberlingville, and there obtained his early education. He prepared for his profession at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, from which institution he was graduated, and commenced practice at Limeport, Lehigh county, where he remained two years. At the end of that period he made a permanent location at Hynemansville, Lehigh county, where he was in practice until his death, March 23, 1911. He is buried at Seiberlingville. Dr. Seiberling was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Seiberlingville and one of the active workers in that organization. Politically he was a Democrat. His first wife, Helena E. (Dillinger), born Jan. 27, 1852, died April 13, 1894, and is buried at St. Paul's Church, Seiberlingville. She was well educated, having attended school at Limeport, Lehigh county, and several terms at Pennington Seminary. Five children were born to this union: Dr. Joseph D., born Sept. 11, 1876, now practicing in Philadelphia, married Edith Allen, and their children are Edith and James; Rev. William J., born Nov. 3, 1877, a Lutheran clergyman, stationed at Mulberry, Ind., married Jennie Weisser, and their children are

Ruth, Miriam, Philip, Esther, Anna and Frederick; Ella D., born Oct. 28, 1882, is Mrs. Edwin E. Wiesner; Anna C., born Aug. 12, 1888, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, of Kutztown, Pa., is a public school teacher in Atlantic City, N. J.; Lena M. D., born April 5, 1894, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is teaching school in West Penn township. For his second wife Dr. Seiberling married Emma Bachman, daughter of Jacob Bachman, both natives of Berks county, Pa. By this marriage there is one child, Ida C., born Jan. 1, 1902, now a student in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown.

Willoughby Dillinger, father of Mrs. Helena E. Seiberling, was a miller and farmer at Limeport, Lehigh county, where he owned a large property. Retiring a few years before his death, he made his home thereafter with his daughter, Mrs. Emanuel Weider, in Limeport. He and his wife, Helena (Pearson), are buried at the Chestnut Hill Church near Limeport, to which he belonged; politically he was a Democrat. Three children were born to them: Mrs. Joshua W. Seiberling; Mary, married to Hon. Frank Keller, a former member of the State Legislature and director of the State Insane Asylum at Norristown; and Alavesta, wife of Emanuel Weider, formerly a justice of the peace and farmer at Limeport, now cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Pennsburg, Montgomery county.

JEREMIAH SMITH, retired, has been a resident of Orwigsburg since 1895, has taken some part in the administration of municipal affairs, and though he has had heavy business responsibilities of his own has done excellent service for his fellow citizens in the borough. He is a native of Berks county, Pa., and a member of one of its old families, his grandfather, Henry Smith, having lived and died there, in Albany township. He is buried at the Bethel Church. He gave his attention to farming and milling, owning about 150 acres of land and a sawmill. His children were: Jacob, David, a son that died in infancy, Lydia, Abbie, Sallie, Mary, Sybilla and Sarah.

Jacob Smith, son of Henry, was born on the homestead in Albany township, and in early life learned the trade of carpenter and cabinetmaker. Later he took the old homestead, where he farmed for some time, and then removed to Schuylkill county, where he rented a farm near Friedensburg. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. His wife, Sarah (Bailey), survived him and remarried, her second husband being Daniel Raudenbush. She passed away at the age of sixty-nine years, at Schuylkill Haven, where she is buried. By her first marriage she had nine children: Sophia, Mary, Sarah, Henry, Jeremiah, Daniel, Lewis, David and Albert. Two children were born to her second marriage, Rosie and a daughter that died in infancy.

Jeremiah Smith was born March 14, 1838, in Albany township, Berks county, where he spent his early years, beginning his education in the local public schools. Coming to Schuylkill county with his parents he afterwards attended school in North Manheim township and at Schuylkill Haven. Reared on a farm, when twenty-two years old he began farming for himself, renting land in West Brunswick township, this county, which he cultivated for four years. Subsequently he bought a tract of 125 acres from his father-in-law, Joseph Hoy, and devoted the remainder of his active days to its development, bringing it to a valuable state of fertility. He retained the ownership of this property until 1911, when he sold it to Calvin Gerhard. Meantime, in 1895, he had built a fine residence at Orwigsburg, to which he removed when he

gave up farming extensively. His property at Orwigsburg comprises about six acres, which he continues to cultivate. Mr. Smith has always been public-spirited, believing that all good citizens should work together for the public good as well as for the advancement of their personal interests, and he has been exceptionally impressed with the value of public school advantages. While living in West Brunswick township he was a member of the school board and president of that body, and he has served in the same capacity since his removal to Orwigsburg. He has also been chosen a member of the borough council, in which he has served about six years. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Dec. 24, 1859, Mr. Smith married Lydia Hoy, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Maria (Snyder) Hoy. They have no children. Mr. Smith is a member of the Reformed Church.

Philip Hoy, grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was among the early settlers of Orwigsburg, where he owned a large tract of land. He died here and is buried in the Reformed cemetery. To this marriage with Maria Gilbert were born eight children, namely: Abraham, Henry, Joseph, John, William, Sarah (wife of Henry Gerhard), Maria (wife of David Wiltout) and Susanna (wife of Joseph Zoll).

JOHN J. FLYNN, of Minersville, is serving his third term in the office of justice of the peace, and when he was first chosen, in 1902, was the youngest incumbent of that position in Schuylkill county. As might be inferred from his name he is of Irish extraction, a descendant of a worthy family founded here by his grandfather, which has contributed to the substantial citizenship of Schuylkill county for three generations.

Timothy Flynn, the grandfather, was born in County Cork, Ireland, came to America when a young man, and first settled at the Morris addition to Pottsville, in Schuylkill county, Pa. For some time he was employed as a fireman on the railroad, afterwards removing to Tremont, this county, where he was engaged at the mines. He then located at St. Nicholas, and later purchased a farm near Barnesville, in Mahanoy township, where he made a permanent home, becoming one of the leading men of that district. He acquired valuable holdings, and was well known for his fondness for fast horses, always owning several. As he became known to his fellow citizens he entered into public life, serving as tax collector and as treasurer of the local school board; he was also a candidate at one time for chairman of the borough, but defeated for that office by a small majority. Mr. Flynn married Mary Sheehan, and they had children as follows: Patrick; Ellen, wife of Patrick O'Brien; Timothy; Michael, who lives in Tamaqua; and Daniel, a farmer of Lakeside, Pennsylvania.

Timothy Flynn, son of Timothy, was best known to his many friends as "Tim" Flynn. He was born at Pottsville and received a good education, after his course in the public schools attending a summer normal school at Port Carbon, and later the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., from which he was graduated. He taught school at Mt. Pleasant, Foster township, and later in North Manheim township and in Mahanoy township. For some time afterwards he was located at Philadelphia, engaged in clerical work there, being a very fine penman. He died in that city, at the University hospital, when but forty-five years old, and his remains were brought to Pottsville for interment. Mr. Flynn married Margaret Toole, daughter of Austin and Mary (Kelly) Toole, and sister of ex-Sheriff John Toole. Mrs. Flynn

continues to reside at Minersville. They were the parents of four children: Mary, who is the wife of Charles Oxner and lives in Chicago, Ill.; John J.; William, living at home; and Margaret, wife of Fred Egert, residing at Gary, Indiana.

John J. Flynn was born Nov. 27, 1878, at Primrose, a small place near Minersville. In his early boyhood he was given common school advantages, but he was only eight years old when he began to work at the mines. When a boy of twelve years he met with an accident while coming home from work at Glen Carbon, a train running over his left leg below the knee, causing the removal of the limb. After that he attended school for two terms more, and he subsequently resumed work at the mines, where he continued to be employed until twenty-three years old. In 1902 he was elected justice of the peace, and has held the office continuously since, by reelection in 1907 and 1912, each time with increased majority. The flattering support which he has received from his fellow citizens speaks well for his popularity, for the town is Republican and he is a Democrat in his political affiliations. Mr. Flynn has endeavored to do his duty according to the highest standards, and his fellow citizens have had no reason to regret their choice. His office is on Sunbury street, and he is a busy man. Socially Mr. Flynn has been quite active in his connection with the Minersville Athletic Association, which he founded and of which he is president. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

MONROE WOMER is now occupying the old Womer homestead in West Penn township and adding to his reputation by what he has accomplished in its improvement. Having taught school in the township for a number of years he is especially well known in this section, and is highly thought of for the efforts he has made in behalf of various interests affecting the general welfare.

Mr. Womer belongs to an old family of Schuylkill county first represented here in Schuylkill township by his grandfather, Jacob Wummer, who was a native of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa. After his removal to this county he was in the timber business at Rabbit Run, near Tamaqua, for many years. When he retired he lived with his son Isaac at Steinsville, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he died, aged eighty-seven years. He is buried at Jackson-ville, that county, and his wife, Susanna (Huffer), is buried at Lewistown, Schuylkill county. They had twelve children: John, George, Jacob, Isaac, William, Simon, Joshua, Jonas, Elias, Lucy (Mrs. Dicus), Maria (Mrs. Moser) and one whose name is unknown. Jacob Wummer was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Reformed Church.

Isaac Wummer, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 5, 1810, in Bern township, Berks county. How the change in the spelling of the name came about is unknown, but the change was made from Wummer to Womer in about 1863. Isaac was very young when brought to Schuylkill county, where he received his education, learning to read German very well. He worked for his father, in the timber business, and while so engaged constructed rafts and floated timber to Port Clinton, on the Little Schuylkill river and from there on the canal to Philadelphia. Giving up the timber business, he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for about fifteen years at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. Then he settled at Steinsville, Lehigh county, where he bought a farm of 100 acres, upon which he remained ten years. During part of that time he also conducted a distillery. Selling out he removed to Tamaqua,

where he lived for two years, practically retired, and then moved to West Penn township and bought the farm (then consisting of 110 acres) where his son Monroe now resides. He sold off some of the land, retaining seventy-five acres, all clear, where he carried on general farming until his death, his sons assisting him with the work. He died May 20, 1893, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Tamaqua. At one time he held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious connection was with Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township. Though a Whig in his younger days, he later became a Democrat. Isaac Womer was married three times, and by his first wife, Elizabeth (Hoffman), had two children, Sarah and Abner, both of whom died in infancy. His second wife was Hannah Meier, daughter of Henry Meier, and their children were: William, born April 18, 1837, died aged twenty-two years; Luisiann, born March 16, 1840, died unmarried; Amandus, born Aug. 15, 1842, lives in Reading, Pa., married to Annetta Womer. The mother of these children is buried at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. Mr. Womer later married her sister, Magdalena Meier, who was born Jan. 1, 1818, and died Jan. 9, 1898. She is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Tamaqua. By this union there were ten children: Charles, born March 6, 1844, who married Kate Houser, and lives at Summit Hill (they had three children); Wilson, born Jan. 13, 1846; Maria, born Feb. 12, 1848, widow of Frank Houser, living at Tamaqua (they had three children); Missuri Elmira, born Sept. 29, 1850, who died young; Monroe, mentioned below; Caroline, born July 21, 1855, who died young; James, born Jan. 1, 1857, who died when about two years old; Dr. Franklin, born Jan. 11, 1859, now of Reading, Pa., married to Matilda Kistler; John, born Nov. 18, 1861, unmarried, who has always lived on the home place, being now with his brother Monroe; and Ida Jane, born March 27, 1863, who died in infancy.

Monroe Womer was born April 6, 1853, at Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa., and received his first schooling there. He was eleven years old when the family came to Tamaqua, continued his education there, and later attended school in West Penn township. Then he entered the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Pa. (now known as Susquehanna University), where he studied for two years, and later he took a twenty-two weeks' course in commercial work at the Iron City College, Pittsburgh, Pa. Returning to Lehigh county he taught school for one term in Lynn township, and then changed to Salisbury township for one term. Then he had about twelve years' experience in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, at the Zehner School, Zion's Church school and West Penn Station. He has since devoted his attention to farming, on the homestead place, having bought the farm from the estate. Mr. Womer has made many improvements on the property, including the building of a substantial barn and one of the finest houses in the township. Though he carries on general farming he gives considerable time to the raising of garden truck and fruit, and markets to the Panther Creek valley, to the towns of Tamaqua, Coaldale and Lansford. He has kept in touch with the public interests of the locality, and being independent in his political views works to get the best men in office regardless of party, and supports good movements, whatever their origin. Being interested in education he still reads the Latin authors, and expects to read them as long as he lives. Mr. Womer was confirmed in the Reformed Church.

Mr. Womer is married to Susan Flexer, who was born March 21, 1860,

daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Kocher) Flexer, and they have one child, Elbert Franklin, born Oct. 3, 1892. He was educated in the West Penn township schools, and is a professional musician and much interested in educational work of all kinds.

Jacob Flexer, Mrs. Womer's grandfather, was a well-to-do farmer in West Penn township, in the Mahoning valley, and acquired considerable property, his holdings at one time comprising some five hundred acres. His principal farm is now owned by David Zettlemoyer. When he retired he sold his home farm in West Penn township and moved to the home farm of his son-in-law, Jonas Hill, Sr. (the place now owned by Elmer Womer), at whose home he died when ninety-three years old. He was a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church in West Penn township, where he and his wife are buried. Her maiden name was Fink, and they reared the following children: Elizabeth married Isaac Stahler, and both are deceased; Jacob was next in the family; Salome married Jonas Hill; Daniel was the father of Mrs. Monroe Womer.

Daniel Flexer was born July 7, 1809, in West Penn township, and educated there in the pay schools conducted before the introduction of the free school system. He worked for his father up to the time of his marriage, and received a portion of the home tract from his father, about twenty-one acres of cleared land and some timber. There he remained until a short time before his death, which occurred at Tamaqua, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Polly Keen. Like his father he was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to St. Peter's church in the Mahoning valley, in West Penn township, where he and his family are buried. He was twice married, first to Salome Bachert, by whom he had five children: Christian, now deceased; Rebecca, wife of William Cooper, both deceased; Polly, wife of William Keen, both deceased; Daniel, who married Kate Honsberger, and lives at Tamaqua; and Isaac, deceased. The mother is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Mr. Flexer's second wife, Rebecca (Kocher), daughter of Jacob Kocher, died when fifty-seven years old. She was the mother of the following children: Hannah married John Wheatly, of Catawissa, Pa.; Lydia married Aaron Haiman, and both are deceased; Kate died unmarried; Matilda married Stephen Eck, of Allentown, Pa.; Sarah, David, James and Samuel died young; Emmalina is the widow of Frank Fisher; Susan is Mrs. Monroe Womer.

FREDERICK SPEACHT, late of Pottsville, the founder of the business now continued by his sons under the name of Speacht Brothers, belonged to a family of French descent which has been represented in this part of Pennsylvania since 1830. His grandfather was a native of France and a prominent man in his locality.

John Speacht, father of Frederick, was born in France, and when a youth of sixteen entered the army under Napoleon, serving for six years; he was under the great leader at Moscow and Waterloo, and was wounded in the service. Two of his brothers who were serving during that war were lost in the Alps. After John Speacht located in Paris he followed his trade, that of goldsmith, until he came to America in 1831, settling at once in Pottsville, Pa. The town was too small to afford him sufficient employment at his trade, and he moved to the vicinity of Selinsgrove and Sunbury, in Union county, Pa. where he became engaged in farming. Later he returned to Pottsville, where



he died. His children were as follows: Magdalena, who married Richard Hight; Elizabeth, who married George Frazer; Sarah, who died unmarried; Louise, who died young; John, who died at Pottsville; Frederick; Sophia, who married Frederick Moser; and Mary, who married Edw. Henry.

Frederick Speacht was born in Union county, Pa., in the vicinity of Sunbury, April 20, 1836, and came to Pottsville with his parents in 1848. He had the limited educational advantages afforded in his day. In his boyhood he was employed in a brickyard for a time, and later at the furnace at Palo Alto, beginning his connection with the flour and feed business as a driver for Rousch & Evans, millers, in whose employ he continued for a period of eighteen years. After a short experience in railroad work he engaged in the flour and feed business on his own account in 1886, continuing therein until his death. His thorough familiarity with all the branches of the business, and its operation in this territory, brought him steady success, and he became one of the substantial merchants of the borough. He died July 14, 1907, at his residence in Pottsville, No. 352 South Centre street, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery.

Mr. Speacht married Dorothy Guess, of Schuylkill county, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bordel) Guess, and she is still living at the old family home on Centre street, Pottsville. They had a family of eight children, of whom Mary Louise and Emma Elizabeth died young; Clara Katherine is the widow of Henry P. Slater, of Pottsville; Daniel Franklin married Kate Hoke, of Tower City; John Frederick is married to Lillie Pickle, of Pottsville; Edward has been married twice, to Anna Bechant and Kate Hyde, both deceased. Mrs. Speacht has two grandchildren. Her three sons are now carrying on the flour and feed business in Pottsville established by their father. Mrs. Speacht conducted it for one year after her husband's death and then sold out to her sons, who are associated under the firm name of Speacht Brothers. They are established at No. 209 South Railroad street and have a large and growing business, endeavoring to maintain the high standards of their father's honorable career. He was an honored member of the English Lutheran Church.

Daniel Guess, Mrs. Speacht's father, was a farmer near Lewistown, Schuylkill county, where he died. To his marriage with Mary Bordel were born children as follows: Dorothy, Mrs. Speacht; Peter, who served in the Civil war from Schuylkill county; Louis; Jacob; Henry; Mary; Sophia; Susan, and Louise.

OWEN A. ANDREAS, whose home is now at Andreas (postoffice Sittler), in West Penn township, has for a number of years been ranked as one of the most successful agriculturists in his section of Schuylkill county. He has been as much a leader in all the other activities of the neighborhood, taking his share in the responsibilities of the township government, promoting social and religious enterprises, and lending his valued support to every movement which has for its object the betterment of present conditions. He is a native of West Penn township, and a member of a family of substance and worth long known in this region.

Jonas Andreas, his grandfather, was a farmer just over the Schuylkill county line in Carbon county, in East Penn township, owning about one hundred acres. He farmed all his life, and lived to be over eighty. His wife's maiden name was Bowman, and their children were: Tilghman married Polly Harter; Adam was the father of Owen A. Andreas; Owen married Druscilla

Ruch; Salinda became the wife of Owen Smith; Mary married Stephen Lauchnor; Eve, twin of Adam, married Henry Ruch; Sabina was the wife of Jacob Behler. Jonas Andreas was a Democrat, and his religious connection was with the Ben-Salem Church in East Penn township, Carbon county, where he and his wife are buried. He held all the church offices, and was a member of the building committee when the present church was built.

Adam Andreas, son of Jonas, was born in East Penn township, Carbon county, Nov. 11, 1832, and died Feb. 24, 1904. He was educated in the pay schools of his native township, and worked on his father's farm until twenty-three years old, when he married and moved a half mile away, buying a farm of about sixty-five acres. After operating this place for about twelve years he bought the farm of 112 acres (of which eighty acres are clear) in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, now owned by his son Owen A. Andreas, and there carried on general farming, marketing his produce to Lehighton, Carbon county. In the year of 1900 he sold this farm to his son Owen and built a house in Andreas, where he lived thereafter in retirement. His wife, Florianna (Steigerwalt), born Nov. 19, 1838, daughter of Joseph and Polly (Gumbert) Steigerwalt, now lives with her daughter at Andreas. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andreas: William and James died young; another son died in infancy; Caroline is married to Benjamin F. Haberman, of East Penn township, Carbon county; Fianna married Wellington Weaver, a leading general merchant at Andreas, Pa.; Louisa married Edwin Hill, of Andreas; Owen A. completes the family. The father supported the Democratic party in political sentiment. Socially he was a member of Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., of Sittler, Pa., and his church connection was with the Ben-Salem congregation in East Penn township, Carbon county, in which he was a prominent worker, holding the offices of elder, deacon and trustee. He is buried at that church.

Owen A. Andreas was born Nov. 22, 1869, obtained his education in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and worked for his father on the farm until twenty years old. He then married and moved to Andreas, where he rented a forty-two-acre farm from his father for twelve years, during which time he also did a great deal of lumbering. About 1900 he bought the 112-acre farm from his father, and lived there until 1912, in which year he built and moved to his present home at Andreas (Sittler), which is one of the finest homes in that part of Schuylkill county. He now rents his 112 acres to Fred Reinsmith, his son-in-law, and is himself engaged in general farming on a thirty-eight-acre tract in East Penn township, Carbon county, which he bought from Charles A. Andreas. Twenty acres of this property have been cleared. He makes a specialty of raising White Leghorn chickens, with which he has been notably successful. Mr. Andreas is a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Lehighton, Carbon county. He is at present treasurer of the West Penn township school board, and has been a member of that body for eleven years, exercising a most desirable influence in its councils. At one time he was township auditor. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party, and he has taken an active part in local elections as chairman of the township committee and inspector of election. He has been prominent in the fraternal organizations, being a past president of Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., at Sittler; a past noble grand of Sittler Lodge No. 1153, I. O. O. F.; and a member of Lehighton Commandery, No. 1135, Knights of Malta. As a member of the Ben-Salem Reformed Church he has been one of its most

efficient workers, serving as elder, deacon and trustee, and several times he has been superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Andreas married Louisa Steigerwalt, who was born March 9, 1870, in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., a daughter of Stephen Steigerwalt, who was educated in her native township, and remained at home until her marriage. She, too, is a valued member of the Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, which she has served five years as organist, and for fifteen years was connected with the Sunday school in that capacity. She is now teacher of the Bible class in the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Andreas are the parents of four children: Neda Luella, born July 4, 1889, is married to Fred Reinsmith, a farmer on the place of his father-in-law, O. A. Andreas; Raymond Adam, born June 2, 1892, who lives at Andreas and is engaged in lumbering, married Beulah German, and they have two children, Mark Owen and Noble Llewellyn; Herbert Alexander, born Sept. 20, 1893, a resident of Lehighton, married Stella Ruch, and they have one child, Evelyn Marie; William Stephen, born July 18, 1895, now a student in the West Chester State Normal School, taught school for three terms in West Penn township (he excels in athletics, and has broken several records at school).

Frederick Steigerwalt, the grandfather of Mrs. Andreas, was born in Germany, son of Carl Steigerwalt. When he emigrated to America he settled in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., where he encountered the most primitive conditions, sleeping under the trees when he first came to the township, until he could make a home. He became the owner of a 100-acre tract. He married Mary Hetler, a daughter of George Hetler, and they had a family of twelve children: Leah married Gideon Nothstein; Reuben married Priscilla Stahler; Charles married Katie Halderman; Levi married Mary Wise; Hannah married James Nothstein; Mary married Amos Gerber; Rebecca married Matthias Frantz; Levina married Levi Frantz; Lucenna married William Kressley; Stephen was the father of Mrs. Andreas; Rosinna married William Wise; Gideon married Christie Bowadbeck. Mr. Steigerwalt was a Democrat, and active in township affairs and in the work of the Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, which he attended regularly. He served as elder and deacon, and in other positions. He and his wife are buried there.

Stephen Steigerwalt, son of Frederick, was born July 18, 1835, in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., and died Feb. 13, 1905. He was educated in that township and at the Lehighton high school, and worked with his father until he enlisted in the Union army, during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company A, 202d Regiment. When he returned from the army he went to Tamaqua, this county, and married there. He settled in East Penn township, buying the homestead farm, which he operated until advancing years made it advisable for him to give up hard work. Then he built a home in Sittler and lived retired until his death. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed it to some extent.

On Sept. 25, 1862, Mr. Steigerwalt married Priscilla Houser, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Wertman) Houser, and she survives him, residing at Andreas. They had children as follows: Albert H., who is engaged in business as a saddler in Andreas, married Ida S. Gerber; Louisa is Mrs. Owen A. Andreas; Uriah married Emma Wehr; Ira married Lilly Wehr; Clara married Charles Everett; Edward was killed on the railroad when twenty-three years old; Mary married George Wertman; Wallace married Emma Steigerwalt; Beulah married Warren Trexler; Minnie married William Loch. Mr. Steiger-

walt was a very active member of the Ben-Salem Lutheran Church, which he served as elder and deacon. He is buried at that church. He served his township as school director, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. By virtue of his Civil war experience he was a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Bertolet Post at Lehighton.

JOHN FERTIG, after a conspicuously successful business experience as a contractor and builder, has settled upon a fine farm near Orwigsburg, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and has every prospect of being as prosperous in agriculture as he was in his former vocation. He is a native of Cressona, Schuylkill county, born Sept. 4, 1868, son of John W. Fertig and grandson of Joseph Fertig, a pioneer of the county.

Joseph Fertig was a woodchopper and carpenter, and was known as a good mechanic. He bored many pump stocks from trees which he himself felled in the neighboring forests. He would take a basketful of provisions and go into the woods to work, remaining until his supplies gave out, and he was respected by all who knew him for his industry and honesty. He was a member of the old Reformed Church, and a Republican in his political convictions. His children were: John W.; Sarah, now a resident of Pottsville, widow of Jacob Rauch; Mahlon, who married Amanda Sweigert, both now deceased; Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Peter Yoder, of Frackville, this county; William, a farmer in the Cressona valley, who married Emma Dishe; Daniel, deceased, who married Susan Brown, of Cressona; and Abigail, wife of Isaiah Schuyler, of Manayunk, Pa. The parents are buried at Friedensburg, in Wayne township, Schuylkill county.

John W. Fertig, son of Joseph, was born Sept. 9, 1834, in Schuylkill county, was educated in the local schools, and in his young manhood learned the trade of carpenter. He followed it for many years as a successful carpenter and builder, well known all over the county. He was one of the first men to cut timber on Sharp mountain, and while so engaged had to walk a distance of eight miles twice a day, to and from his work. In 1870 he settled in Pottsville, where he not only continued contracting, but also conducted a dry goods and retail grocery business for some time. He also owned a good farm, which he cultivated, and in the pursuit of his various business activities became well-to-do. When he retired he settled at his fine home in Pottsville to enjoy his well earned leisure, and there he died in April, 1908.

Mr. Fertig married Catherine Loubey, who was also born and reared in Schuylkill county and was a member of one of its pioneer families. She passed away in February, 1890, aged about fifty-four years, and they are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. They were members of the United Evangelical Church of Pottsville, in which Mr. Fertig filled all the official positions, taking great interest in the welfare of that organization. Mr. and Mrs. Fertig had seven children who attained maturity, namely: William H., who married Ada Durand, is now residing at Riverside, Cal., where he has an interest in the Glenwood garage; he has two children, Walter, of Los Angeles, and Mae, now Mrs. Orvill Miller, of Sacramento, Cal. Abraham L., master mechanic at the Tilt Silk Mill, Pottsville, married Effie Payne, and they have two children: Earl Payne, who is employed in the office of the Sheaffer Estate; and Ralph A., who is in the printing business. Kate married Francis L. Billig, by whom she had two children, Marguerite and Esther, the latter deceased; after Mr. Billig's death she married P. L. Knowlton, city

editor of the *Pottsville Chronicle*, and they have one child, Louis Lorrane. John is next in the family. Annie (deceased) was the first wife of P. L. Knowlton, and left one son, Kenneth, who is a clerk in the office of the National Biscuit Company at Pottsville. Caroline married George S. Umholtz, now of Riverside, Cal., engaged in the picture and music business; their children are: Catherine, now the wife of Milford Parker, and Dorothy, unmarried. Augusta married Heber Medlar, a contractor and builder of Pottsville, and they have three children, Kathryn, John and Augusta.

John Fertig received his education in the public schools of Pottsville, attending until he reached the age of sixteen years. He then learned the trade of butcher. When he reached his majority he turned to railroad work and was so engaged for six months, and then for two years was employed in the Tilt Silk Mill at Pottsville. Returning to his trade, he followed it until he entered business as a contractor and builder, in 1897, in which year he built the West End engine house in Pottsville. Many other notably substantial structures in Pottsville and at various other locations in Schuylkill county, private residences and business blocks, were erected by him in the course of an active career in construction work. For several years he took quite a prominent part in municipal affairs in Pottsville, having served two terms in the borough council, to which he was first elected in 1901, and again in 1907, as representative from the Fourth ward. Always associated with the most progressive and disinterested element, he displayed creditable public spirit in the discharge of all his duties, and conscientiously administered his trust, giving great satisfaction to the fellow citizens who had honored him with their support. In 1910 he decided to take up agriculture as his principal occupation. Purchasing a farm of 147 acres from the Jacob Petery Estate he settled on that place, and has since been engaged in its cultivation and improvement. He has sold off part of the property, retaining 112 acres, which he devotes to general farming, though about twenty acres are planted entirely in fruit. The location is favorable, the land productive, and under Mr. Fertig's business-like management the farm bids fair to become one of the most valuable in the vicinity. As a home he has improved it in an artistic manner, remodeling the dwelling thoroughly and making it beautiful as well as convenient, one of the finest residences in the township. His knowledge of building and skill as a mechanic are of great help in every department of his work.

Mr. Fertig has always taken great interest in social affairs. While a resident of Pottsville he joined the West End Hose Company, affiliated with Miners' Lodge No. 20, I. O. O. F., and Franklin Encampment, I. O. O. F., and became a Mason, in the latter connection holding membership in Pulaski Lodge, No. 218, F. & A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 96, R. A. M., and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., all of Pottsville. He also belongs to Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. For over twenty years he was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Company H, 8th Regiment, in which he was private four years; corporal four years; quartermaster sergeant seven years; first lieutenant, elected in October, 1902; and captain, elected July 1, 1907. He resigned in October, 1910. Politically he is a Republican.

On Dec. 24, 1880, Mr. Fertig married Sally E. Reichard, who was born Aug. 13, 1869, in Pottsville, where she was reared and educated. She lived at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Fertig are members of the English Lutheran Church. They have had four children: Orpha, born in April, 1892,

died in infancy; Anita, born Feb. 11, 1894, died when eighteen months old; Naomi Augusta, born May 14, 1896, has been educated under private tutors from the International School of Correspondence, Scranton; Ruth, born April 30, 1899, died aged one year, three months. The deceased children are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville.

Mrs. Fertig's grandfather Reichard was a native of Dauphin county, Pa., and he and his wife are buried at Hepler's Church, in the upper Mahantongo valley. By trade he was a cabinetmaker. His children were: Charles, who married Susan Witman; Sophia, wife of Amos MacDaniel; Rachel, who married Samuel Young; Edward, who married Elizabeth German; and Joseph.

Joseph Reichard, father of Mrs. Fertig, was born in 1822 in Columbia county, Pa., and became a resident of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, making his permanent home there. By trade he was a carpenter. He and his brother Edward were pioneers in the coal mining business, opening small mines at the Rabbit Hole, what is known now as Railway Park, in Schuylkill county, and operating them successfully, until the coal companies bought up their interests. Joseph Reichard served in the Civil war under two enlistments, first as a three months' man. Later, on March 27, 1865, he enlisted in Capt. Frank Snyder's Company C, 214th Pennsylvania Volunteers, for one year's service, or during the war; he was discharged March 21, 1866.

On April 18, 1846, Mr. Reichard married Susan Artman, who was born Nov. 29, 1824, and died March 3, 1912. She is buried with her husband, who died in 1896, in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. Children as follows were born to this couple: Sophia Ellen, born Aug. 14, 1848, died March 29, 1851; Rachel Alice, born May 29, 1851, is the widow of Thomas Roome, and lives with her sister Mrs. Cruikshank, at Pottsville; Joseph Logden, born Jan. 28, 1854, died Aug. 4, 1855; Susan Agnes, born Feb. 9, 1856, married David Cruikshank, of Pottsville; Charles Henry, born March 11, 1858, married Lizzie Parsons, of Chicago, and was killed on the railroad, at Quincy, Iowa; Cecelia Arlington, born Sept. 7, 1865, married William Link, of Philadelphia; Sally E. is Mrs. John Fertig. The father of this family was a member of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pottsville, and a Republican in political faith.

SCHEELE BROTHERS, contractors and builders, of Girardville, have built up a very extensive and successful business in the county of Schuylkill, and their work is to be seen in Girardville and the surrounding towns, as evidence of their capabilities and energy. The firm consists of Charles, William A., Louis and Otto Scheele. They are of German ancestry.

Carl Scheele, father of these brothers, was born in Celle, Germany, and was the son of August Scheele, who lived and died in the Fatherland. Carl Scheele was educated in the local schools in Germany, married there, and came to America after two of his children had been born. He arrived in this country in 1869 and engaged in the work of contracting and building. After a time he accumulated sufficient to send for his family and established a home here, and continued his labors successfully until his death, Jan. 8, 1913. His place of business was located where his sons are now established. Carl Scheele was married to Matilda Kirchner, daughter of Adolf Kirchner, a native of Germany, where he lived and died. To this union two children were born in Germany: Dora, wife of George Fritz, of Peoria, Ill.; and Anna, wife of Charles A. Seaman, of Williamsport, Pa. The remainder of the children were

born in America, viz.: Elizabeth, Charles, William A., Louis, Otto and Harry. Mrs. Scheele died at Girardville, Feb. 8, 1914, and is buried there in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

WILLIAM A. SCHEELE was educated in the schools of Girardville, and learned the trade of carpenter with his father, after his death associating himself with his brothers to carry on the business. He married Esther Linkhurst, of William Penn, Pa., and they have three children, Elmira, William and Wanda. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a Republican.

LOUIS SCHEELE was educated in the schools of Girardville, and became employed as a brick layer and cement worker. After his father's death he became one of the firm of Scheele Brothers. He married Anna Klase, of Girardville, and they have two children, Edward and Matilda. Mr. Scheele is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and of the German Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics.

CHARLES SCHEELE was educated in the Girardville public schools, learned the cement business and became a member of the firm of Scheele Brothers after the death of their father. He is unmarried. Like his brothers he is a member of the German Lutheran Church and of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and he also belongs to the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Republican.

OTTO SCHEELE obtained his education in the schools of Girardville, and was engaged as a bricklayer there for a number of years. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and of the German Lutheran Church of Girardville, and a Republican in political sentiment. He is unmarried.

HARRY SCHEELE attended the schools of Girardville and Williamsport, Pa., and learned stenography and bookkeeping. He is now located in Philadelphia, where he is connected with the Philadelphia Electric Lighting Company. He is unmarried. He is a Lutheran, and in politics a Republican.

FRED. D. FREUDENBERGER has served his fellow citizens of Tamaqua in various public capacities, and in every one has, by honest devotion to the interests of the people he represented, shown himself entitled to their confidence. There is one very substantial evidence of his services in the State Legislature, the Panther Creek hospital at Coal Dale, this county, for the establishment of which he did notably effective work.

Mr. Freudenberger was born at Tamaqua July 2, 1870. His father, Fred. D. Freudenberger, had settled there upon coming to this country from his native Germany, and engaged in the general mercantile business. He died at Tamaqua in 1875. Fred. D. Freudenberger, the son, attended the local public schools, enjoying ordinary educational advantages. During his youth he was employed for five years in the Bischoff furniture store, and then went West for five years. Returning to Tamaqua he became interested in general merchandising on his own account, carrying on a store for twelve years. In 1909 he received the appointment of postmaster at Tamaqua, under President Taft, and held the office throughout the administration until 1913. From early manhood he has been a very valuable worker in the Republican party, and in 1907 he was chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature, serving two terms with conspicuous credit to himself and his constituents. His fellow legislators recognized his ability and gave evidence of their appreciation by assigning him to membership on several important committees, those on Law

and Order, Appropriations, Mines and Mining and Accounts, of which latter he was chairman during his second term in the House. Mr. Freudenberger was the prime mover in the agitation for the establishment of the Panther Creek hospital, at Coal Dale, opened in 1907, and there has never been any occasion for questioning its necessity, as it has been in use to the limit of its capacity ever since. He is now serving as a member of the board of health of Tamaqua. Since retiring from the postmastership, in 1913, he has devoted his time to real estate and insurance business, which he has handled very successfully. In the fall of 1915 he was made the nominee of his party for clerk of the courts, and in November was elected with a plurality of 4,927.

Mr. Freudenberger married Gertrude Lutz, daughter of Alfred Lutz, of Tamaqua. He is a member of the local lodge of B. F. O. Elks, of the Tamaqua Club, and of the English Lutheran Church. From 1888 to 1891 he was a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, serving in Company B, 8th Regiment.

HENRY PRESTON SLATER, late of Pottsville, had valuable property interests there up to the time of his death. As the only son of George W. Slater he succeeded him as owner of Centennial Hall, which father and son conducted for practically half a century, and the name has been one of high standing in local business circles for a period of more than seventy years.

George W. Slater was born in Center county, Pa., where the Slaters settled at an early day. Settling at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, in the early forties, he engaged in the grocery business, and also followed mining, accumulating a comfortable estate. Centennial Hall, which he owned from 1863, had been originally erected in 1840 for the town hall, and after coming into his hands was conducted as an amusement hall. The upper part was burned in 1876, and at once rebuilt in modern style. Mr. Slater married Anna S. McCartney, who was born in Germantown, Pa., member of an old settled family of the Commonwealth. Mr. and Mrs. Slater are both deceased, the former passing away May 4, 1894, the latter April 14, 1897. Besides their son Henry they had one daughter, Anna F., who died in July, 1888, at the age of thirty-seven years. She was a prominent worker in the Second Presbyterian Church of Pottsville.

Henry Preston Slater was born Aug. 29, 1842, in Pottsville, where he was reared. Most of his education was acquired in the public schools there, and he also attended at Kingston (near Wilkes-Barre), Pa. Learning the printer's trade, he followed it until he joined the army during the Civil war, enlisting March 23, 1863, at Philadelphia, in the United States Marine Corps. He was under Admirals Dupont, Dahlgren, Farragut and Porter, and served with the South Atlantic squadron in all its operations from the time he entered the service, including the naval investment of Forts Wagner and Sumter, in Charleston harbor, S. C., serving at different times on the vessels "Wabash" and "Pawnee." In the siege of Charleston he had charge of and commanded a naval battery on Morris Island, in the harbor, and after the capitulation of Fort Sumter, when the services of the marines were no longer required on the South Atlantic seaboard, the battalion of marines under the command of Colonel Reynolds, to which Mr. Slater belonged, was transferred to the marine barracks at Washington, and there held in reserve for a considerable time. In the meantime the Confederate cruiser "Alabama" was committing depredations on the commerce of the United States, and the government fitted out a detail





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of marines on the sister ships "Kearsarge" and "Iroquois," to follow and destroy the Confederate cruiser, Mr. Slater being included in the battalion on the latter vessel. On that expedition they cruised in the South Atlantic without success, as the "Kearsarge" discovered the Rebel cruiser in Cherbourg harbor, France, and challenging her, sunk and destroyed her. Mr. Slater's vessel went to St. Thomas, W. I., where it lay for several days for repairs and general overhauling, and where the news of the destruction of the "Alabama" first reached the men. They sailed for the United States, soon reaching Philadelphia, where Mr. Slater was honorably discharged after over three years' service, and returned home.

Mr. Slater spent fifteen years in the West, from 1868 to 1883, in Denver, Colo., and Helena, Mont., where he followed his trade. He then came back to Pottsville, taking charge of his father's estate, of which he was sole heir, and with the exception of the period he was employed in the government printing office and the treasury department at Washington, D. C., resided here until his death. He acquired rather extensive real estate interests in the borough, most of his activities being in the line of real estate operations, in which he was very successful. In that connection, naturally, he was keenly interested in the improvement of the borough, but his participation in all movements for its advancement was by no means actuated entirely by selfish motives, as his assistance of many worthy projects demonstrated. He was considered an authority on property values throughout the county.

A man of broad sympathies, kindly disposition and friendly nature, Mr. Slater had many pleasant associations among his fellow citizens. He kept alive his interest in army and navy affairs as a member of the Union Veteran Legion and George G. Meade Post, No. 6, Army and Navy Veterans of the United States, of which latter he was vice commander. He was especially solicitous for the welfare of his old comrades in the navy, and used his means generously to aid those less fortunate than himself, though such acts were always performed modestly and with thoughtful consideration for the feelings of the beneficiaries. In all the relations of life he established the kindest fellowship with those he met, and he is held in loving memory by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Like his father, he was an artist of considerable ability.

Mr. Slater first married Cynthia A. Eccles, and two children of this union survive, George W. and Bessie. In 1886, at Camden, N. J., he married (second) Clara K. Speacht, who continues to occupy the handsome home at No. 800 North Second street where they resided from 1894; it was built in 1869. Mr. Slater died there Dec. 23, 1912, and is buried in the family plot in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Slater's family, the Speachts, are of French descent, her great-grandfather having been a native of France and a prominent man in his locality. John Speacht, her grandfather, was born in France, and when a youth of sixteen entered the army under Napoleon, serving for six years; he was under the great leader at Moscow and Waterloo, was wounded in the service, and his two brothers who were serving during that war were lost in the Alps. Afterwards he located in Paris and followed his trade, that of goldsmith, until he came to America in 1831, settling at once in Pottsville, Pa. The town was too small to afford him sufficient employment at his trade, and he moved to the vicinity of Selinsgrove and Sunbury, in Union county, Pa., where he became engaged in farming. Later he returned to Pottsville, where he died. His children were as follows: Magdalena, who married Richard Hyde; Elizabeth,

who married George Frazer; Sarah, who died unmarried; John; Frederick; Sophia, who married Frederick Moser; and Mary, who married Edw. Henry.

Frederick Speacht was born at Sunbury, Pa., April 20, 1835, and came to Pottsville with his parents in 1848. He was always in the flour and feed business. Starting to work when only sixteen years old, he was employed by Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Huntzinger and Ruch & Evans, and in 1886 engaged in the business on his own account, continuing therein until his death. His thorough familiarity with all the branches of the business, and its operation in this territory, brought him steady success, and he became one of the substantial merchants of the borough. He died July 17, 1906, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. Mr. Speacht married Dorothy Guers, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bortle) Guers, and she is still living, at Greenwood Park, Pottsville. They had a family of eight children, of whom are living: Clara K., widow of Henry P. Slater; Daniel Franklin, who married Kate Hoke, of Tower City; J. Frederick, married to Lillie Pickle, of Pottsville; and Edward, who has been married twice, to Anna Dechant and Kate Hyde, both deceased. The four deceased are Mary Louise, Emma Elizabeth, Florence Aurilla and one that died in infancy unnamed. The three brothers are engaged in the flour and feed business in Pottsville under the firm name of Speacht Brothers, and they have a large and growing business, endeavoring to maintain the high standards of their father's honorable career. Mrs. Speacht conducted it for one year after her husband's death and then transferred it to her sons, who are associated under the firm name of Speacht Brothers. They are established at No. 209 South Railroad street. The father was an honored member of the English Lutheran Church.

Daniel Guers, Mrs. Speacht's father, was a farmer near Lewistown, Schuylkill county, where he died. To his marriage with Mary Bordel were born children as follows: Dorothy, Mrs. Speacht; Peter, who served in the Civil war from Schuylkill county; Louis; Jacob; Henry; Mary; Sophia; Susan, and Louise.

JAMES A. YOST, of Ringtown, is the leading general merchant of that borough and its present postmaster. Mr. Yost is a typical member of his family, enterprising in the management of his own concerns and wide awake to the opportunities of the locality, which he has helped to further in many ways. The force of his vigorous personality has quickened every activity with which he has allied himself, and his honorable character leaves no room for doubt as to the kind of influence he endeavors to exert. The duties of the various public positions he has accepted have been performed with the same generous and scrupulous regard for the rights of his fellow citizens that he has observed in his private life, making him worthy of the confidence so often manifested.

The Yost family is of long standing in Pennsylvania. Daniel Yost, great-grandfather of James A. Yost, was born in Montgomery county, this State, in 1759, and removed at an early day to what is now McKeansburg, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1839. He was an active, enterprising man in his day. A Whig in political faith, he always interested himself in public affairs, believing it the duty of every good citizen to protect and foster the common good, and he stood deservedly high in the community, not only because of his upright character but also for his intelligence and keen judgment. He was called to various positions of trust, being justice of the peace for a

number of years in his township, and discharged the duties of the office with such marked ability and signal impartiality to all concerned that he was called up higher, being elected associate judge of the county. Judge Yost married Barbara Hillogus, and they had a family of ten children.

Jonathan Yost, son of Daniel, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1797, and died in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in 1866. He came to this county with his father, learned the blacksmith's trade and followed it a number of years, but gave it up to go farming, which was his work during the last twenty years of his life. He was an active and ardent member of the German Reformed Church at McKeansburg, serving in nearly all the official positions in the church organization. He married Mary Kleckner, a daughter of Andrew Kleckner, one of the earlier emigrants from Germany into East Brunswick township, this county, where he followed farming and where he died. To this union were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters.

Daniel J. Yost, son of Jonathan, was born July 22, 1820, in East Brunswick township, where he grew up, receiving a rather limited education. He learned the trade of miller early in life, and after working at this calling for fourteen years purchased a gristmill, in 1855, in Schuylkill (now Walker) township, this county, which he operated until 1889, when he transferred it to his son Jonathan. Then he embarked in a mercantile business at McKeansburg, which he carried on successfully for a period of ten years. He died Oct. 16, 1899. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics a Republican.

On Dec. 25, 1846, Mr. Yost married Charlotte Klotz, a daughter of Christian Klotz, of Carbon county, and to this union were born two children, both now deceased, Ellen and Alice. His second union was with Lydia Bretney, of Carbon county, Pa., solemnized April 16, 1854. She died Oct. 16, 1910, and is buried with her husband at McKeansburg. They had a family of seven children: Milton (who died in 1879), Ellen, Jonathan I., Alice (twin sister of Emma, married to James E. Greenawalt, a merchant of McKeansburg), Emma (deceased), Rev. Calvin D. (a graduate of Ursinus College, class of 1891, and of the Seminary in connection with the college, 1893, now instructor in German and English at that college), and James A.

James A. Yost was born Nov. 9, 1870, at Lewistown, in Walker township, Schuylkill county, at the homestead now owned by his brother Jonathan. His education was obtained in the district schools of the township principally, supplemented with a term in the preparatory department of Palatinate (now Albright) College, at Myerstown, Pa. He taught one term of school at McKeansburg, at that time an independent district. In 1892 he took charge of his father's general mercantile business at McKeansburg, continuing there until his father's death, in 1899, when he bought the business, which he carried on successfully until 1905. Meantime, when the rural free delivery service was established, in 1902, he was appointed carrier out of New Ringgold, and he served as such for a period of three years. Then, selling out his business interests at McKeansburg, he moved to Ringtown and engaged in general merchandising there, now having a large, well equipped store, stocked with a varied assortment of the goods in demand in his locality. Mr. Yost has catered very obligingly to his patrons in the borough and vicinity, and has been well rewarded by their steady support. He understands the details of the business thoroughly, and by his up-to-date

methods has made his store a convenient trading center. During President Taft's administration he was appointed postmaster, which office he has filled for five years very satisfactorily.

Everything that affects the general progress receives Mr. Yost's hearty encouragement. He is one of the directors of the United Telephone & Telegraph Company, and a director and secretary of the Ringtown Light, Heat & Power Company, both of which operate public utilities of great benefit to the section. For some time he served as a school director of East Brunswick township, and he is the present auditor of his borough, elected on the Republican ticket, which he supports faithfully. Socially he holds membership in Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold; in Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, of McKeansburg, of which he is a past councilor, and he was financial secretary for twelve years; in Guardian Castle, No. 500, Knights of the Golden Eagle of Ringtown; and in Maple Leaf Camp, No. 246, Woodmen of the World, which he is serving as treasurer. At one time Mr. Yost was an active member of Christ Reformed Church at McKeansburg, which he served as elder, deacon and assistant Sunday-school superintendent. He now belongs to St. Paul's Reformed Church at Ringtown, and is assistant superintendent of its Sunday-school. His wife is also a member of that congregation and interested in its work, being a member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. Yost married Carrie Bensinger, who was born Oct. 22, 1869, in East Brunswick township, where she was reared and educated, remaining at home until her marriage. They are the parents of five children: Russell Bensinger, born July 16, 1899, is attending high school at Ringtown, assists his father in the store, and is also in the newspaper business; Daniel Albert, born July 19, 1901, and Edward Lloyd, born April 3, 1903, are attending the Ringtown grammar school; Harold Bretney, born March 19, 1905, and Catharine Lydia, born Sept. 3, 1907, are in school at Ringtown.

The Bensinger family has been established in East Brunswick township from an early day. Frederick Bensinger, Mrs. Yost's great-grandfather, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and settled here before the Revolution. When the war broke out he was engaged in farming, and he left his private interests to go to the assistance of the Colonies. In later years he received a pension for his services. He married Mary Weiman, and had a family of eight children, one of whom, Jacob, married Hannah Dreher, and was the ancestor of another branch of the family in East Brunswick township.

Michael Bensinger, son of Frederick, was a farmer in East Brunswick township, where he owned about seventy-five acres of land. He cleared that tract, erected a log house and barn, and carried on general farming the greater part of his life. He had the following children: Edward married Sarah Heiser, and both are deceased; William, deceased, married a Miss Fister; Franklin B. is next in the family; Benneville married Caroline Fahl, and both are deceased; Fred married a Miss Bock, and they reside at McKeansburg; Priscilla married Thomas Hartung, and both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township. He was a Whig in politics.

Franklin B. Bensinger was born in East Brunswick township in March, 1822, and was educated in the schools of the local district. He spent his youth and early manhood assisting his father on the farm, after his father's death buying out the other heirs to the homestead place, which he operated

all his life. His wife, Catherine (Shuster), was born in September, 1821, and died in March, 1899, a daughter of Martin Shuster; her mother's maiden name was Koons. Mr. Bensinger died in March, 1898. He and his wife had the following children: John went West, and is now deceased; Howard, a farmer in West Brunswick township, married Emma Leiby; Charles S. married Ida Baer; Frank L. married Ida Albright, and resides on the homestead farm; Harry, who is a foreman in a silk mill at Tamaqua, married Cora Albright; Thomas, deceased, married Elmira Horn, who resides at McKeansburg; Dora married W. S. Miller, of East Brunswick township; Mary married W. H. Yost, of Reading; Susan is the widow of James Shoener, and lives at Hamburg; Lizzie is the widow of Oscar Kimmel, and makes her home at Port Carbon; Kate married J. A. Shellhammer, of Port Carbon; Carrie is the wife of James A. Yost. Politically Mr. Bensinger was a Republican. He was an earnest member of the Church of God and very active in its work, serving as trustee and in other capacities. His wife was also a member. They are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township.

JOHN C. BROWN has done a prosperous business in West Penn township as a lumberman and farmer for many years and is one of the substantial citizens of that section of Schuylkill county. Though not active in public affairs he has given his influence and support to all worthy movements affecting the general welfare, and has always done his share in the maintenance of religious work especially. He belongs to an old Berks county family, founded there by his great-grandfather, Michael Brown, who came to this country from the Old World and settled in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., in the section now known as Pike township. Among his children were: Jacob, who had no family; John; Daniel, who it is believed settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county; and two daughters whose names are not known.

John Brown, son of Michael, was born in Pike township, Berks county, and later lived in Rockland township, that county, where he owned a farm. He sold that place and bought another near Lobachville, whence he removed to Schuylkill county, and there he died at the home of his son George during the fifties, when about fifty-eight years old. He followed the tailor's trade in connection with agriculture. His wife, Hannah (Maul), was a daughter of George Maul, a native of Germany, and she survived him about six years. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are buried in Christ Church cemetery, McKeansburg. They had four sons: Ephraim, George, Charles (who lived in Pottsville, Pa.) and John (who died young).

Ephraim Brown, son of John, above, was born Jan. 4, 1820, in Pike township, Berks county, and was there reared and educated. He learned the trade of butcher and followed it until his death. Moving to Schuylkill county he resided at different locations here until he made a permanent settlement at McKeansburg, where he bought a house and several acres of ground and continued work at his trade. He was originally a Whig in politics, later a Republican, and his religious connection was with the Reformed denomination, as a member of Christ Church at McKeansburg. In Pike township, Berks county, Mr. Brown married Rachel Haite, daughter of John Haite (whose wife was a Young), and she died in 1852, the mother of the following children: Amanda; Catherine, wife of John Knittle; John C.; Daniel,

who went West (he married Mrs. Ellen Parks); and Jacob, who is unmarried. Mrs. Brown was buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. For his second wife Mr. Brown married Susanna Heiser, daughter of William Heiser (whose wife was a Deibert), and to them were born three children: William, who married Emma Beebleheimer; James, who married Mary Wertman and (second) Lizzie Haas; and Joseph, who married Susanna Kistler. Ephraim Brown and his wife Susanna are buried at Christ Church, McKeansburg.

John C. Brown was born Sept. 7, 1846, in Pike township, Berks county, and was one year old when brought thence to New Ringgold, Schuylkill county. The family resided at different points in the county before settling at McKeansburg, and he received his education at the Steigerwalt school near the latter place. He began work for his grandfather, John Brown, on the farm where James Wehr now resides, meantime making his home with his grandfather. When the latter died he continued to live on the same farm with his uncle George, who bought the place, remaining with him until he reached the age of seventeen years. At that time, in July, 1863, he enlisted to serve in the Union cause, being a member of the company of Captain Moll (of Tremont), in the Pennsylvania militia, for four weeks. On Feb. 14, 1864, he reenlisted, from McKeansburg, joining Company I, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three years or during the war, was mustered in at Harrisburg under Capt. Benjamin Schock and Col. James Nagle, and assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Grant. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania (where he was shot through both legs), Poplar Springs and Petersburg, and when Petersburg was evacuated followed the army as rear guard to Appomattox. He took part in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out at Harrisburg July 20, 1865. Returning to McKeansburg Mr. Brown did farm labor for a while, worked in the mines near Mahanoy City, and then turned to lumbering, being also employed as a sawyer. Later he bought a farm of two hundred acres near his present place in West Penn township, of which 135 acres were cleared, and he did much clearing on the property himself during the thirteen years he resided there. Selling that land he came to his present location, in the same township, where he has thirty-four acres, bought from his father-in-law, Samuel Hartung. About sixteen acres of this tract are cleared, and Mr. Brown carried on farming there in connection with his lumbering operations until the spring of 1914. He has been interested in lumbering since he disposed of his first farm, buying timber tracts, engaging sawmills to cut the timber, and selling the lumber. He has served his township as supervisor, and has been prominent in the work of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, of which he is treasurer and trustee. He has continued his association with his Civil war comrades as a member of Bertolet Post, No. 484, G. A. R., of Lehighton, Pa., and in July, 1913, attended the grand reunion at Gettysburg, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Brown married Mary Hartung, who was born March 1, 1853, in West Penn township, where she was reared and educated. She is a Lutheran member of Zion's Church. To this union have been born the following children: Clara Minnie, born June 25, 1880, is the wife of Oliver Leeser (born April 23, 1876), who now operates her father's farm, and they have one child, Edgar Oliver, born Jan. 23, 1905, at present attending school in



West Penn township. Lizzie Viola, born Oct. 12, 1882, is married to William F. Gumbert, a farmer in West Penn township. Mary Fayette, born Sept. 24, 1898, is attending school in West Penn township. John Franklin, born June 8, 1893, was educated in the public schools of West Penn township and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and is now employed at the Bethlehem Steel Works, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Michael Hartung, Mrs. Brown's grandfather, was born Feb. 10, 1788, and died Oct. 20, 1861. He was a farmer in West Penn township, a Lutheran member of Zion's Church, and a Whig and Republican in political faith. His wife, Anna Maria (Billman), born May 18, 1795, died Dec. 10, 1856, and both are buried at Zion's Church. They had three children: Anna, David and Samuel.

Samuel Hartung, son of Michael, was born in West Penn township Oct. 29, 1813, was educated there, and became a very prosperous farmer. After working for his father on the homestead place he bought a farm just above that of John C. Brown, owning altogether about four hundred acres, which his father had purchased originally for nine hundred dollars. He cut a great deal of timber from this land, and followed farming all his days. Mr. Hartung married Abigail Benninghoff, who was born Sept. 23, 1813, in West Penn township, daughter of Jacob Benninghoff, and died Nov. 17, 1884. Mr. Hartung died June 12, 1887, and they are interred at Zion's Church in West Penn township. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, and a Republican in political sentiment. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hartung were the parents of the following family: Christian, of West Penn township, who married Catherine Wertman; John, of West Penn township, who married Catherine Nies; Gideon, deceased; Thomas, who married a Miss Faust and is in Iowa; David, who married Kate Balliet; William, who married Masetta Shellhammer, both now deceased; Caroline, wife of Charles Troxell, of West Penn township; Mary, Mrs. John C. Brown; and Alvena, Mrs. William Daubenspeck.

GEORGE S. HENSYL, M. D., of Mahanoy City, has passed all his professional life in Schuylkill county, and though one of the younger practitioners in this section has a large patronage. It would seem that he has inherited his taste and love for the calling of his choice, his father having been for years an eminent physician of Center county, Pa. The family has been settled in the State for several generations, the first of whom we have record being the Doctor's great-great-grandfather, a native of Germany, who came to this country when twelve years old. His son George married Eva Dunkelberger, and they spent their lives upon a farm in Northumberland county.

John D. Hensyl, son of George and Eva Hensyl, was born in Northumberland county, was an extensive lumber merchant and farmer, and a prominent and influential man in his community, in which he served with distinction in several offices. He was a Republican in politics and a consistent member of the Evangelical Church. He died Nov. 26, 1895, at the ripe old age of eighty-two, and his wife, Susan (Rothermel), also a native of Northumberland county, passed away Dec. 30, 1894, at the age of eighty years. She was a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Hunter) Rothermel, who made their home in Reading, this State, and an own cousin to Peter Frederick Rothermel, the celebrated artist, who painted the "Battle of Gettysburg" for the

State of Pennsylvania, for which he was paid \$35,000. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hensyl had a family of ten children, as follows: Catherine, wife of Levi Conrad, a miner, of Trevorton, Pa.; Lot R.; Nathan, a railroad engineer, residing at Shamokin, Pa.; Daniel, who died at the age of thirty-eight years; Mary, who died in infancy; Silas, also an engineer, living in Shamokin; Rev. John, formerly pastor of the Evangelical Church of Mahanoy City, Pa., and at the time of his death, in 1913, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Shenandoah, Pa.; Louisa, wife of William Vanzandt, a railroad engineer, of Shamokin; Sallie, wife of Peter Neidig, a merchant of the same place; and W. L., a practicing physician of Shamokin.

Lot R. Hensyl was born Jan. 6, 1840, near Trevorton, Northumberland county, and remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age, when he went to Philadelphia and began clerking in the coal office of his uncle, Samuel H. Rothermel, where he remained several months. Returning home, he worked for his father during the summer in a sawmill, while through the winter season he attended school until twenty years of age, thus acquiring a good literary education. He then began reading medicine with Dr. S. S. Smith, but on the outbreak of the Civil war laid aside his books and enlisted in Company D, 52d P. V. I., under Capt. James Chamberlain. For over three years he valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union; he helped to storm all the forts in South Carolina; at Morris Island he was detailed as shipping clerk, and by special order was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., where he served in that capacity for three months. By order of General Foster he then returned to Morris Island, and was in the ordnance department until discharged in 1864. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty. Returning home he resumed the study of medicine with Dr. C. P. Herington, of Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., with whom he remained for two and a half years, in 1866 and 1867 attending lectures at Jefferson Medical College. On receiving his diploma Dr. Hensyl located at Howard, where he soon built up a large and flourishing practice, which his skill and ability justly merited. He remained there until his death, Jan. 1, 1900.

Dr. Hensyl married Sarah Elizabeth Heim, who was born in Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 15, 1849, a daughter of Rev. William and Lydia (Hepler) Heim, the former a native of Northumberland county, the latter a native of Schuylkill county, Pa. Rev. Mr. Heim was born in Upper Mahanoy township, a son of John and Sophia (Kohl) Heim, and his paternal grandfather was one of the pioneers of that locality. He bore the name of George Heim, and in the early records of Northumberland county we find him paying taxes in 1778. He often traded with the Indians, and was never molested by the redmen except once, which was a short time before the French and Indian war and the Wyoming massacre. He had sent his family and drove of cattle to Reading, and while he was all alone the Indians knocked at his door and were admitted. After he had given them milk and such food as the early settlers had at that time, a young Indian began flourishing a tomahawk around him, showing what he intended to do, but Mr. Heim arose and with his closed fist knocked him out of the house. After thus disposing of the leader, the rest became his friends, telling him that he had done right.

John Heim, the grandfather of Mrs. Hensyl, was a farmer and school teacher by occupation, and died in 1824. He was twice married, by the first union having one son and seven daughters, while by the second there were

six sons and two daughters. Sophia (Kohl), his second wife, lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Her children were as follows: John, of Richfield, Juniata Co., Pa.; George, of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county; Diana, wife of John Straub, of Lykenstown, Pa.; Mollie, wife of Peter Beisel, of Upper Mahanoy; Peter, of Watsonstown, Northumberland county; William, the father of Mrs. Hensyl; Daniel, of Northumberland county; and Jonathan, a resident of Illinois.

Rev. William Heim remained upon the home farm until twenty years of age, when he entered the ministry of the Evangelical Association, and ever afterwards devoted himself to the preaching of the gospel. His death occurred at Millersburg, Dauphin county. He was the father of five children: Frederick, Catherine, Charles and Sophia, all of whom died in infancy; and Sarah E., Mrs. Hensyl. Her maternal grandparents were John and Catherine (Maurer) Hepler, natives of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

Five children were born to the union of Dr. Hensyl and his wife, namely: (1) Blanche E., who acquired her education in the Union Seminary at New Berlin, Pa., is now the wife of William Weber, a merchant of Howard. (2) L. Louise is a most accomplished lady, and an artist of considerable merit, several of her elegant paintings adorning the walls of the home; for a time she attended Central Pennsylvania College, and was also a student in Miss Wilson's Female Seminary, at Williamsport, and at Bucknell Institute, Lewisburg, Pa. (3) Annie I., who is a fine musician, is the wife of Dr. W. J. Kurtz, of Howard. (4) William C. and (5) George S. complete the family. The mother died June 4, 1909. Fraternally Dr. Hensyl held membership in the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R. and Veteran Legion, belonging to the local bodies at Howard. His political support was given to the Republican party. A talented, cultured gentleman, he held an honorable position among his professional brethren, and in social circles also stood high.

George S. Hensyl was born Oct. 27, 1883, at Howard, Center Co., Pa. His education was begun there, in the public schools, and he took his classical course at Albright College, Myerstown, Pa., and his medical course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He graduated from the latter institution with the class of 1909, of which he was president. Dr. Hensyl gained his first practical experience at the Fountain Springs Hospital, Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he was stationed for twenty months after his graduation. He has since been at Mahanoy City, where his skill and faithful attention to duty have attracted an extensive circle of patrons, whose confidence is based on repeated proofs of his earnest desire to serve them conscientiously. He is a well known Mason, belonging to Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, F. & A. M., Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree), and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; he also holds membership in Lodge No. 384, B. P. O. E., Ashland, and Mahanoy City Aerie, No. 167, F. O. E.

Dr. Hensyl married Helen K. Bacon, daughter of Mrs. Harriet Bacon, of Mahanoy City.

DAVID BAUSCHER, a resident of East Brunswick township, has come into special prominence in his section of Schuylkill county through his energetic labors in behalf of the public schools. His effective work in every capacity where the interests of his fellow men are concerned shows how sincerely he desires to do his duty in the responsibilities intrusted to him. In this regard

he has given evidence of a spirit characteristic of the family, whose members have been noted for their honorable lives and fidelity to every obligation.

Mr. Bauscher is a great-great-grandson of Daniel Bauscher, tracing his line through Philip, Christian and Nathan Bauscher. The emigrant ancestor of the Bauscher family came to Pennsylvania from Germany, but the origin of the family is French. Tradition says that Daniel Bauscher (who spelled the name in 1790 "Boutcher") came to this country from the Palatinate in 1765. In 1790 he was a resident of Albany township, Berks county, and lived on the farm which is still in the family name. The Federal census of that year records him as the father of three sons (above sixteen years of age) and two daughters. He was, however, the father of seven children, namely: Philip; Jacob, who settled in Windsor township; Anthony, who removed to the Glades, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and who is the forbear of J. N. Boucher, Esq., of Greensburg, Pa.; Henry, who removed to Somerset county, Pa.; Peter, who located in Hamburg; and two daughters, one of whom was Barbara.

Philip Bauscher, son of Daniel, bought land of John Penn in Albany township, Berks county. He is buried at New Bethel Church. His children were: Jacob; Christian, 1799-1875; Maria, married to Peter Laubenstein; Kate, married to John Dietrich; Rachel, married to John Dietrich; and Leah, married to John Hartzel.

Christian Bauscher, son of Philip, was born in Albany township in 1799, and died there in 1875. He had a farm of 180 acres, part of which he cleared. His father, Philip, had also cleared part of the same tract. In 1852 Christian Bauscher put up a stone house in place of the old log dwelling, and thirty years later, in 1882, his son Henry put up a brick residence. The large Swiss barn was built by Christian. He retired about ten years before his death. He married Maria Dietrich, a daughter of John Dietrich, and she lived to be nearly eighty years old. Their children were as follows: Catherine married Andreas Kunkel; Lydia married Nathan Trexler; Abbie married Jonas Werner; Nathan married Brigitta Smith; Henry married Sarah Kunkel and (second) Sarah Sassaman. The parents are buried in the cemetery of the New Bethel Church in Albany township, of which they were members. Mr. Bauscher was a Democrat in politics.

Nathan Bauscher, father of David, was born Dec. 6, 1828, in Albany township, Berks county, and there had his early training in the public schools. Later he went to Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pa., and took a course in English. Subsequently he located in Lynn township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and rented the farm where his mother was reared, in time buying the place, which he continued to operate until he sold it to his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith. Removing thence to West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, he bought Dr. Medlar's property of over eighty acres in Red valley, but later sold it and bought a farm in Schuylkill (now Walker) township. This place consisted of 136 acres, and there he remained eleven years, at the end of which period he sold it to his son Levi and removed to East Brunswick township, settling in the vicinity of McKeansburg, where he bought a farm of 145 acres. He operated that place until a short time before his death, when he sold most of the farm to his son David, reserving for himself about thirteen acres, which he cultivated as much as his age would permit. He died in March, 1900. Mr. Bauscher was a Democrat, and took an active part in politics, serving as school director and tax collector in Schuylkill township, and performing the duties of these offices with his customary efficiency. A leading member of Christ Reformed Church

at McKeansburg, he held all the church offices, declining such honors, however, during the last few years of his life. The last position he served in was that of elder. He and his wife are buried in Christ Church cemetery at McKeansburg.

Mr. Bauscher married Brigitta Smith, a daughter of Joshua Smith, and she died when sixty-seven years old. They had the following family: David is mentioned below; Levi married Rebecca Teter, and they live at McKeansburg, Pa.; Ellen is the widow of Isaac Koch; Sarah Jane married Charles Stamm, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Amanda Susanna married Dr. W. H. Matten, of McKeansburg, Pa.; Amelia married Harry Enterline, who is now deceased, and she lives at McKeansburg; Ida Nora married Howard W. Sallada, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

David Bauscher was born Dec. 25, 1855, at Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa. He began his education in the public schools of Schuylkill township, and had one year's study at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa. After teaching school for a while, four terms in Schuylkill township and six terms in East Brunswick township, he turned to agriculture, for two years renting a half of his father's farm, and later buying the place, which he has been operating ever since. He is an intelligent and successful worker, one of the substantial men of the neighborhood.

On Dec. 18, 1880, Mr. Bauscher married Emma Bolich, a daughter of William and Mary (Sechler) Bolich, and four children have been born to this union: (1) Bessie May, born Aug. 22, 1884, married Rev. Calvin DeLong, pastor of the New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church, of East Greenville, Montgomery Co., Pa. They have one child, Emma Mary. (2) Edna Prudence, born Oct. 13, 1887, died aged nine months, seventeen days. (3) Olive Mabel, born Dec. 29, 1889, is a grammar school teacher in McKeansburg, Pa. (4) Elva Emma, born June 12, 1891, is a teacher in the third grade at Schuylkill Haven, Pa. All the children are graduates of the Keystone State Normal School.

Mr. Bauscher is greatly interested in the cause of public education, and has served a number of terms as a member of the school board, to which he was recently reelected for a six-years term under the new code; he is now treasurer of the board. For sixteen years he has been a justice of the peace, at present serving his fourth term. He is an ardent Democrat, and has done excellent work as a member of the election board. Socially he is a member of Protection Council, No. 395, Independent Order of Americans, and his religious connection is with Christ Reformed Church at McKeansburg, where he has been a prominent worker. He has been choir leader for thirty years and superintendent of the Sunday school for thirty-five years.

Mrs. Emma (Bolich) Bauscher was born Nov. 23, 1853, in East Brunswick township, and received her education there. She is a daughter of William Bolich and granddaughter of John Bolich, who farmed in East Brunswick township, where he owned about three hundred acres of land. He followed general farming throughout his active years, but retired many years before his death, which occurred when he was eighty-four years old. His wife, Susan (Fisher), died at the age of fifty, and they are buried in the cemetery of the Frieden's Lutheran Church, of which organization they were members. Politically he was a Republican. Their children were as follows: John married Hannah Sechler; George married Priscilla Wanamaker; Daniel married Elizabeth Sechler; Samuel did not marry; William married Mary Sechler; Benjamin married Mary Reinhard; Joseph married Sarah Oswald; Susan mar-

ried Joseph Alspach; Kate married Jesse Sechler; Hannah married Charles Dreher; Mary married Jacob Steinmetz; Diana and Sarah never married.

William Bolich was born July 12, 1820, in East Brunswick township, and was educated there. He worked for his father on the farm for some time and before his father's death bought about eighty acres of the place, later purchasing another farm of 100 acres, to which he removed. He cultivated that tract until his death, which occurred when he was aged fifty-seven years. He was actively interested in politics as a member of the Republican party, served as school director, and belonged to the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold; he is buried in the cemetery of that church. Mr. Bolich married Mary Sechler, who was born March 10, 1823, in Lynn township, Lehigh Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Sechler; her mother's maiden name was Fusselman. Mrs. Bolich survives her husband, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bauscher. Mr. and Mrs. Bolich had three children: Charles married Sarah Kindt, of New Ringgold, Pa.; Maria married Salem Koch, of Rauschs, Schuylkill county; Emma is Mrs. David Bauscher.

SAMUEL HELMS GORE (deceased), a lifelong resident of Pottsville, held a creditable position among his fellow citizens reached by his own exertions. Having filled the office of prothonotary for two successive terms he became well known all over Schuylkill county, where he is held in kindly remembrance among the many friends he won and kept by his high character and estimable personality. He was born at Pottsville Aug. 13, 1863, son of William Henry Gore, and his ancestors in both paternal and maternal lines were in this country as far back as the Revolutionary period. A great-grandfather in the paternal line, Joseph Heath Norbury, a sea captain during the war of 1812, later served as prothonotary of Philadelphia county. A great-grandfather on the maternal side fought for the Colonial cause in the Revolution.

William Henry Gore was born April 20, 1841, in Philadelphia, Pa. He had two brothers, Joseph and Robert. He was educated in his native city and at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and his business life was spent in the latter place, where he was first employed as a printer and later as agent for an express company. He was a staunch Republican in politics and during the Civil war was a loyal Union supporter, enlisting twice, first as a musician in the 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and later for three months' service. He became a member of Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R., and also belonged to the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of Pythias. He served as a member of the Pottsville fire department. His religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church.

On Aug. 20, 1860, Mr. Gore married Sophia E. Helms, who was born Feb. 28, 1845, at Womelsdorf, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Marie (Smith) Helms, and died in March, 1880. Mr. Gore's death occurred Oct. 23, 1870. They had a family of three children: Susan Norbury, born in Pottsville Oct. 31, 1861, married Elmer E. Teeter; Samuel Helms was the eldest son; William Henry was born in Pottsville Nov. 6, 1868.

Samuel Helms Gore obtained his education in the public schools at Pottsville, and during a lifetime of honest endeavor became one of the substantial citizens of his native borough. He was recognized as a self-made man of solid worth, having made his way by his own perseverance and industry, and though he died in his prime had made an honorable reputation which survives

among the many who knew and respected him. Just before his death he had served as county prothonotary for two terms, having been elected in November, 1902, for a three-years term, and reelected in November, 1905. No higher praise of his services could be given than this indorsement of his fellow citizens. His death occurred Dec. 3, 1909, when he was forty-six years of age, and he was laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery at Pottsville, mourned by his family and by his associates in all the relations of life. Mr. Gore was president of the Good Intent Fire Company; a member of Washington Camp No. 36, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of Aerie No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and he was a prominent member of the Pottsville Game and Fish Protective Association, and for many years secretary of the County League organized for the same purpose.

On Aug. 23, 1892, Mr. Gore married Mary Elizabeth Shaw, who survives him, residing at No. 425 Laurel street, Pottsville, with her son Frank Miller Gore, the only child of this union. He was born Aug. 1, 1893, and is engaged as a patternmaker with the Reading Company.

JOHN SHAW, late of Pottsville, father of Mrs. Gore, was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry upon its organization. He was assigned to Company G, and the regiment was attached to the 9th Army Corps. Mr. Shaw was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862. He was employed for a number of years as machinist in the C. & I. shops at Pottsville, resigning some years before his death to take a position in the United States mint in Philadelphia. He retired from the latter several years ago, owing to advanced age, and died Dec. 30, 1913, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gore, at Pottsville, when seventy-three years old, after an illness of four weeks. He had been in failing health for some time previous. Born and reared at Pottsville, he held a high place in the esteem and affection of many of his fellow townsmen, his neighborly disposition winning him many friends, and his interest in the general welfare indicating commendable public spirit. At the time of his death he was probably the oldest member of Good Intent Fire Company, No. 1, and he was also a member of Gowen Post, No. 23, G. A. R.

Mr. Shaw's wife died twenty-four years before him. During his later years he divided his time with his daughters, Mrs. Gore and Miss Clara Shaw, the latter engaged in the dressmaking business in Philadelphia. His son, Ralph, is a resident of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Shaw was also survived by one brother and two sisters: George, a member of the police force at Pittsburgh; Mrs. James Stinson, of Long Beach, Cal.; and Mrs. Emma Marquardt, of Philadelphia.

MICHAEL J. BRADY, of Cass township, is undoubtedly one of the best known men in that section of Schuylkill county. For years he was engaged in educational work, through which he kept in touch with a large proportion of old and young in the community, and some time before he gave up the profession became interested in hotel keeping, which is now his principal business. Mr. Brady has been practically a lifelong resident of Cass township, where he was born Sept. 29, 1860, son of Edward Brady, who followed mining here.

Mr. Brady obtained his early education in the local public schools. When nineteen years old he began teaching, and he continued to follow that profession for thirty years in all, twenty-eight in Cass township and two in Branch township, this county. For several years he was principal of the Cass township schools and long held a place among its most honored educators. During

the school vacations Mr. Brady turned his attention to mining. He gave up his profession in 1909, and has since been devoting his time to the hotel business, having an up-to-date establishment known as the "Brady Hotel," on the south side, near Forestville, on the main road leading to Minersville. He built this place several years before retiring from school teaching, and has been doing business there ever since. Mr. Brady has shown himself enterprising in business as he was conscientious in his professional work, and has the unqualified respect of all his fellow citizens in his part of the county. He takes quite an active part in Democratic politics in his township, and several times has been delegate to political conventions. He has served one term on the township school board, 1884-1887, and was elected tax collector of the township for the year 1889. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

On Sept. 23, 1887, Mr. Brady married Julia J. Dormar, daughter of John Dormar. She taught school in Cass township from 1876 until the year of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Brady have had the following children: Loretto graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., in 1909, and has succeeded her father as principal of the Forestville schools; Gertrude, also a graduate of the normal school at Kutztown, 1909, taught three terms in the Wilbur school near South Bethlehem, Lehigh Co., Pa., and is now teaching in Minersville, Schuylkill county; Edward, a graduate of the Kutztown Normal, class of 1911, taught two terms in Branch township and one year in Union township, Schuylkill county, and is now a student at Dickinson College, Carlisle; Marion was a member of the class of 1915, Minersville high school, and is now a student at the Kutztown Normal; Clair is a member of the class of 1916, Minersville high school; Marie and Harold are deceased.

WILSON HENRY, of West Penn township, has practically retired from farming, but he continues to reside on his farm, which is now operated by his son. He has lived there since his marriage. Mr. Henry is a native of Lehigh county, Pa., born Feb. 23, 1846, at Wanamakers, in which locality his father and grandfather passed all their lives.

Adam Henry, the grandfather, was born Jan. 23, 1774, at Wanamakers, and was a general farmer all his life, owning a tract of about 150 acres, a great portion of which he cleared. He was a Democrat and a Lutheran, holding membership in the church at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. His wife, Polly (Eckroth), born Nov. 10, 1782, died Sept. 28, 1854, aged seventy-one years, ten months, eighteen days. He died March 16, 1854, aged eighty years, one month, twenty-three days. They are buried in a private graveyard on the property of Robert Henry. They had the following children: Christian; Adam, who married a Miss Correll; Joseph, who married a Mrs. Stein; David; Sallie, Mrs. Henry Heiser; Susanna, Mrs. Eli Heiser; Polly, Mrs. Samuel Zettlemoyer; Mrs. David Ziegler; Brigetta, Mrs. George Guldner; Kate, Mrs. Jacob Rausch; and Mrs. Lloyd.

Christian Henry, son of Adam, was born at Wanamakers, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the local schools. In his youth he worked for his father, and after his marriage bought a tract of forty acres, of which twenty-five were cleared. All his children were born there. Later he bought the homestead farm and there passed the remainder of his life. He built a new barn and made other improvements on the property, which increased steadily in value under his care. He died at the age of fifty-two years, several months, and his wife, Carolina (Straub), born Sept. 15, 1811, died in January,



1892. She was a daughter of Daniel and Carolina (Brobst) Straub. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry: Mary married William Boyer, and both are deceased; Savina married Nathan Leininger, and both are deceased; William married Sarah Rabenhold, and both are deceased; Cordelia died young; Polly died young; Sarah is the widow of William Brendel; Amelia married Albert Muthart, both deceased; Wilson is next in the order of birth; Anandus married Emma Frankheiser, now deceased, and he lives at Tamaqua, Pa.; Carolina married Harrison Brendel, of Lancaster, Pa. The father supported the Democratic party in political issues. He belonged to the Jacksonville Lutheran Church, and both parents are buried there.

Wilson Henry was educated in the schools of Lehigh county, and remained at home working with his father until thirty-five years old, receiving no wages until he was twenty-two years of age. When a youth of nineteen he took up the cooper's trade, and followed it until twenty-eight years old. When he married he left the home place and removed to West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he bought a farm of 101 acres from Henry Endy. At that time only thirty acres were clear. Here he went into general farming, in which he has been engaged ever since, and he has found a satisfactory market at Tamaqua, where his produce is always in demand. His son Irwin now operates the farm, the father having practically retired. He is a highly respected citizen of his section, a Lutheran member of Zion's Church in West Penn township (his wife belonging to the Reformed congregation), and identified with the Democratic party in politics.

Mr. Henry was married to Andora Susanna Arndt, who was born May 6, 1863, near Lenhartsville, Pa., daughter of Elanius and Ellen (Zettlemoyer) Arndt, and the following children have been born to them: (1) Albert Sylvester, born March 1, 1884, died Feb. 11, 1887. (2) Clara Isabella, born April 22, 1885, died Feb. 7, 1887. They are buried at Zion's Church, in West Penn township. (3) Calvin Jonas, born Oct. 15, 1886, married Sallie Reinert, and lives at Slatington, Pa.; he is a member of the Knights of Friendship and of the P. O. S. of A., at Slatington. (4) Ellen Carolina, born March 10, 1889, married George J. Hoppes, a farmer of East Brunswick township, this county, and their children are: Albert Calvin, born Nov. 4, 1904; Mahlon Irwin, April 30, 1906; Clarence Oscar, July 18, 1907; Howard Sylvester, April 7, 1911; Maurice Leroy, Oct. 25, 1912. (5) Beatta Viola, born Oct. 11, 1892, is married to Edward Reeser, a farmer in Lehigh county. (6) Irwin Elanius, born April 17, 1894, is farming the home place, and lives there. He is married to Cora Clauss. (7) Annie Elsie was born Dec. 15, 1900. All the children were born on the farm in West Penn township and have attended the Summerdale school in that township.

Benjamin Arndt, Mrs. Henry's grandfather, was born Aug. 10, 1810, in Lehigh county, Pa., and died in January, 1895. He farmed in Lehigh county, where he owned a small tract, and after coming to West Penn township worked for other farmers until his death. He married Susanna Weidnicht, who died at the age of seventy years, and they are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. They had children as follows: Elanius; Levi, who married Tavillia Fegley, both deceased; Alfred, who married Rebecca Leiby (after his death she became the wife of John Snyder, for many years proprietor of the "Snyder's Hotel," now also deceased, and she now makes her home at Allentown, Pa.); Carolina, wife of Stephen Werley, both deceased. The father was a Democrat and his religious connection was with the Zion's Reformed Church.

Elanius Arndt, son of Benjamin, was born May 18, 1836, in Lehigh county, where he was educated. He learned tanning, and followed the trade for a long time, until within a few years of his death, being in the employ of Daniel Kistler, in West Penn township, for a considerable period, and also with Henry Enterline, at Tamaqua. He came to West Penn township with his parents, and at different times worked for farmers in the locality. He retired because of illness, and died in West Penn township Dec. 26, 1894. He and his wife are buried at Zion's Church in that township, where he was a member of the Reformed congregation. Socially he held membership in Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., in West Penn township, and he upheld the principles of the Democratic party. His wife, Ellen (Zettlemoyer), born Sept. 2, 1841, daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Keller) Zettlemoyer, died Sept. 4, 1905. They had children as follows: Ellen Catherine, wife of Seth Reeser, both deceased; Andora Susanna, Mrs. Wilson Henry; Cyrus Ulysses, engaged in saw-milling in West Brunswick township, who married Mary Levan; Lila Elizabeth, married to John Levan, of Franklin, Lehigh county, near Slatington; Lela Mentana, married to Eli Steigerwalt, of Andreas, West Penn township; Lily Regina, who married George Rankin, and after his death (second) Daniel Kocher, of Lansford, Pa., the latter also deceased; Alfred Elanius, deceased in infancy; Levi Oscar, of West Penn township, married to Sarah Smith; and Enos Benjamin, who is unmarried.

Mrs. Carolina (Straub) Henry, mother of Wilson Henry, was born in Lehigh county and received her education there. Her father, Daniel Straub, farmed near Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he had a forty-acre property, and died there when past fifty years of age. His wife, Carolina (Brobst), died aged ninety-four years, and they are buried at Tripoli, Lehigh county. Their children were: Daniel, who married a Miss Billman; Jacob, who married a Miss Henry; a son who went West; Carolina, Mrs. Henry; Kate, and Polly.

Isaac Zettlemoyer, father of Mrs. Elanius Arndt, was a farmer and butcher at Lenhartsville, Pa., and died at the age of seventy years. To his marriage with Catherine Keller were born children as follows: James, Harriet, Malinda, Mrs. Charles Reppert; Ellen, Mrs. Arndt; Lessina, Mrs. Samuel Epler; Isaac; Alvin; Adelina, Mrs. William Williams; Fannie, Mrs. George Schoener; and Lafayette. The parents are buried in the graveyard of the Lutheran Church at Lenhartsville. Mr. Zettlemoyer was a member of that church, and a Republican in his political views.

GEORGE OLIVER has been an all-around useful citizen in his busy career, all of which has been passed at Mahanoy City. A native son of that borough, he has taken due pride in the maintenance of its most desirable institutions, his public spirit leading him into active cooperation with the best element on all questions affecting the general welfare. As a mine foreman of unquestioned competence he is well known in the local collieries, both among the men and those who have the direction of the coal operations, which play so important a part in the industrial situation in this section.

Mr. Oliver is of English ancestry. His grandfather, Jonathan Rustin Oliver, was a miner in England, in which country he spent all his life. His family consisted of the following children: Edwin, Samuel, James, William, Eliza, Anna, Maria, Emma and Fannie.

William Oliver, father of George Oliver, was born in 1843 in Staffordshire, England, where he was reared. When a lad he went into the mines there to

work, following mining until he came to America. In 1869 he brought his family, then consisting of wife and two children, to this country, landing at Castle Garden, New York City, May 30th, after a voyage of about fifteen days. They at once continued their journey to Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Mr. Oliver was soon engaged at his old occupation, at which he was employed to the end of his active days. He died at Mahanoy City Nov. 19, 1901, and is buried there. Mr. Oliver was a member of General Grant Lodge, No. 575, I. O. O. F., of Mahanoy City, and at one time also belonged to the Improved Order of Red Men, taking an active part in the work of that fraternity. He married Hannah Beddard, like himself a native of Staffordshire, England, born April 17, 1844, daughter of William and Harriet Beddard. She still resides at Mahanoy City, making her home at No. 124 West Spruce street. Six children were born to this union: Eliza, now the wife of Harry Boardman; Hannah, wife of Thomas O. Jones; George; William, born Feb. 17, 1873, at present stable boss at the Tunnel Ridge colliery; Jonathan; and Emma, wife of Joseph Draper.

George Oliver was born Nov. 27, 1870, at Mahanoy City, where he was reared and educated. He began mine work when nine years old, in the humble capacity of slate picker or "breaker boy," and as he gained strength and acquired familiarity with the mines was advanced to more responsible positions. For some years he worked as a regular miner, and he was still a young man when made fire boss at the Tunnel Ridge colliery, holding that position steadily for a period of twelve years. At its expiration, in 1906, he changed to his present place, becoming inside foreman at the Mahanoy City colliery. This was at one time known as the Hill colliery. Mr. Oliver's efficiency and intelligent comprehension of his duties have had many severe tests here, and he has lived fully up to his reputation for trustworthiness. His position has been retained by the utmost fidelity to the interests of his employers as well as sympathetic understanding with the men under his charge.

Mr. Oliver has been actively associated with local musical interests. For seven years he was a member of the Citizens' Band, and was playing cornet with that organization when it won one hundred dollars and a gold medal at the Lavelle fair grounds in 1893. He was elected to the school board, serving eight and a half years, during two years of which time he served as president of that body. His interest in public affairs has found its chief expression in the promotion of public educational facilities, but he may also be counted upon to support any good measure. He is a member of the Citizens' Steam Fire Company, and socially belongs to Lodge No. 575, I. O. O. F., and Castle No. 86, K. G. E., both of Mahanoy City.

Mr. Oliver married Annie Bradley, daughter of Michael Bradley, and four children have been born to them: Edith Pearl, now the wife of David Davis; William J., who died when one year old; Annie Myrtle and Elsie May, both at home.

JONATHAN FRANK STEIN, best known as Frank Stein, is considered one of the most enterprising business men in his section of Schuylkill county. He operates a mill near Llewellyn, in Branch township, making a specialty of fine flour for family use, and also deals in flour, feed, hay and straw, and by strict attention to all his undertakings he has met with deserved prosperity. The mill, the only one in that part of the county, has been owned in his branch of the Stein family for over forty years, the present owner's father having

purchased it in 1872 from Nathan Stein. Moses S. Stein, uncle of Frank Stein, is senior member of the firm of Stein & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in flour, feed, etc., at Pottsville, this county, where he has been in business for over fifty years.

The Steins are an old family of this part of Pennsylvania, having been settled in the adjoining county of Berks since 1742. The name Stein is German, meaning stone or rock, but the family is known to have been French as far back as 1688 and originally called Pierre, which name appears among those of the French nobility. It is supposed the family changed the name upon removing from France to Germany.

During the year 1742 Jacob Stein and his wife came to America from Germany, and they settled in what is now Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., where he took up a large tract of land, to whose cultivation he devoted the remainder of his life. Here he and his wife died. They had children: Heinrich, who was born at sea while the parents were coming to America; Michael; Peter; Jacob, and Jonas.

Jonas Stein, son of Jacob, the emigrant, was born Aug. 16, 1766, in Richmond township, and followed farming in Greenwich township, Berks county, being a well known resident of that locality in his day. He lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying Jan. 16, 1842. His wife, Maria (Berk), born about 1774, died about 1848. To them were born children as follows: Jacob, Peter, Benjamin, Daniel, Solomon, Hannah (married Joseph Brownmiller), Elizabeth, Hetty, Mrs. Zears, Mrs. Seidler and Mrs. Gramer. Of these, Jacob, born Feb. 16, 1794, became engaged in farming and distilling on an extensive scale, owning five hundred acres of land, which he divided into five farms, erected substantial buildings thereon, and made other improvements. He was public-spirited and built a schoolhouse near his home for the township. He died March 2, 1874, in his eighty-first year, long surviving his wife, Sarah (Sunday), who had passed away in February, 1846. They had the following children, all born in Greenwich township, Berks county: Solomon, Adam, Nathan, Annie (who married William Schaeffer), Lavina (married Daniel Deisher), Lucinda (married Henry K. Seigfreid), Jacob and Henry.

Peter Stein, son of Jonas and Maria (Berk) Stein, was born Dec. 28, 1797, in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa. He followed the carpenter's trade for some time, and carried on agricultural pursuits most of his life there. He died on his farm Feb. 28, 1865, and his wife Elizabeth (Spohn), daughter of Conrad Spohn, born in Greenwich township, Berks county, Nov. 8, 1807, died on the farm in 1864. They are buried at the Dunkel Church in Greenwich township. Fifteen children were born to this marriage, and we have the following record of this family: Nathan S., born Jan. 5, 1832, died Jan. 4, 1914, in Oskaloosa, Iowa; Adam S., born Aug. 15, 1833, died in infancy; Jonas S., born Aug. 29, 1834, died March 22, 1906; Moses S. was born Aug. 26, 1836; Lelia S., born Aug. 28, 1838, died Jan. 8, 1840; Daniel S., born Dec. 23, 1839, is living at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Maria S., born Jan. 31, 1841, is the widow of P. W. Woliver, and resides at Lafayette, Ind.; Solomon S., born Jan. 30, 1842, lives at Newark, N. J.; Noah S., born March 25, 1843, is living at Bristol, Ind.; Anna S., born Nov. 11, 1844, died Feb. 3, 1879, was the wife of Ephraim H. Mattern, who died Nov. 14, 1907; Joel S., born Sept. 16, 1846, is living in Mitchell, S. Dak.; Samuel S., born July 14, 1848, died Aug. 9, 1848; Lavina S., born Aug. 14, 1849, died Sept. 23, 1849; William S., born July 30, 1852, died March 7, 1853; Florenda S., born Feb. 25, 1854, died Aug. 6, 1854.

Jonas S. Stein was born and reared in Berks county, and for a time was engaged in keeping store at Shoemakersville, that county. Thence he came to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he carried on the feed business as a member of the firm of Stein & Co., remaining there about three years. In 1872 he came to Branch township and purchased from Nathan Stein the property then known as the Muddy Branch mills, built in an early day by Jacob Clauser. Here he followed milling successfully until four months before his death, which occurred March 22, 1906. He is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery in Branch township. His widow, Catherine (Frey), daughter of John Frey, still lives at the homestead in Branch township. She belongs to an old family of Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. Stein had the following children: Mary, now Mrs. Charles Shadel; Jonathan Frank; Augustus; Elizabeth, Mrs. Grant Schoffstall; Maggie, Mrs. Lee Jay; and Della, Mrs. Joseph Thomas.

Jonathan Frank Stein was born May 23, 1862, in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa. His education was received in the public schools, and his practical training under the guidance of his father, whom he assisted from boyhood. He drove team and became thoroughly familiar with the milling business, which he took over shortly before his father's death, leasing the mill from his father April 1, 1905. In August, 1910, he bought it from his mother. It has long been known as Stein's mill. Mr. Stein is a typical member of the energetic race to which he belongs, and has won his way to a place among the leading business men of his township through the foresight and good judgment characteristic of the Stein family. Though he has not craved public honors he has been chosen for official responsibilities by his fellow citizens, who elected him township treasurer for eight years. He belongs to the Reformed denomination, holding membership in the Frieden's Church.

Mr. Stein married Minnie Yust, whose parents, Charles and Fredericka Louise Yust, came to this country from Germany in December, 1857. The father died July 31, 1894, the mother Oct. 17, 1914, and they are buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery in Branch township. Of the large family born to Mr. and Mrs. Stein six children died young, Alma, Calvin, Amy, Ethel, Norma and Norman, twins. The survivors are: Cora, wife of Irvin Keeney; Mary; William; Ada; Evelyn; Raymond; Irma; Mercedes, and Stella.

JACOB M. KOCH has a model farm in Walker township, in the improvement of which he has displayed a broader purpose than its development from a purely commercial standpoint. It is indeed one of the most highly cultivated tracts in the locality, affording many illustrations of the value of intensive farming, and has become productive and profitable to an extraordinary degree under Mr. Koch's management. Yet with all his business acumen he has never become indifferent to the charms of ideal home conditions, and the standards he has followed in that respect are fully equal to those adopted in his work. In fact, his measure of value to the community has been taken by the spirit of intelligent progress which has animated him throughout.

The Koch family has been farming in Walker township for several generations. Daniel Koch, grandfather of Jacob M. Koch, owned the old Koch homestead there, the farm now in the possession of William Miller, which contained over 143 acres, over one hundred of which was under cultivation. He remained on that place until his death, which occurred when he was in middle age, but forty-five years old. He was a Republican and active in the local work of the party, and his religious connection was with the Union

Church at Lewistown, at which place he and his first wife are buried. Her maiden name was Catherine Heiser, and they had the following children: Mahlon married Sallie Snerd; John H. was the father of Jacob M.; Martin married Carolina Stibitz; Mandon married Laura Albertson; Ellen married Charles Shultz; Carolina married Jonathan Allspach; Mary married a Seltzer. The mother of this family died, and Mr. Koch married (second) Mrs. Eliza (Stump) Dennis, widow of M. Dennis. No children were born to this union, but she had the following children by her first husband: Seth married a Miss Croll; Diana married William Schock; Emma married a Mr. Kemp.

John H. Koch was born June 9, 1846, was educated in the schools of Walker township, and worked for his father during his youth. Later he went to Tamaqua, Pa., and engaged in the huckster business for a few years, subsequently buying a farm of thirty acres in Walker township, where he continued his huckster business. He gathered a great deal of his produce in Berks county and went to Mahanoy City to market the same. When he sold his farm he went to Tamaqua to live, remaining there until his death, Dec. 13, 1909. He and his wife are interred at Lewistown, in the cemetery of the United Evangelical Church, to which they belonged. Mr. Koch was active in church matters, and in the administration of public affairs, serving most efficiently as school director. Politically he was a Republican. He married Christianne Schoener, who was born July 4, 1851, daughter of William and Maria Schoener, and died Dec. 24, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Koch had the following children: William O. married Elmeda Ebling; Jacob M. married Catherine Boyer; Edward Franklin, deceased, married Dora Daleus; John A. married Bessie Walker; Horace S. is unmarried; Kate married Daniel Keim; Lillie died aged six years; Ida married Irvin Christ; Sallie married Lerene Steigerwalt.

Jacob M. Koch was born July 26, 1873, in Walker township, and received his education in the schools there. Working on his father's farm until he was twenty years of age, he was next employed by the day for about one year, and then went to work for William F. Miller, of Walker township, with whom he remained almost six years—less only four months. Then he bought Mr. Miller's huckster business, which he has conducted ever since. For a period of three years he rented a small farm from Daniel Boyer, in the spring of 1904 buying his present place of twenty-six and a half acres, all of which is under cultivation. Mr. Koch raises his own truck, which he markets to Brockton, St. Clair and Mahanoy City, and part of his land is in general crops. He has improved the soil greatly, sparing neither time nor expense to make it suitable for truck raising especially, and the property has been thoroughly modernized in equipment also. His house has every possible convenience for comfort, being heated with a hot water plant and lighted by gas. Mr. Koch having installed an acetylene plant which is in very satisfactory operation. He takes great pride in keeping his home in prime condition, and the premises show unusual care.

Mr. Koch married Catherine Boyer, who was born April 16, 1873, in Walker township, daughter of Jacob B. and Catherine (Bond) Boyer, and here received her education. Mr. and Mrs. Koch are the parents of children as follows: Maria Lydia, born June 10, 1892; Claude Jacob, Jan. 1, 1895; Roscoe Samuel, March 2, 1898, a student at the Keystone State Normal School; Adwood Howard, Sept. 24, 1899; Bertha Miriam, July 29, 1901;

Iola Ruth, Nov. 19, 1903 (died aged three years); Paul Andrew, Sept. 17, 1905; Irene Grace, Nov. 10, 1906; Carl Robert, July 11, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch are active members of the United Evangelical Church at Lewistown, which he is serving at present as assistant class leader. For many years he held the office of steward, and he has also been helpful in the Sunday school, of which he was superintendent for many years; he is now a supply teacher in the Sunday school. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held the position of school director.

Jacob B. Boyer, father of Mrs. Jacob M. Koch, was born in Schuylkill (now Walker) township, March 4, 1843, a son of Samuel Boyer and grandson of Jacob Boyer. His great-grandfather, Jacob Boyer, was a farmer in Schuylkill township, owning over one hundred acres. He was a member of Zion's Union Church at Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Boyer, one of the four sons of Jacob Boyer, above, was born in Schuylkill township in the year 1801, and educated in the township school. He worked for his father a while and then learned the blacksmith's trade with his father-in-law, Frederick Bensinger, but did not follow the trade very long. After spending some time in the West he returned to Walker township and bought about three hundred acres of land, which included the present place of J. I. Yost. He cleared a great part of that tract, and sold considerable of it, until he had 178 acres left. For a time he operated a mill near the present Lewistown mills, but later moved from that location and built a stone house and barn on another part of his land. Jacob B. Boyer's son Isaiah now owns that property. Having sold his 178 acres, Mr. Boyer bought forty acres of the original tract, and there resided until his death, which occurred March 4, 1873. Mr. Boyer married Lydia Bensinger, a daughter of Frederick Bensinger, and she lived to be nearly eighty-seven years old. To this union were born fourteen children: One child died in infancy; Samuel died aged twenty-one years; Israel married Katherine Lindner; Emmanuel married Elizabeth Horn; Joseph married Lena Kunsett; Benjamin married Susanna Horn; William married Susanna Schoener; Catherine married Eli Wertman; Elizabeth married James Diener; Jacob B. married Catherine Bond; Daniel married Mary Ringer; Carolina died unmarried; John married Sarah Hine; one died in infancy. The parents are buried at Lewistown. Mr. Boyer was a Democrat and a member of Zion's Reformed Church at Lewistown.

Jacob B. Boyer, father of Mrs. Koch, was educated in the township schools. He worked in his early life for his father, continuing thus until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he went to Mahanoy City and remained for a time. Returning to Walker township he rented his present place, which was the property of his father. He also worked the farm upon which his father resided, and after his father's death bought the place upon which he now resides, thirty-six acres, all cleared. Here he has since resided. He married Catherine Bond, and they have had fifteen children, namely: Amanda, Mary, Samuel (deceased), Catherine (Mrs. Jacob M. Koch), Isaiah, Annie, Almeda, Nora, George, Claude, Earl, Sallie, Edman, Lillie, and one that died unnamed. Mr. Boyer is a Republican on political questions.

REV. HARRY DANIEL HOUTZ, A. M., has been serving the Mahoning charge of the Reformed denomination since May, 1912, having three churches under his care—the Zion's, St. Peter's and Ben-Salem congregations. Their membership is drawn from the residents along the Schuylkill and Carbon

county line, in West Penn and East Penn townships. He is a gifted young man, and with energy and initiative, as well as talent, gives promise of great usefulness in the field he has chosen for his life work.

Mr. Houtz belongs to an old family of Lebanon county, Pa., being a descendant of Philip Houtz, who emigrated from Europe to America, coming to Philadelphia from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship "Thistle" of Glasgow, Aug. 29, 1730. He was probably born in the Palatinate, Germany. He settled along the Swatara creek, about two miles from Hamlin, in Bethel township, Lebanon Co., Pa. That section of country was then a part of Lancaster county, and later a part of Dauphin county. In 1746 he obtained a tract of land in that vicinity containing 190 acres, and in 1752 another tract, of 247 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, in the same neighborhood. Philip Houtz died in 1766 or 1767 (he left a will dated Dec. 2, 1766), and was buried probably in one of the old cemeteries used by the members of the old "Klopp's Church" at Hamlin, Lebanon county. He was survived by Anna Marguerite (or Maria), his wife, and the following children: Philip Lorentz, Christopher (Stophel), Wendel, Henry, Sr., George, Eva (Mrs. George Gilbert), Anna Maria (Mrs. Christopher Kneble), Elizabeth (Mrs. John Weaver or Weber, later probably married to George Simon), Magdalena (Mrs. Jacob Wertz) and Juliana (Mrs. Jacob Loubsher). Some records indicate that Christopher lived in Granville county, N. C.; Wendel, in Virginia; Eva and Magdalena, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Houtz, Sr., son of Philip, was born about 1745, near Hamlin, Pa., and in September, 1769, was married to Maria Barbara Dups (or Dubbs), daughter of John Dups. She was born Dec. 30, 1748, and died in November, 1811. Henry Houtz, Sr., seems to have been a prosperous and prominent citizen of Bethel township. At the time of his death he was the owner of 201 acres and 140 perches of land, which was appraised at £1,816, 17 shillings, 6 pence. He died Sept. 30, 1796, and is buried with his wife in the old Klopp's Church cemetery. The following children were born to them: Henry, Jr., Christian, John (who was a miller by occupation, living at Strasburg, Lancaster county), Catherine (Mrs. Simon Bassler), Anna Maria (Mrs. Peter Zeller, Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Pa.), Anna (spinster), Magdalena, Sarah and Susanna.

Henry Houtz, Jr., son of Henry, Sr., was born at Hamlin, Pa., about 1770, and died about 1855 or 1860, probably at Farmersville, Ohio. He was prominent in business affairs when he resided in Bethel township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and it is also likely that he took a deep interest in the old Klopp's Church at Hamlin, which was founded about 1752. It appears that he went West about 1827. About 1798 he was married to Christiana Koppenhaver, daughter of Henry Koppenhaver. She was born about 1780, and died about 1870 at Murray, Wells Co., Ind. The following children were born to them: William, John, Henry, Barbara (Mrs. Joseph Hunsicker), Lydia (Mrs. John Gilbert), Elizabeth (Mrs. David Albert), Catherine (Mrs. John Lengle) and Mrs. John Segner. All of the above children went West except William and Barbara.

William Houtz, son of Henry, above, was born Jan. 1, 1803, in Lebanon county, Pa., received his education in the pay schools of Bethel township, that county, and followed farming all his active years, retiring some time before his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1895. At that time he owned a small piece of land. He was a Democrat, but not active in public affairs. In his early



manhood he had an ambition to become a minister of the gospel, and though he never fulfilled his intention he did effective work in religious lines as a zealous lay member of the German Reformed Church, belonging to Zion's (Goshert's) Church at Mount Zion, Lebanon county. His first connection, however, was with St. Paul's Union Church at Hamlin, that county, where he was confirmed. He and his wife are buried at Goshert's Church. Her maiden name was Hunsicker, and like her husband she reached advanced age, having been born in 1805 and died in 1887. They were married on Nov. 12, 1826, and became the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, deceased, married a Gundrum; David married Lavina Loose, and both are deceased; William, a Union veteran of the Civil war, resided at Harrisburg, Pa., for many years, and died July 19, 1915 (he was married twice, first to Mary Douglas, and after her death to Elizabeth Straw); Daniel is mentioned below; Elias married Sallie Nace, and they live in Bethel township, Lebanon county; Samuel, deceased, married a Gundrum; Susan died unmarried; Lydia is the wife of John Ritter, of Bethel township; Elizabeth is married to John Sholly, of Bethel, Lebanon county; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of William Yerger.

Daniel Houtz, son of William, was born Oct. 26, 1837, near Hamlin, in Bethel township, Lebanon county, and was educated in the local schools which during his boyhood were conducted on the subscription plan. He learned the trade of carpenter and continued to follow it throughout his active years, also cultivating a small tract of land which he owned. He and his wife now live near Myerstown. Her maiden name was Susanna Klick, and she was born Feb. 16, 1837, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Webbert) Klick, natives of Jackson township, Lebanon county. Mr. and Mrs. Houtz were married Aug. 3, 1861, and have had two children, Aquila G. and Edwin P.; the latter, born in June, 1869, died in 1876. Mr. Houtz is a German Reformed member of Zion's Church, but though one of its faithful supporters has not taken any active part in its work. Politically he is a Democrat.

Aquila G. Houtz was born Feb. 19, 1864, near Mount Zion, in Bethel township, Lebanon county, and received his education in the public schools of that section. He has been a farmer all his life in his native county, and owns a tract of seventy-eight acres in Jackson township where he resides, all of which is cleared land, and besides owns several houses. He also owns a farm in Bethel township, Berks county, of nearly one hundred acres. Thus by thrifty management he has prospered very well. He is a well known man in the community, at present serving as tax collector of Jackson township, is a Democrat in politics, and holds membership in Zion's Reformed Church. On March 9, 1884, Mr. Houtz married Emma Gible. She was born Oct. 7, 1861, the daughter of Moses and Susanna (Wengert) Gible, natives of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa. They are the parents of the following children: Harry Daniel is the eldest; Miles D., born Nov. 2, 1886, married Kate Everhardt, and has two children, Walter and Leon A.; Annie L., born April 2, 1888, is the wife of Harry Darkes, and has had six children, Florence (deceased), Warren, Paul, Leo, Ammon and Mabel; Pierce W., born June 1, 1890, married Jennie Spitler, and has two children, Earl and Beulah; Paul E., born Oct. 2, 1891, married Elsie Spitler, and they have three children, Ammon, Viola and Ida; Warren P., born June 13, 1893, died April 11, 1894; Sadie L. was born Jan. 26, 1896; Wayne E., June 1, 1898; Edgar W., March 6, 1901.

Harry Daniel Houtz was born Feb. 17, 1885, near Myerstown, in Jackson

township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and began his literary training in the public schools of that township. Later he attended the Albright Preparatory School and Albright College, of Myerstown, being a member of the class of 1909 and class president during 1908 and 1909. He was graduated with honors June 16, 1909, with the degree of A. B. The following September he entered the Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Lancaster, Pa., graduating with honors May 9, 1912. His graduation thesis was entitled "The Idea of God in Modern Theology." At the close of his second year, May 11, 1911, he received an award of sixty dollars from the Seminary for a prize essay on "The Scope of the Pulpit." Meantime he received the degree of A. M. in course from Albright College, June 14, 1911, and also took up graduate work in History and German during the 1911 summer session of Cornell University. Having been elected pastor of the Mahoning Reformed charge, he entered upon his duties in May, 1912, being licensed to preach the gospel by Lebanon Classis, at Lebanon, May 21, 1912; and ordained to the Christian ministry in Ben-Salem Church, East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pa., May 26, 1912, by a committee representing the Lehigh Classis, composed of Revs. E. S. Noll, George P. Stem and Charles F. Althouse. Mr. Houtz was baptized by Rev. H. K. Welker, March 20, 1885, and confirmed at Mount Zion Church, Lebanon county, March 30, 1901, by Rev. Dr. H. A. Keyser. The churches have made excellent progress during his pastorate, the allied enterprises are in promising condition, and the spirit of good will which prevails holds hope of a continued widening of interests. Aside from the influence incidental to his church work Mr. Houtz takes no special part in local affairs. He is a Democrat in political sympathy, and socially a Mason and Odd Fellow, belonging to Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., of Orwigsburg, and to Blue Ridge lodge, No. 1153, I. O. O. F., of Sittler, being a past grand and at present chaplain of the latter organization.

On June 11, 1912, Mr. Houtz married Annie Priscilla Steiner, who was born Nov. 11, 1881, in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and they have had two children: Lester S., born March 14, 1913; and Myron S., born June 18, 1914. Mrs. Houtz received her preparatory education in the public schools of her native township and subsequently took a course at the Myerstown high school, graduating in 1900, after which she took courses in the Normal departments of Albright and Lebanon Valley Colleges; before her marriage she taught school in Jackson township. She was confirmed in the Frieden's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Myerstown by Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, of Myerstown.

Moses Steiner, Mrs. Houtz's grandfather, was a native of Jackson township, Lebanon county, and spent all his life there, dying when sixty-six years old. He was a teacher in the days of subscription schools, and followed farming and milling all his life. His wife, Lucy Ann (Spannuth), daughter of Jacob Spannuth, died at the age of sixty-seven years, and they are buried at Frieden's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Myerstown. Mr. Steiner was an active member of that church, in which he was honored with many important offices, serving as elder, deacon, and trustee. He was a Democrat in political opinion. His children were: Rebecca, who is the wife of Aaron Spittler, of Greble, Bethel township, Lebanon county; Elizabeth, the wife of Percival Batdorf, of Myerstown; Aaron, father of Mrs. Houtz; Susan, widow of Frank Albert, living in Lebanon; and Albert, a resident of Myerstown, who married a Miss Treida (deceased) and (second) Kate Brubaker.

Aaron Steiner, son of Moses, was born Dec. 31, 1852, in Jackson township, Lebanon county, and was reared and educated in that township. In youth and early manhood he assisted his father in the mill and on the farm. After his marriage he operated a farm for his grandfather, and upon the latter's death bought the adjoining property, which then belonged to his father. It consists of forty acres, all cleared, located near Myerstown, and he still lives there, following general farming, in which he has prospered steadily. He has been closely associated with township affairs, having filled the offices of school director and auditor, and in politics he has worked with the Democratic party. He has been a leading member of the Frieden's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Myerstown, having served as elder and deacon.

Mr. Steiner married Amanda Brown, who was born Aug. 8, 1851, at Hamlin, in Bethel township, Lebanon county, daughter of William and Priscilla (Price) Brown, who had five other children: Morris, who was married twice, first to Miss Amanda Newcomet, and later to Miss Ella Gerhart; Emma, Mrs. William Edris; Lizzie, Mrs. Harry Miller; Susan, Mrs. John Henninger; and John H., deceased, who married Emma Peiffer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown died when about seventy years old, and they are buried at St. Paul's Union Church, Hamlin, of which both were faithful members, and in which Mr. Brown filled various offices. In early life he was a shoemaker, later carrying on farming at Hamlin. He was a Democrat in political faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Steiner have children as follows: Harvey C., born June 8, 1876, is a clerk in a wholesale house at Lebanon, Pa., where he resides; he married Emma Walborn. Jennie E., born July 21, 1880, was a seamstress before her marriage to E. Paul Shirk, of Reading, Pa. Mrs. Houtz is next in the family. Miles H., born July 22, 1885, was a school teacher for a number of years, and is now assistant postmaster at Myerstown; he married Vada Klick. Wayne E., born Oct. 13, 1891, is teaching the grammar school at Mount Zion, Lebanon county, and lives at home.

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Several other men by the name of Houtz came to America before the American Revolution. They were probably not related to the above named Philip Houtz. Lorentz Houtz came to this country by way of Rotterdam on the ship "Friendship," arriving at Philadelphia on Sept. 20, 1738, when twenty-three years of age, and settled evidently somewhere in Berks county, Pa., perhaps not far from Hamlin, Lebanon county. Whether or not any relationship existed between him and Philip Houtz is unknown. There is a tombstone inscription in the cemetery of the old "Klopp's Church" at Hamlin, referring to a Philip Lorentz Houtz who died on Oct. 22, 1788, aged seventy-five years, one month, and some weeks. There is a remote possibility that this inscription refers to this party. It is, however, more probable that the inscription refers to Philip Lorentz Houtz, the son of Philip Houtz, although a certain "Indenture" dated April 28, 1789, leads one to believe that Philip Lorentz Houtz, the son of Philip Houtz, was yet living on that date. It may be that one of the dates is in error. It may be added that one Philip Lorentz Houtz, probably the son of Philip, was married to Eva Walborn; their son, John, was born Dec. 26, 1762.

Philip Peter Houtz came to Philadelphia from Germany by way of Rotterdam Oct. 10, 1768, on the ship "Minerva." It appears that he settled in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa. His son Anthony was born in Germany Aug. 4, 1758, and died in New York State in 1830. He entered the ministry of the

German Reformed Church, which he served ably and faithfully. He was prepared for his work by Rev. William Hendel, D. D.

The Mahoning Reformed charge, of which Rev. Mr. Houtz is the pastor, is composed of Zion's and St. Peter's congregations in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and Ben-Salem Church, Carbon county.

ZION'S CHURCH was founded in 1790 on a tract of land obtained from Solomon Hoppes. The last church building was erected in 1846. It is located on a hill overlooking a beautiful valley, about a mile from Snyder's post office. Among the Reformed ministers who served it were John Züllig, Abraham Bartholomew and Thomas N. Reber. The names of some of the Lutheran ministers that served are E. A. Bauer, and William H. Strauss, the present pastor. Among the prominent families that are closely identified with the church we find the names of Zimmerman, Gerber, Balliet, Ohl, Shellhamer, Stahler, Houser, Delp, Hoppes, Steigerwalt, Zehner, Kistler, Behler, Schaeffer, Kleckner, Zettlemoyer, Arner, Snyder, Breiner, Eberts, Reed, Brown, Loch, Stoudt, Leeser, Longacre, Hafer, and others. In 1914 a new constitution was prepared and adopted by the congregations.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH is situated near Mantzville, about eight miles from Tamaqua. It is located on a tract of land obtained from Henry Mantz for church purposes. The first building was erected in 1845, the latest in 1885. Among the ministers that served St. Peter's are: Reformed—one Mr. Eichenberg and Thomas N. Reber; Lutheran—E. A. Bauer and William H. Strauss. Among the prominent families are the Mantz, Miller, Fenstermacher, Wehr, Rex, Beltz, Hoppes and others.

BEN-SALEM CHURCH, founded in 1797, is located in East Penn township, Carbon county, about two and a half miles northeast of Sittler, Schuylkill county, on a tract of land obtained from Frederick Handwerk. The latest church building was erected in 1855, but improvements have been made from time to time. A belfry was erected in 1901. Among the ministers of this congregation are the same as those mentioned as serving Zion's Church. Among the prominent families we find Wehr, Frantz, Smith, Weaver, Andreas, Rein-smith, DeLong, McLean, Klingaman, Troxel, Wertman, Steigerwalt, Hoppes, German, Fritz, Ziegler, Seibert, Kolp, Kemmerer, Fritzinger, Berger, Everett, Haberman, Peters, and Eberts. In 1913 new constitutions and by-laws were prepared by a committee and adopted by the congregation.

JOHN HENRY DEISHER has been a resident of Schuylkill county for over thirty years, and he was a successful merchant at Pottsville until he settled down to farming in West Brunswick township, near Orwigsburg, where he owns a valuable farm. He is a native of Berks county, Pa., and a member of a family honored there through several generations of high citizenship. Born Sept. 13, 1851, in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, he is a son of Gereon Deisher and a grandson of David Deisher.

David Deisher, the grandfather, was born near Coxtown (now Flectwood), Berks county, July 25, 1797, and was one of the most progressive, farsighted residents of that section in his day. His energy and good management brought him success in business and the reputation of having an intelligent as well as active mind, which left its impression on everything which enlisted his interest. Agriculture was his principal business, and he owned farms in different sections, having a tract of one hundred acres in Maxatawny township, and

later another of the same size near Hamburg (which he sold to Daniel Nies). He was also a mill owner, and had a wheelwright and blacksmith shop on his place, but he did not follow any trade himself, hiring others to operate these for him. Shortly before his death he retired, and thereafter lived at Hamburg, Berks county. During his active years he had lived at Kutztown, and he was deeply interested in the establishment of what developed into the Keystone State Normal School at that place, which now has landed property of fifty acres and a fine group of buildings admirably located on elevated ground along the "Easton Road," in the southwestern part of Kutztown. The institution was the direct outgrowth of two earlier schools, Fairview Seminary and its predecessor, the old Franklin Academy. This earliest school was housed first in the old stone parochial schoolhouse and later in the small wooden building still standing at the intersection of Walnut and Whiteoak streets, in the heart of the town. It was founded in 1836; and in 1838, in order to secure an annual appropriation of four hundred dollars which the State then offered to an academy having on its roll twenty-five students, it was incorporated. David Deisher was one of the first trustees. The number of pupils was limited to thirty-three, and no one was received for a shorter period than six months, for which time the tuition charges were ten dollars. After rendering excellent service to the community Franklin Academy closed its doors. In 1860 Fairview Seminary was established, and grew so rapidly that in 1863 it was removed into a new brick building which afterwards formed the northeastern wing of the old normal school, being on the site now occupied by the boys' dormitories. In 1865 the seminary became a normal school, and the latter has had a prosperous existence continuously since. Mr. Deisher lived to see the change. In his younger manhood Mr. Deisher served some years as director of the poor. He was a Democrat, and he and his family united with St. John's Lutheran Church at Hamburg.

Mr. Deisher married Esther Hill, who was born March 8, 1797, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Herbein) Hill; her mother, born April 24, 1771, died Feb. 11, 1857. Mrs. Deisher passed away Jan. 5, 1865, Mr. Deisher on Jan. 4, 1870, and they are buried in the cemetery of St. John's Church at Hamburg. They were the parents of the following children: Gereon; William, who married Sarah Stoyer; Henry, who married Valeria Fink; Mary, who married James Moyer; and Catherine, who married William D. Shomo.

Gereon Deisher, father of John Henry Deisher, was born Oct. 10, 1825, in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., and received his education there and in Maxatawny township. As was customary in those days, he worked for his father until he attained his majority, but was still a young man when in partnership with his brother William he engaged in the manufacture of stoves, plows, etc., in Hamburg, under the firm name of G. & W. Deisher, iron founders. They did business together for six years. Leaving Hamburg, Mr. Deisher went to Perry township, Berks county, where he farmed for a time, thence removing to Maiden-creek township, same county, where he was a tenant farmer. His next removal was to Wintersville, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, where he carried on a general store and farm, and was also postmaster. He died there in October, 1901. He was an influential man wherever known, and held the confidence of his associates to an unusual degree. He was frequently appointed as executor or administrator of estates, and acted as guardian to a number of minors. He took a deep interest in the advancement and spread of Christianity, and at the time of his death held the office of

elder in the Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg. A Democrat in politics, he was active in party affiliations, but he did not aspire to any public honors for himself, though he served his neighbors faithfully as school director and in other township offices, wherever he felt that his experience and familiarity with local conditions could be of special service. On May 29, 1849, Mr. Deisher married Helena Seidel, who was born Nov. 6, 1830, in Windsor township, Berks county, daughter of Gottfried Seidel. Her father, born Nov. 9, 1800, died July 13, 1868; her mother, whose maiden name was Sunday, was born Sept. 13, 1801, and died Nov. 21, 1878. Mrs. Deisher passed away April 16, 1906, and is buried with her husband in the cemetery of St. John's Church. They were the parents of the following children: Franklin Ephraim, now a resident of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who married Mary Kirst (she is deceased); John Henry; William, who died in infancy; Louisa, widow of Amos DeTurck, now living at Wintersville, Berks county; Catherine, deceased in infancy; and Annie, wife of John Scholl, of North Manheim township, Schuylkill county.

John H. Deisher was reared and educated at Hamburg, Berks county, and worked for his father until twenty-two years old. For five years he was a tenant farmer, and subsequently became engaged as a lime burner, leasing a limestone quarry and operating a kiln near Calcium, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, for three years. Removing to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, he embarked in the grocery business and later became a dealer in flour and feed, living about twenty years in that borough and making an honorable place for himself among its trusted merchants. He then bought from John T. Shoener the farm he is now operating, a tract of 115 acres near Orwigsburg, in West Brunswick township, and moved thereon March 10, 1903. All but thirty acres is under cultivation, Mr. Deisher following general farming very successfully, and the improvements he is continually making are increasing the value of the place steadily. While at Pottsville Mr. Deisher joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Politically he is an independent voter.

Mr. Deisher married Ellen Phillips, who was born Aug. 25, 1849, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, was educated at the Mooresville school in Perry township, that county, and remained at home until her marriage. Two children have been born to this union, Helena and Estelle. Helena, born May 25, 1874, is the wife of H. H. Flickinger and has three children, born as follows: Harry Holden, June 20, 1904; Helena May, May 31, 1906; John Deisher, Jan. 4, 1910. Mr. Flickinger was born April 8, 1870, in Lebanon county, Pa., and is now located at Warwick, N. Y., as chief train dispatcher for the Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Flickinger are Lutherans, but as there is no church of their denomination at Warwick, they attend the Dutch Reformed Church. Estelle Deisher, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Deisher, was born Jan. 8, 1878, and is now employed by the government in the census department at Washington, D. C.

Sebastian Phillips, grandfather of Mrs. John H. Deisher, was of Quaker stock, though he belonged to Gernant's Lutheran Church in Berks county. He was a wheelwright, and followed his trade all his life. He owned a small tract of land in Ontelaunee township, Berks county. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, whose maiden name was Sellers, was a native of Germany, and came to America when six years old. Their children were: Samuel, who married Anna Grett; Isaac; James, who married Mary Bell; Elizabeth, Mrs. Kauff-

man; and Elmira, Mrs. Rickenbach. The parents are buried at Gernant's Church.

Isaac Phillips, son of Sebastian, was born in Ontelaunce township, Berks Co., Pa., and settled about one mile above Mooresville, that county, where he owned a small tract of land. He remained there about ten years, conducting a wheelwright and blacksmith shop, having learned the trade from his father. Selling out, he bought a farm of sixty acres in Perry township, and he also owned a limestone quarry and kiln, burning lime which he sold to the local farmers. He died in Maiden-creek township in February, 1876, at the age of fifty-two years. Mr. Phillips married Catherine Grett, daughter of John and Magdalena (Fink) Grett, and she died about ten years ago, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are buried at Gernant's Lutheran Church, Leesport, Pa. He was a faithful member of that church, and a Democrat in his political convictions. We have the following record of his family: Sarah is the widow of Henry Dubson, and lives at Spring City, Pa.; Ellen is the wife of John Henry Deisher; James, deceased, married Amelia Dries, who is now the wife of William Hoffman, of Hamburg, Pa.; Isaac married Mary Kershner, and they live in Maiden-creek township, Berks county; Elmira is the widow of Henry Cook, and lives at Spring City, Pa.; Mahlon, of Milton, Pa., married Mary Keim (deceased) and (second) Mrs. Ida Kline; Catherine, the widow of George Rubright, lives at Port Carbon, Pa.; Elmer married Sarah Hieter, and they reside near Auburn, Pennsylvania.

HENRY REINHART, formerly a farmer of East Brunswick township, and a business man of solid standing there and at New Ringgold, is now living retired in the borough above mentioned, enjoying the fruits of his industrious career. His sterling qualities and useful life have long held the regard of many citizens of this section who have had occasion to deal with him, and he is probably one of the best known members of the Reformed Church in his part of Schuylkill county. He was born Oct. 12, 1841, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Benjamin Reinhart and grandson of Daniel Reinhart.

Daniel Reinhart, the grandfather, a native of Berks county, came to West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and bought a small tract of land where he carried on general farming. He remained on the farm until his death, which occurred when he was over eighty years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Berk, also lived to be over eighty. She was a daughter of Daniel Berk. Children as follows were born to them: Benjamin was the father of Henry Reinhart; Jacob is deceased; John married Rebecca Foons, and both are deceased; Willoughby, deceased, married Annie Leininger, who resides in East Brunswick township; Mrs. John Whetstone is next in the family; Lucy married Reuben Wertman; Annie married Emmanuel Koenig; Polly married Nathan Brobst. Mr. Reinhart was a public-spirited citizen, a Democrat in political faith, and a member of Zion's Reformed Church, in West Penn township. He and his wife are buried there.

Benjamin Reinhart, son of Daniel, was born in Berks county Aug. 14, 1818, and died Feb. 17, 1901. He grew up in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and received his education there. Though he worked for his father during his young manhood he learned the carpet weaving business. When his son Henry was two and a half years old the family moved to near Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., where Benjamin Reinhart was a tenant farmer for a few years.

Later he again settled in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, buying a tract of sixty acres, nearly all of which was cleared, and conducted that farm for about four years. Then he sold it and removed to Rauschs, in East Brunswick township, this county, where he did farm work for his neighbors and in between times followed his trade of weaver. After about four years' residence at Rauschs he bought a house and lot at McKeansburg and removed there, following his trade until almost the end of his life. He married Elizabeth Schrear, who lived to be nearly eighty years old, and they became the parents of four children: Henry is mentioned below; John W., a veteran of the Civil war and a retired engineer of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company (he ran the Buffalo from Newberry to Tamaqua), married Sarah Sassaman; Hettie married Augustus J. Bock; Emma married James W. Reichwine, a carpet weaver, of New Ringgold. Benjamin Reinhart was originally a Democrat in politics, later a Republican. He was a leading member of Christ Reformed Church at McKeansburg, which he served as deacon and elder, holding the latter office at the time of his death. He and his wife are buried at McKeansburg.

Henry Reinhart commenced his schooling in East Brunswick township, and later attended the German schools in West Penn township, finishing at McKeansburg, East Brunswick township. He worked on the farm until his enlistment in the Union army, April 10, 1862, at Pottsville, in Capt. John R. Porter's Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Col. James Nagle, the commander of the regiment, was later succeeded by Col. J. K. Siegfried, and he by Col. Henry Pleasants. The regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 9th Corps, Army of the Potomac. Its field record includes fifteen large battles and many skirmishes, among them Newbern, N. C., March 14, 1862; Second Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862; South Mountain, Sept. 14, 1862; Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Wilderness, May 7, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 12, 1864; Petersburg, June 15 to July 31, 1864; Poplar Spring Church, Sept. 30, 1864; fall of Petersburg, April 2, 1865. In the early part of its service this regiment underwent careful training and the men became so proficient in military evolutions that they moved in line of battle, in the charge on the defensive, with the steady tread of regulars, and always reliable when nerve and endurance were required. The regiment has a glorious record from the beginning to the end of the war. Though struck three times by minie balls, Mr. Reinhart was not badly wounded, but he contracted rheumatism in the lower limbs through exposure while in the service, and was confined in the field hospital four weeks by illness. He was honorably discharged from the service in June, 1864.

Returning from the army Mr. Reinhart was married to Polly Rarich, born Feb. 1, 1840, a daughter of Jonas and Lydia (Wertman) Rarich, and three children were born to this union: Mary married Sylvester Behler; Amanda married Penrose Sassaman; Ida married Henry Behler (who is deceased) and (second) Benjamin Sassaman. The mother died Feb. 22, 1898, and is buried at the Frieden's Church, at New Ringgold. For his second wife Mr. Reinhart married Mrs. Ellen (Wessner) Miller, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Gracely) Wessner, natives of Albany township, Berks Co., Pa. She was the widow of Jacob Miller, by whom she had two children: Carrie, Mrs. John H. Fetter; and John, at home. Mr. Reinhart has no children by his second marriage.

After his first marriage Mr. Reinhart bought a farm of sixty acres, nearly all cleared, in East Brunswick township, and operated this place for about



thirty years. In connection with his agricultural work he also did a successful business as a dealer in farm implements, fertilizers, roofing and other supplies, having a large trade, which he built up by courtesy and satisfactory service to all his customers. Moving to New Ringgold in 1899, he sold his farm to his son-in-law, Penrose Sassaman, in 1900, but continued the implement and fertilizer business until 1911, when it was bought by Frederick Nester. Mr. Reinhart has since lived retired. Throughout his career he bore an untarnished reputation for integrity and uprightness in all his transactions, and he is highly thought of in the community. His fellow citizens showed their confidence in his ability by electing him to the office of school director, which he held for eighteen years. He also served a year as supervisor. He is a Republican on political views. A prominent member of the Frieden's Reformed Church of New Ringgold, he has been an officer of that congregation for forty years, holding every position in the gift of his fellow members. He has been trustee, and was treasurer and secretary of the building committee when the present church at New Ringgold was under construction. He has always contributed generously to that church and its enterprises.

Mrs. Polly (Rarich) Reinhart was born in West Penn township, daughter of Jonas Rarich, a farmer of that township, who was the owner of 100 acres. He died on his farm aged over sixty years, and his wife, Lydia (Wertman), died when about eighty-five years old. They had children as follows: David, who married a Miss Leininger; Jonas, who married Polly Loch; Mary, who married John Stapleton, both deceased; and Polly, Mrs. Reinhart, deceased. Mr. Rarich was a Democrat and a member of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Brunswick township. He and his wife are buried there.

Peter Wessner, father of Mrs. Ellen Reinhart, was born July 4, 1836, and is now a retired farmer in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa. He owns a small tract of land. His first wife, Elizabeth (Gracely), died at the age of forty-four years, the mother of the following children: Ellen, Mrs. Reinhart; James, who married Emma Rabenhold; Ida, Mrs. Moses Miller; Sarah, Mrs. Jonas Frey; and Emma, Mrs. Henry Weidner. The mother is buried at Wessnersville, Berks county. For his second wife Mr. Wessner married Mary Henry, daughter of John Henry, and they had children as follows: Victor married Emma Bailey, and both are deceased; Herbert married Emma Stoyer, who is deceased. Mr. Wessner is a regular attendant of the German Lutheran Church at Wessnersville, Berks Co., Pa. He is a Democrat in politics.

Jacob Miller, Mrs. Reinhart's first husband, was born in Wessnerville, Berks Co., Pa., April 7, 1856, and early in life was a farmer. For ten years he was engaged in huckstering from New Ringgold to Mahanoy City, buying his produce, and later entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with whom he continued until his death, three years later. His run was from Tamaqua to Philadelphia. He was killed at the Reading Water Station July 3, 1893. Mr. Miller was a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and of the Lutheran Church at Wessnersville, Berks county. He is buried there.

FREDERICK REICK, of Cressona, is one of the substantial citizens of that borough, where he has been engaged in the mercantile business for the last thirty years. At present he and his son are doing a thriving business under the name of Frederick Reick & Son.

Mr. Reick is a native of Germany, born April 9, 1840, in Wurtemberg, son

of Jacob Reick, who brought his family of twelve children to America in 1851. Landing at New York, they proceeded to Philadelphia, and then continued their journey to Schuylkill Haven, Pa. For a time the family lived at Pottsville, this county, and also at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., thence removing to Tremont, Schuylkill county, and to Cressona. The father was employed on railroad construction work and later on repair work until his death, which was accidental; he was killed on the railroad at the age of fifty-nine, and is buried at Schuylkill Haven. The mother, whose maiden name was Agnes Frausch, died at the age of fifty-six years, and is buried in Luzerne county, Pa. They had children as follows: Jacob, George, William, Frederick, John, Bernhard, Christian, Charles, Albert, Nicholas, Theodore and Christina, the only daughter.

Frederick Reick began work as errand boy in the employ of the Mine Hill Railroad Company. Later he learned the trade of shoemaker. About the time of his majority he became employed as a switch tender for the Reading Company at Mine Hill Crossing, being thus engaged for twenty-four years, and was also crossing watchman at Minersville and Cressona for some time. Thirty years ago he engaged in the general business on Railroad street, Cressona, which he has since conducted, having built up an excellent trade by honorable methods and obliging attention to the wants of his customers. The business has expanded to such an extent that he has taken his son into partnership, and they are known to all who have had dealings with them as enterprising and reliable merchants. Mr. Reick has led an upright life, and is deservedly respected among his fellow citizens. He married Esther Reber, daughter of John and Lydia (Leonard) Reber, who had a large family, namely: James, William, Hattie, John, Albert, Elizabeth, Annie, Mary, Esther and Lydia. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reick: Charles, now deceased; Lulu, deceased; Agnes, wife of John Buehler, of Pottsville, Pa.; and William Henry.

WILLIAM HENRY REICK, youngest of the family of Frederick and Esther (Reber) Reick, was born at Cressona Jan. 17, 1882, and has been reared there. His education was received in the common schools, and he afterwards learned the trade of paper-hanger, which he followed for some time. He has become a skillful musician, performing on various stringed instruments, and has attained considerable local reputation as a teacher of music in that line. Besides his association with his father in the general store he has interests of his own, having opened a picture show house on Front street, Cressona, Oct. 16, 1912. It is known as the "Idle Hour," and has been well patronized from the start, Mr. Reick's good judgment in catering to the public interests being very well demonstrated in its success. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

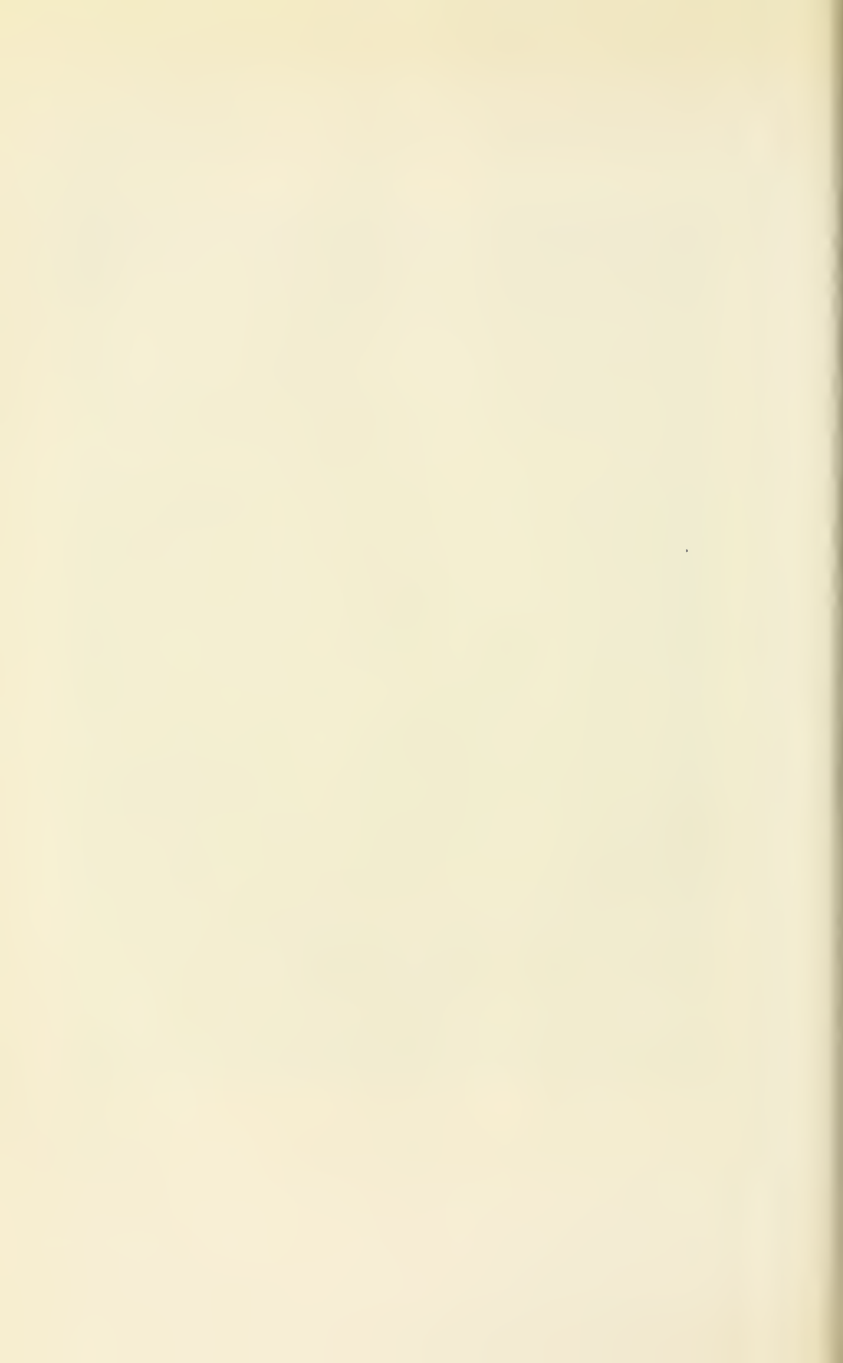
Mr. Reick married Ivy Maud Bobb, daughter of James R. and Isabella H. (Hog) Bobb, of Berks county, Pa. They have one child, Margaret.

WILLIAM NELSON EHRHART, A. M., Ph. D., late of Mahanoy City, was in control of the public school system of that borough for so extended a period that any account of its development for almost two decades would be practically a chronicle of his life during that time. He did valuable work as an educator wherever placed; but his reputation rests chiefly upon this, his crowning achievement, for which he will be remembered all over Schuylkill county.

Professor Ehrhart was a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania, born near



*W. N. Ehrhart*



Newport, Feb. 15, 1848, son of John and Eleonora (Super) Ehrhart, of whose family one son and four daughters still survive, viz.: David M., of Juniata township, Perry county; Mrs. D. M. Numer and Mrs. Jerome Toomey, of Newport, Pa.; Mrs. George Black, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Mrs. Cyrus Mogel, of Wila, Pennsylvania.

Prof. Ehrhart's paternal grandparents, Michael and Sarah (Wolf) Ehrhart, were both natives of York county, Pa., the former born in 1795. He died in Ohio in 1859. The latter was born in 1795, and died in Huntingdon, Pa., in 1875. They were the parents of eight children, John, Mary, David, Michael, Sarah, Susan, William and George. All have long since been deceased. The family was prominent and early established in York county. Prof. Ehrhart's father was born in 1818 in York county, Pa., and died in Perry county, Pa., in 1898. His mother, Eleonora (Super) Ehrhart, was born in Perry county in 1823, and died at Wila, Pa., in 1909. His father was a carpenter and builder, and also engaged in agricultural pursuits. The last fifteen years of his life he lived retired. He had a well merited reputation in the county as a man of unquestioned honor and high Christian character. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. The Ehrhart family is well known and highly esteemed.

On the maternal (Super) side, the oldest member of whom record has been kept was born in Württemberg in 1700. The immediate ancestor of the family was the son of the foregoing. His name was Johann, and he was born in 1742, and died in 1831. His wife, Christina, died in 1818. To them eight children were born, viz.: Conrad, John Jacob, John, Barbara, Catherine, Maria, Agnes and Christina. Grandfather John Jacob Super was born in August, 1775, and died in December, 1854. His wife's grandfather, Alexander Ruediger, was a native of Saxony. He came to Tuebingen, Württemberg, and settled there. One of his sons, Sigmund, born in 1746, was educated at the University of Tuebingen. Henrietta Eleonora (Mr. Ehrhart's grandmother) was his only daughter. She was born in 1783. Her father died in Nufringen, where he had been pastor of the Lutheran Church from 1792 to 1805. He received the degree of D. D. in his twenty-sixth year. Grandfather Super was in the German army twenty years. He came to America with his wife and four children, Rudolph, John, Jacob, and Christina (Henry W., Eleonora and Barbara were born in this country), landing in Philadelphia in 1819. He afterwards lived in Baltimore, Md., but spent the latter years of his life in Perry county, Pa. A number of the descendants of grandfather John Jacob Super have attained to high literary eminence, notable among them Dr. Charles W. Super, professor and later president for about seventeen years of the State University at Athens, Ohio, and Ovanda B. Super, for many years professor of the languages at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. The former attended the Tuebingen University, Württemberg, and was a student there just a century after his great-grandfather, Sigmund Ruediger, was a student at the same university. Prof. Ovanda B. Super attended the University of Leipzig, Germany, and the University of Paris, France. Both are eminent writers and authors of text-books used in the leading universities in this country. Both have now retired. The first of grandfather Super's brothers to come to America was John. He passed most of his life in Baltimore, where some of his descendants still live, and are prominent and honored

citizens. His youngest son, Henry W., was a long-time professor and afterwards president of Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa.

William N. Ehrhart was reared in the locality of his birth, and acquired his early education in the public schools there. Then he attended the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he was graduated upon completing the elementary course, and a few years later graduated in the scientific course from the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa. He later, upon completing the regular course of study, had the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. conferred upon him by Taylor University, Indiana. Practically all his life was devoted to educational work and the improvement of public school facilities, either as teacher or in an administrative capacity. For some time during his early manhood he taught in his native county, but Schuylkill county was the field of his labors for more than forty years, and the results of his influence here in behalf of her public schools may be most appropriately cited as the true memorial of the work to which he dedicated body and soul during all that period. His first position in this county was as principal at Llewellyn, where he was engaged for two years. Becoming principal of the high school at Tamaqua, he filled that position for nine or ten years with marked efficiency, so that he changed (in 1884) to enter upon greater responsibilities as principal of the high school at Shenandoah. There he continued for about nine years, during which period the school experienced the growth characteristic of Mr. Ehrhart's supervision everywhere. He was one of the promoters of, and took an active interest in, the Free Public Library of the Shenandoah school district, giving much painstaking labor to the advance of same. Resigning in 1893 he removed to Pottsville, where he was in business for a couple of years, but his heart was still in his profession, and when the principalship of the Mahanoy City high school was offered him in 1895 he accepted. It was the sphere for which he was eminently fitted, and he did such promising work that after a year the board of education concluded he would be most valuable in the superintendency, and for the next eighteen years all the schools of the borough had the benefit of his guidance. Here he also greatly interested himself in the Public Library, and to his efforts, and the Board of Library Trustees, too much praise cannot be given for the large and fine Free Public Library of Mahanoy City school district. Though he kept up his duties until within a year of his death, retiring at the close of the school year in the spring of 1914, he had been ill for about a year and a half. About a month before his death he was obliged to take to his bed, and he passed away March 31, 1915, at his home in Mahanoy City.

The record made by the Mahanoy City schools under Prof. Ehrhart's supervision is one of distinct progress, and an index of his superior qualifications no less than a creditable page in the history of the community. Though primarily a student, and all his life devoted to the pursuit of knowledge, he was as well grounded in the other requirements of successful pedagogy as in pure scholarship. He was a great reader, and delighted in the classics, science, history and fiction. He was the possessor of a large and carefully selected library. Moreover, he loved the young as much as he loved his books, and his understanding of the child's nature, and sympathy with youthful proclivities, made him a friend of his charges in the truest and broadest sense. He was greatly beloved and highly esteemed by teachers and pupils. When he

assumed the reins over the Mahanoy City schools he gave his undivided attention to placing them in the first rank among similar educational institutions, and such is the standing they now occupy. His vigilance in every department, the inspiration of his personal example to high ideals, his readiness in making the best of existing circumstances until they could be bettered, his tact and thoughtfulness for all with whom he came in contact, are some of the tokens by which his strong personality is recalled in the circles where he was the moving spirit for almost a score of years. And it is not too much to say that to many he is still the guiding hand. He had the honor of being one of the members of the State Board of Examiners every year at the State Normal Schools during his superintendency, with the exception of the year of his illness. He is especially missed at the county institute, in whose activities he took part for years with unabated interest. He was a prominent member of the Schuylkill County Educational Association from its organization, and was its treasurer until he was obliged to relinquish the office owing to failing health. He was a member of the National Educational Association, the State Teachers' Association, and the National Geographic Society. He was one of the brilliant lights of that group whose names will always be associated with the most notable era of educational development of this section, a friend and co-worker of Robert F. Ditchburn, B. F. Patterson and S. A. Thurlow, all like himself prominent educators. In mathematics as well as literary culture he had the highest reputation. "By his removal one of the best mathematicians in eastern Pennsylvania is called away." Such was the general opinion regarding his intellectual acquirements. For his personal characteristics also there was nothing but eulogy. The teachers who worked so long with him found him a loyal friend and helper, and upon his retirement from office, to show their appreciation, placed in the high school his portrait, painted by a celebrated artist, and bearing the inscription: "From the Teachers of Mahanoy City." His fellow citizens in every walk of life found him conscientious, enthusiastic and unselfish, ready with counsel, influence or other assistance to reinforce any good movement. When he retired after a career of unselfish fruitfulness it was hoped that he had many years of enjoyable leisure to reward him, and his death was widely and sincerely mourned.

Prof. Ehrhart was an adherent of the First M. E. Church of Mahanoy City, and always a man of deep religious feeling which pervaded every interest of his life. The fine sentiments of friendship and appreciation of which he was capable were well shown in the memorial address he prepared for the Schuylkill County Institute upon the death of his beloved associate, Robert Forbes Ditchburn (it was read by a friend, Prof. Ehrhart being too ill to deliver it). They labored together along the same line for over forty years. It was a tribute such as only a personal intimate friend could give, and expressed with the delicacy of thought and language which Mr. Ehrhart employed so well. Indeed, though he confined his remarks to his departed friend, they were so typical that in perusing them the mind unconsciously goes to the mirror which had the power to reflect so faithfully.

In the latter part of the Civil war, March, 1865, Mr. Ehrhart, though only a youth of seventeen, enlisted in Company G, 149th Pennsylvania Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, and he remained in the army until the close of the conflict, receiving his discharge in June. On June 24, 1897, he became a member of Severn Post, G. A. R., and he also belonged to Washington Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

Prof. Ehrhart is survived by his wife and only child, Raymond Nelson Ehrhart. He was married Sept. 11, 1877, to Julia C. Whitenight, daughter of D. E. and Catharine (Aurand) Whitenight, of Tamaqua, this county, and to them a son, Raymond Nelson, was born April 18, 1879.

On the maternal side Mrs. Ehrhart traces her genealogy back to the Huguenots of France, and in fact to the thirteenth century. Her mother was of French extraction, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Aurand, of Tamaqua, Pa. The Aurand ancestors were eminent French Huguenots, having occupied positions of rank, and fled from France during the religious troubles consequent upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantes by King Louis XIV. 1685. Leaving all behind them, they fled to Holland, and later removed to the city of Heidelberg, Germany. The ancestor of the American branch, John Aurand, emigrated to America on the 2d day of October, 1753, on the ship "Edensburg," from Rotterdam. He first settled at Maiden-creek, and then moved to Tulpehocken, amongst the Huguenot colony, near Reading, Pa., where most of his children were born.

RAYMOND NELSON EHRHART is a graduate of Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y., in electrical and mechanical engineering, and now turbine expert, and one of the head engineers, for the Westinghouse Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. He married the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hopkins, of Huntingdon county, Pa. Mr. Hopkins was a commissioned officer in the 110th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhart make their home in Edgewood Park, a beautiful suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CLEMENT B. GLUNZ, of Norwegian township, well known all over Schuylkill county as "Barney" Glunz, is following farming according to approved modern ideas and has been successful in several branches of agriculture. Moreover, his fellow citizens long ago recognized the business ability under which his own interests prospered and turned it to good account by calling him into the public service, in which his work was no disappointment. His record as a useful member of the community is highly creditable.

Mr. Glunz was born at Pottsville, this county, Sept. 15, 1854, son of Bernard Glunz, and is of German extraction, his father having been a native of Westphalia, Germany. Bernard Glunz was a well-to-do merchant in Berlin, Germany; but having decided to try his fortune in the United States sold out his store and in the spring of 1848 came to America with his wife, Calenia (Feindt). They settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where for a short time he was in the employ of Benjamin Pott. Then he resumed merchandising, having his store and home at the corner of Eleventh and Market streets, Pottsville, where all his children were born. His enterprise and obliging methods attracted customers, and he carried on his business successfully for many years, until he retired from active life in 1874. As he prospered Mr. Glunz invested in property in Schuylkill county, purchasing a farm in Blythe township which he operated while carrying on his store, and he also owned the farm in Norwegian township now occupied by his son Barney Glunz. Bernard Glunz died in 1887, and is buried in the German Catholic cemetery (No. 3) at Pottsville. He was the father of the following children: Charles, deceased; Frank, deceased; Henry, now residing with Thomas H. Wardle at Eighth and Grant streets, Pottsville (during the Civil war he served as a member of the 194th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he receives a pension); Clement B.; Herman, living at Pottsville; and George, who died in infancy.



Clement B. Glunz was reared and educated at Pottsville. He assisted his father in the store until sixteen years old, since when he has lived and worked on the farm in Norwegian township, which he now owns, and whose development has been accomplished entirely under his care—much of it the work of his own hands. With the help of Eli Lord he cleared the land and prepared it for cultivation, Mr. Lord building the first log house and barn for Mr. Glunz's use. Several years later the latter erected another, more pretentious dwelling, to which in the year 1905 he made an addition, and the house and surroundings have been kept in such excellent condition that his residence is one of the most modern and attractive in the neighborhood. Though most of his land is given over to farming he has made a specialty of truck raising and dairying, and his products are in steady demand in the Pottsville markets, which he has attended for years. He has been very successful, and not only owns his home farm but another in Blythe township, in the Tumbling Run valley. His progressive agricultural methods and efficient public service have made him well known all over the county. For twenty years he served as tax collector and township treasurer, and also as member of the school board, giving the highest satisfaction by his intelligent and conscientious performance of the duties of all these positions.

Mr. Glunz married Josephine Kramer, daughter of Christian and Appolonia (Stegmeier) Kramer, and she died May 16, 1907, the mother of a large family: Barney lives at home; George died in infancy; Theresa married Robert Organ, who had a gold mine at Nevada City, Cal., where they reside; Charles, a clerk in the Pottsville post office, who married Catherine Hohman; Mamie, wife of Leo Lotz, a well known grocer of Pottsville; Emma, at home; William, who died when twelve years old; Frank, living at home; Clemens A., also living at home, who married Julia Klare, daughter of Henry and Alice (Sullivan) Klare; Berthilla, at home; Alberta, at home; Vincent, who died in infancy; and Dorothy, at home. The family belong to the Catholic Church.

SAMUEL DEWALD, tax collector and supervisor of the borough of Auburn, and an old-time railroad man, was born in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, Jan. 13, 1853, and is a son of Edward Dewald. The family is of German ancestry.

Edward Dewald was a farmer by training, but spent many years as a boatman on the Schuylkill Navigation Company's canal. While he was chopping wood for the company upon the farm of his son-in-law, Benjamin Dewald, he was suddenly stricken with a fatal illness, his body being found some time later by the family. He married Catherine Steinbach, who was born Jan. 1, 1823, and died April 25, 1895, from the effects of an injury in a railroad accident. She was a daughter of Philip Steinbach. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dewald were as follows: Sarah, deceased, married Benjamin Dewald; Abraham married Kate Schoener; Benjamin married Hannah Becker; Samuel is mentioned below; Mildred married Amadeus Miller; Edward married Ida Rollman; George married Emma Miller; John married Mary Bartlett. Mr. and Mrs. Dewald were members of the Summerhill Evangelical Lutheran Church, and both are buried in the cemetery near St. John's Church, Auburn, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Dewald was educated in the schools of South and North Manheim townships, and early became a boatman on the canal. For a time he was a sta-

tion driver, and then when the telegraph was introduced on the canal he became an operator. From there he went to work on the Schuylkill & Susquehanna railroad as a brakeman on the Broad Mountain line, putting in the empty cars and taking away the loaded ones. Then he went to Auburn to work on the main line of the Reading road. The total time he served as a railroader was twenty-seven years, divided as follows: Brakeman, eight years; conductor on coal trains, four years; fireman, four years; engineer, eleven years. When he retired from railroad work he opened a bakery at Auburn, conducted it for twelve years, and in 1909 sold out to his son Irwin. Mr. Dewald is now serving the borough of Auburn as tax collector and supervisor, having held the former office for fourteen years, and the latter office for four years.

Samuel Dewald was married to Emmaline Bachert, who was born July 11, 1852, in Drehersville, Schuylkill county, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah (Kramer) Bachert. By this union there were three children: Morris, born Sept. 17, 1872; Irwin, born Sept. 2, 1875, who married Estella Augusta Meck; and Carrie, born Feb. 28, 1878, married to Charles Huntzinger, a railroad man, of Auburn. Mrs. Dewald died, and is buried in St. John's cemetery, Auburn. Mr. Dewald married for his second wife Sabina Bachert, who was born Oct. 27, 1868, in Pine Grove township, and is a sister of his first wife. To this union have been born four children: Frederick, born Nov. 17, 1890, died Oct. 29, 1906; Edith Catherine, born Jan. 9, 1893, died Sept. 22, 1893; Leroy Samuel was born Feb. 18, 1894; Raymond Edward, born Jan. 21, 1900, died Aug. 9, 1900.

Mr. Dewald is a Republican, and previous to taking his present positions had served as school director of Auburn for three years. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 45, P. O. S. of A., and of Auburn Castle, No. 168, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in the latter being a past chief and keeper of the exchequer, which position he has filled for the last twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Dewald are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Mrs. Sabina (Bachert) Dewald, wife of Samuel Dewald, is the daughter of Nicholas Bachert and granddaughter of Philip Bachert. Her great-grandfather Bachert was a Huguenot, and emigrated from France to Philadelphia, settling later in the lower part of Berks county, Pa., where he worked as a farm laborer.

Philip Bachert, the grandfather, was also a farmer, and resided most of his life in Schuylkill county. He is buried at Pine Grove, that county, while his wife is buried at Schuylkill Haven. Their children were: Louisa, wife of Abraham Dry, residing at Minersville; Michael, who married (first) Hannah Rishel and (second) Lydia Rishel; and Nicholas, father of Mrs. Dewald.

Nicholas Bachert was born Jan. 14, 1824, in Northumberland county, Pa. He was a farmer and miller, and once owned a farm in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county. He worked in Batdorf's mill in Pine Grove township, then moving to Auburn, where he worked for a time in Moyer's gristmill, which was later bought by the Auburn Brick Company. He then retired and lived with his son-in-law until his death, which occurred Nov. 19, 1913, his remains being laid to rest in the Pine Grove cemetery. He was an Odd Fellow and a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Bachert was married to Sarah Kramer, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Riegel) Kramer, and they had the following children: Sabilla, born April 10, 1847, married Henry Strausser, who is deceased; William, born Aug. 30, 1849, married Mary Koch, and both are deceased;

Emmaline, born July 11, 1852, was the first wife of Samuel Dewald; Mary Ann, born Jan. 17, 1855, married Henry Luckenbill; George Washington, born March 28, 1857, lives in Wyoming; Elizabeth Catherine, born Sept. 20, 1859, died at the age of seventeen years; Christianne, deceased, born May 14, 1861, married Joshua Christ; Amanda Jane, born May 28, 1865, married Jeremiah Zimmerman; Sabina, born Oct. 27, 1868, became the second wife of Samuel Dewald; Catherine Drusilla, born June 25, 1872, married Abram Fromm.

Isaac Kramer, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Dewald, was a laborer, and lived the greater portion of his life in Drehersville, Pa. He was married to Mary Riegel, and they had the following children: Joseph, Samuel and Sarah.

PHILIP H. UPDEGRAVE, of Valley View, is now engaged in agricultural pursuits and has been especially successful as a fruit grower. The family has long been settled in this section of Schuylkill county, Henry Updegrave, the grandfather of Philip H. Updegrave, having been an early resident of Hubley township, where he lived and died. By trade he was a shoemaker, and he also farmed, owning land in Hubley township.

John R. Updegrave was born Feb. 3, 1830, in Hubley township, and lived there until after his marriage, when he removed to Valley View, of which place he was a respected citizen. He learned his father's trade, shoemaking, and followed it. During the emergency days of the Civil war, in 1863, he entered the Union army, and was returning home after ten months' service when accidentally killed. His body was buried in Hegins township. In Hubley township he was married to Elizabeth Artz, who was born in that township, where her father, Michael Artz, lived and died; he followed farming. Mrs. Updegrave died Sept. 18, 1891, at Valley View, and is buried in the Sacramento cemetery, in Schuylkill county. Of the five children born to her marriage with Mr. Updegrave Philip H. is the eldest; Daniel is deceased; Aaron is deceased; Fietta is the widow of D. D. Underkofler, and resides at Williamstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Salome died in infancy.

Philip H. Updegrave was born in 1853 at Valley View, and was reared at that place, where he obtained most of his schooling. He attended the State Normal School at Bloomsburg until promoted for graduation, studied for a time at the Kutztown Academy, and also in the State Normal school at Shippenburg, Pa., and meantime began teaching, which profession he followed altogether fourteen terms, in Porter and Hegins townships. He also did considerable work as a surveyor for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, assisting in the survey of their coal and iron lands, and it was through the influence of Preston Miller, chief civil engineer for that company, that he turned his attention to farming, which he has followed ever since. By persevering thrift he has done well in general agriculture, and he has gradually made fruit culture his specialty. The work is arduous, but well worth while with markets so convenient and sure, and Mr. Updegrave is making the most of his opportunities. He commenced farming in 1877, when he bought the farm previously owned by Reuben Huntzinger, containing seventy-five acres. Later on he bought additional land, and now owns one of the best fruit farms in Schuylkill county. Mr. Updegrave has proved a valuable official of Hegins township, having been elected to the offices of assessor, school director and clerk, in all of which he has given services of a high order. His earlier experi-

ence as a teacher has fitted him for particularly competent work on the school board.

In 1877 Mr. Updegrave married Amelia Daniel, a native of Valley View, daughter of David and Lucy (Coleman) Daniel, both of Valley View. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Updegrave, Lillie, the eldest, is the wife of C. E. Snyder, of Valley View; Edna D. is the wife of E. J. Henninger, principal of school at Pine Grove, this county; Maud is the wife of Milton Schucker, of Valley View; John R. died in infancy; Charles R. is a farmer at Valley View; one son was stillborn. The mother of this family died in 1904, and Mr. Updegrave married (second), in 1906, Mrs. Matilda Zerbe, daughter of Benjamin Koppenhaver. Mrs. Updegrave formerly lived in Northumberland county, this State, later at Tower City, Schuylkill county. Mr. Updegrave is a member of the United Brethren Church, his wife of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Grange at Hegins.

ELMER WOOMER, of West Penn township, is one of a family of thrifty agriculturists who have done their part in developing its resources. Though he has been farming only a few years he has gone about his work so systematically and intelligently that he has made notable progress, and he has acquired considerable reputation in the locality for his fine fruit and poultry. His great-grandfather, Jacob Woomer, founded the family in Schuylkill county. He was a native of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., and after his removal to this county was in the timber business at Rabbit Run, near Tamaqua, for many years. When he retired he lived with his son Isaac at Steinsville, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he died aged eighty-seven years. He is buried at Jacksonville, that county, and his wife, Susanna (Hufer), is buried at Lewistown, Schuylkill county. They had two children, Isaac and another son, whose name is unknown. Jacob Woomer was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Reformed Church.

Isaac Woomer, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 5, 1810, in Bern township, Berks county. He changed the spelling of his name to Womer. He was very young when brought to Schuylkill county, where he received his education, learning to read German very well. He worked for his father, in the timber business, and while so engaged constructed rafts and floated timber to Port Clinton, on the Little Schuylkill river and from there on the canal to Philadelphia. Giving up the timber business, he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for about fifteen years. Then he settled at Steinsville, Lehigh county, where he bought a farm of 100 acres, upon which he remained ten years. During part of that time he also conducted a distillery. Selling out he removed to Tamaqua, where he lived for two years, practically retired, and then moved to West Penn township and bought the farm (then consisting of 110 acres) where his son Monroe now resides. He sold off some of the land, retaining seventy-five acres, all clear, where he carried on general farming until his death, his sons assisting him with the work. He died May 20, 1893, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua. At one time he held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious connection was with Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township. Though a Republican for some time after the formation of the party, he later became a Democrat. Mr. Womer was married three times, and by his first wife, Elizabeth (Hoffman), had two children, Sarah and Abner, both of whom

died in infancy. His second wife was Hannah Meier, daughter of Henry Meier, and their children were: William, born April 18, 1837, died aged twenty-two years; Luisiann, born March 16, 1840, died unmarried; Amandus, born Aug. 15, 1842, now deceased, married Annetta Woomer. The mother of these is buried at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. Mr. Woomer later married her sister, Magdalena Meier, who was born Jan. 1, 1818, and died Jan. 9, 1898. She is buried at the Odd Fellows cemetery at Tamaqua. By this union there were the following children: Charles, born March 6, 1844, married Kate Houser, who is now deceased, and had three children; Wilson was born Jan. 13, 1846; Maria, born Jan. 12, 1848, is the widow of Frank Houser, and lives at Tamaqua (they had three children); Missouri Elmira, born Sept. 29, 1850, died young; Monroe was born April 6, 1853; Caroline, born July 21, 1855, died in infancy; James, born Jan. 1, 1857, died when about two years old; Franklin, born Jan. 11, 1859, now of Reading, Pa., married Matilda Kistler; Johann, born Nov. 18, 1861, is unmarried and has always lived on the home place, being now with his brother Monroe; Ida Jane, born March 27, 1863, died in infancy.

Wilson Woomer, father of Elmer Woomer, was born Jan. 13, 1846, in Lehigh county, Pa. He continued to work with his father on the home farm in West Penn township until he reached middle age, except that in 1869 he went to California and tried his fortune in the gold mines for a few years. Returning to the home farm after he was fifty years old, he tenanted a part of the homestead property and cultivated it until he retired. Then he moved to Reynolds, Schuylkill county, where he lives with his daughter Maude (Mrs. William Schaeffer). He is a member of Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, and in politics supports the principles of the Democratic party. By his first marriage, to Emma Zehner, daughter of William Zehner, Mr. Woomer had four children. Dr. Albert, who is married, and lives at Cashtown, Adams Co., Pa.; Elmer; Lillian, wife of Amos Long, of Philadelphia; and Helen, wife of Ulysses Eberts, of Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa. His second marriage was to Alice Betz, by whom he had these children: Herbert, now living with his uncle Monroe; Roscoe, deceased; Claude, of Walker township, Schuylkill county, married Miss Wittig; Irvin, who married Mamie Hill, and lives at Tamaqua; Minnie; Maude. Mrs. William Schaeffer, of Reynolds, Schuylkill county; Edith, living at Tamaqua; and Edna, living with her father.

Elmer Woomer was born May 11, 1875, in West Penn township, where he was educated, and worked on the home farm for his father until he was eighteen years of age. Then he began teaching in West Penn township, and followed the profession of school teacher for twenty-two terms in all, first at Zion's Church School (two years), then at the Zehner School, Steigerwalt's and Hunsicker's, in turn, teaching his last year at Zion's Church school again. In the spring of 1909 he bought his present farm of sixty-four acres in West Penn township, from Harvey Hoppes. There are fifty-nine acres clear, and he makes a specialty of truck along with general farming, has had great success in poultry raising, particularly Rhode Island Reds, and has valuable orchards—four hundred peach trees, two hundred and fifty apple trees, fifty pear trees and seventy-five plum trees. He markets his products at Tamaqua. Mr. Woomer is a member of Sittler Lodge, No. 1151, I. O. O. F., of Sittler, this county, is a Democrat in his political preferences, and like so many others

of the family has united with the Reformed congregation at Zion's Church in West Penn township.

Mr. Woomer married Emma Schaeffer, who was born Jan. 11, 1880, in West Penn township, was reared and educated there, and lived at home until her marriage. She is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Woomer have one child, Mary Loretta, born June 4, 1912.

Jeremiah Schaeffer, father of Mrs. Emma Woomer, was born Feb. 6, 1854, in West Penn township. His father, Joseph Schaeffer, was a farmer in the Mahoning valley, in that township, having a tract of over one hundred acres, continued that occupation all his life, and died there when nearly eighty years old. His wife, Hannah (Kistler), died when over seventy years old, and they are buried at Zion's Church. Mr. Schaeffer was a Lutheran member of that church and an active worker in the congregation. Politically he was a Democrat. His children were as follows: Frank married Mary Rice, and they live on the old homestead; William, of West Penn township, married a Shoemaker and (second) Clara Behler, who is also deceased; Amandus, who lives at Bethlehem, Pa., married Ellen Steigerwalt, now deceased; Jeremiah is the father of Mrs. Woomer; Emma married Frank Mantz, of West Penn township.

Jeremiah Schaeffer, son of Joseph, was reared and educated in West Penn township. After working on the farm for his father he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as a section hand, and later learned the blacksmith's trade, which he still follows in West Penn township. He served his apprenticeship with Frank Houser, and when he had gained enough experience to start on his own account built a shop which he still operates. Later he conducted the "Liberty Hotel" as well as his blacksmith shop, on the same property, for twelve or fifteen years. At that location he owns fine buildings, all up-to-date, and one and a half acres of ground. He also owns six acres near Leibysville, in West Penn township. Mr. Schaeffer has been an interested worker in the Democratic party, and has been elected to township offices, having served five years as supervisor and six years as school director. He performed his public services with the utmost fidelity. His religious connection is with the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church.

Mr. Schaeffer married Priscilla Leiby, who was born in 1853, in West Penn township, and received her education there. She remained at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer are the parents of the following children: Emma, Mrs. Elmer Woomer; Howard, who died when twenty years old; Fred, a resident of West Penn township, who married Amanda Benninghoff; Earl, at home; Albert, who died when thirteen years old; Carrie, wife of Edgar Smith, of Tamaqua; Ida, wife of Fred. Zehner, of Tamaqua; and Mary, Mrs. Harry Zehner, of Tamaqua.

Jacob Leiby, Mrs. Schaeffer's grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, enlisting from near Philadelphia, Pa. He was sixty-nine years old when he died, and his wife reached the age of eighty-eight years. A daughter still survives, Mrs. Polly Dietrich, of Kempton, Berks Co., Pa., who is now (1915) eighty-two years old.

Reuben Leiby, son of Jacob, was born July 4, 1814, in Berks county. His early occupation was tanning, which he followed for a number of years. While living in Berks county he attended market at Hagerstown, Md., and in exchange for his produce took shad, which he sold on his way home. While

en route he slept on his wagon at night. When a young man he came to West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and for a time was engaged as a drover, bringing cattle from Buffalo, N. Y., to the township. He made the trip on foot. For a long time he had a store at Leibysville, which village was named after him, and he also conducted "Leiby's Hotel" for many years. He owned two farms, aggregating about one hundred acres, which he operated in connection with his other business. For many years before his death he lived retired, making his home first with his daughter Rebecca (Mrs. John Snyder), who conducted the "Snyder Hotel," and later with his daughter Priscilla (Mrs. Jeremiah Schaeffer), at whose home he died April 12, 1915, aged one hundred years, nine months, eight days. His wife (whose maiden name was Lydia Dreisbach) died at the age of seventy-five years, and they are buried in Zion's Church cemetery. They had children as follows: Frank, who was killed on the railroad, married Sarah Staudt, of Fullerton, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Rebecca married John Snyder; Carolina is the widow of William Knepper and lives at Snyders, Pa. (at Tilghman Snyder's); Leanda, widow of Nathan Knepper, lives at Weissport, Carbon county; Priscilla married Jeremiah Schaeffer; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Tilghman Snyder. Reuben Leiby, the father, was an ardent Democrat and always active in local party affairs, never missing an election. At one time he was affiliated with the Odd Fellows.

FRANK GERHARD has a fine farm in West Brunswick township, where he makes a specialty of fruit growing and dairying, his place being quite famous for its products in both those lines, as well as for general excellence. He was born Feb. 5, 1869, in West Brunswick township, at the place where his father, Henry Gerhard, still resides, and belongs to a family of substantial old Pennsylvania stock, long settled in Berks county. His great-grandfather, Jacob Gerhard, was born in Germany, and on coming to America, when a young man, settled at Rehrersburg, in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed farming and his trade of wheelwright. He lived there until his death. His children were: Peter, Heinrich (Henry), John, Jacob, William, Catherine, Lydia, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth and Lavina.

Heinrich (Henry) Gerhard, grandfather of Frank Gerhard, born May 1, 1798, at Rehrersburg, died Nov. 22, 1871. Like his father he was a farmer and wheelwright. Coming to Schuylkill county in 1828, he bought a farm in West Brunswick township April 5th of that year, the old Abraham Werner farm, comprising 263 acres, 155 perches. He continued to farm here the rest of his life, dying at that place, and is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. His wife, Maria Sarah, daughter of Philip and Maria (Gilbert) Hoy, was born in 1800, and died in 1863, at the age of sixty-three years, nine months, twenty-three days. They were the parents of six children: Maria, who married Daniel Alspach; Sarah, Mrs. Samuel Yost; Henry; Priscilla, who married James Anderson and (second) Edward Mengel; William; and Edward, the last named dying young.

Henry Gerhard, father of Frank Gerhard, was born Aug. 25, 1829, in West Brunswick township, in the house where he still resides. Part of this house was standing when his parents moved here, his father adding to it subsequently. Mr. Gerhard has been living retired since 1912. He attended school in the neighborhood, and farmed throughout his active years. After the death of his father he bought 148 acres of the home property, his brother

William taking eighty-three acres, and their brother-in-law, Daniel Alspach, also owning a tract. The latter engaged in the undertaking business. While the cultivation of the property was under Mr. Gerhard's direct management he was one of the prominent farmers in his vicinity and attended the markets of Schuylkill Haven, Pottsville and Orwigsburg, where he was known as a thoroughly reliable dealer, all his transactions being above reproach. He is a Democrat, serving many years as school director of his township, and was one of the prominent members of the Reformed Church, in which he held the offices of elder and deacon for many years.

On June 19, 1852, Mr. Gerhard married Diana Mengel, who died Jan. 3, 1857. She was the mother of three children: Charles, born July 16, 1853, died Oct. 8, 1854; William Francis, born March 11, 1855; and Diana, born Nov. 5, 1856, died Nov. 10, 1857. On Nov. 5, 1859, Mr. Gerhard married (second) Eliza Yost, daughter of Samuel and Betsy (Merkel) Yost. Eleven children have been born to this union, as follows: Elwood P., born May 31, 1860, is living at Port Carbon; Mary E., born Aug. 2, 1862, is married to Joel Degler, and lives at Orwigsburg; Henry Y., born Oct. 5, 1864, a shoe manufacturer of Orwigsburg, married Emma M. Knoll; Samuel, born April 6, 1867, died aged nine years; Frank, born Feb. 5, 1869, is a farmer of West Brunswick township; Emma M., born Feb. 22, 1871, married Jacob Zuber, and is living at Allentown, Pa.; George A., born April 11, 1873, is a shoe manufacturer at Orwigsburg, with his brother; John, born March 11, 1875, is farming in Orwigsburg; Calvin L., born July 2, 1876, is farming in the borough of Orwigsburg; Hannah S., born June 20, 1881, married George Seltzer and is living at McKeanburg, Schuylkill county; and Edwin R., born Oct. 20, 1884, is farming the homestead place in West Brunswick township.

Frank Gerhard attended the Gerhard school, No. 1, in West Brunswick township, and grew to manhood on the home place, working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He learned the trade of painter with John Miller, of Orwigsburg, and followed it for nine years in Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven, meantime making his home at the latter place. Returning to West Brunswick township, he commenced farming on his own account, renting his father's property for four years and then tenating the farm of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Fidler, in South Manheim township, for three years. In the spring of 1907 he came to his present place in West Brunswick township, which he bought from George Freeman, having 116 acres, of which eighty-five are under cultivation. Mr. Gerhard is engaged in general farming, but he has thirty acres of his place planted in fruit and garden truck, and he is also extensively interested in dairying, keeping seventeen cows, Holsteins and Jerseys. He has a milk route to Orwigsburg, which he covers daily, and he attends the markets at Pottsville twice a week all the year round, finding a steady demand for his fruit and vegetables. He has one tract of twenty acres containing three thousand peach trees; another fruit tract containing three hundred peach and two hundred and fifty apple trees; and three acres in truck. The fruit and vegetables require the closest attention, but Mr. Gerhard has proved equal to the work, and he has been developing his farm steadily since he took possession. Though not ambitious for the duties or honors of public office he has served as school director. He is a Democrat in political connection, a charter member of the Orwigsburg Council of the Order of Independent Americans, and a member of Zion's (Red) Church in West Brunswick township; he was confirmed in St. John's Reformed Church at Orwigsburg.



Mr. Gerhard was married in Schuylkill Haven to Ellen Lucetta Fidler, who was born Oct. 26, 1872, in South Manheim township, this county, was reared and educated there, and lived at home until her marriage. She is a member of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's (Red) Church in West Brunswick township, and was formerly a teacher in the Sunday school. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard: Oleta Beatrice, born April 13, 1894, is the wife of Robert Aulenbach and has one child, Leonard Linwood (they live with her parents); Milo Harrity, born June 27, 1895, is at home; Sarah Eliza was born July 11, 1897; Marion Caroline, Feb. 28, 1902; Melvin Frank, June 9, 1903; Margie Irene, Feb. 4, 1905; Henry George, April 26, 1907; Helen Lucetta, May 31, 1908; Grace Gertrude, Oct. 4, 1909; Christine Hazel, Oct. 27, 1911; Martha Annie, April 1, 1914. Oleta B. was educated in South Manheim and West Brunswick townships, and the rest of the children have received their schooling entirely in West Brunswick township.

Samuel Fidler, Mrs. Gerhard's grandfather, was the first of the Fidders to settle on what is now known as the old Fidler farm in South Manheim township. He cleared a large part of the 194-acre tract, about 165 acres being under cultivation at present, built the frame house on the place, and also erected the barn. He followed general farming, and lived to the age of about seventy-five years. His wife, Catherine (Scholl), died in July, 1888, at the age of eighty-eight years, and they are buried at St. John's Church, Friedensburg, this county. Mr. Fidler was an active member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, and a Democrat in his political principles. His children were: David married Lavina Phillips, and both are deceased; John, deceased, married Lydia Reed, who lives at Pine Grove; William, deceased, was three times married, his first wife being a Phillips, his second a Dewalt, his third Mary Morgan, who is also deceased; George was the father of Mrs. Gerhard; Franklin married Lucy Dewalt and lives at Cressona, Pennsylvania.

George Fidler, son of Samuel, was born July 16, 1838, on the Fidler home-  
stead farm, attended the Deibert's school in South Manheim township, worked at home for his father until his marriage, and thereafter rented the paternal farm for several years. He bought the place before his father's death, and continued to engage in agricultural work all his life, dying May 19, 1884. He served many years as school director, but otherwise took no specially active part in the public affairs of the township. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, belonging to St. Paul's Church at Summer Hill, in South Manheim township, and serving many years as elder and deacon. He and his wife, Sarah Ann (Emerich), are buried at that church. She was born in April, 1843, and died Oct. 12, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Fidler had children as follows: Sarah Alice, who married Lewis Berger, lives at Schuylkill Haven; Katie Augusta is the widow of William Bittle, and makes her home at Tamaqua; Mary Alta is married to Harry Moyer, of Schuylkill Haven; Albie Ann married Irvin Reed, of Reedsville, Pa.; Ellen Lucetta is the wife of Frank Gerhard; Amanda Agnes is married to George Phillips, of South Manheim township; Darius Howard married Katie Wert, and lives in South Manheim township; Alvin Hilarius, who lives at Philadelphia, Pa., married Mabel Dewalt; Minnie Rebecca married William Clouser, and lives at Pottsville, Pa.; Martin Luther, of Schuylkill Haven, married Annie Scholl.

Jacob Emerich, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Frank Gerhard, was a farmer in South Manheim township on the place now owned by his son William. He owned 150 acres, most of which was cleared, and carried on general

farming. His death occurred when he was about seventy-two years old, and his wife, Lucetta (Battren), died at the age of sixty-two years. They had the following children: Morgan, deceased, married Mary Ney (she lives at Shamokin, Pa.); Frank, deceased, married Caroline Wert, now living in Wayne township, Schuylkill county; Ephraim married Mary Boyer, and they live at Bromerstown, in South Manheim township; Sarah Ann was the mother of Mrs. Gerhard; Amanda, deceased, married James Reber, of Bromerstown; Florenda married Pierce Roeder, of Schuylkill Haven; William is on the homestead farm; Lewis, of Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa., married Mary Emerich. The father of this family was a Democrat and a Lutheran, an active member of St. Paul's Church at Summer Hill, South Manheim township. He and the mother are buried at that church.

Mrs. Eliza (Yost) Gerhard, mother of Frank Gerhard, was born in West Brunswick township, where Charles Klahr now resides, and where her father, Samuel Yost, conducted a hotel in his early days. He was a farmer also, owning nearly two hundred acres of land there, and died at that place. To his marriage with Betsy Merkel were born the following children: Samuel married Sarah Gerhard; Lewis died in Indiana; Frank married Catherine Shellhammer; Catherine married Charles Lerwig; Caroline married John Schott; Susanna married John Leiser; Eliza married Henry Gerhard; Mary never married; Sarah married Philip Bretz. The parents are buried at Christ Reformed Church, McKeansburg. Mr. Yost was a member of that church, and he was a Republican in his political views.

CHARLES B. MILLER, of Orwigsburg, has had an active and useful career, and although he has passed the three-score and ten mark is still engaged in business and counted among the enterprising citizens of his borough. Born July 4, 1844, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, he is a son of Daniel Miller. His grandfather lived in East Brunswick township, this county, where he married, and later moved out to Ohio, where some of his younger children were born. His death was caused by the kick of a horse. His children were as follows: William, Daniel, Peter, Charles, Francis, Anna, Eliza and Elizabeth.

Daniel Miller, father of Charles B. Miller, was born Aug. 10, 1810, in East Brunswick township, where he lived to the age of eighty-four years, passing away at the home of his son Charles, where he spent the last six years of his long life. He is buried at the Red Church. Though he learned the trade of miller he did not follow it long, farming being his principal business in life, and he carried on that occupation in West Brunswick township, where he had a good property, the farm now owned by Lewis Freeman. To his marriage with Elizabeth Krebs were born four children, namely: Francis; Charles B.; Mary, wife of Michael Moser; and Sarah, wife of George Hoy.

Charles B. Miller received a public school education in his native township and followed farming there from early life. Meantime he also became interested in the manufacture of brooms, which he carried on from 1872 to 1887 in connection with his agricultural pursuits. In the year 1907 he moved to Orwigsburg and established the Orwigsburg Broom Factory, which he has conducted ever since, at present giving all his attention to the business, which has prospered steadily. Most of the product is sold in the coal regions. Mr. Miller has always been thoroughly alive to the best interests of the community, and has shown his desire to further the same by his association with such move-

ments as have for their object the promotion of the general welfare. He was one of the founders of the Southern Schuylkill County Fire Insurance Company, which he served as secretary for seven years, and for twenty years he was secretary of the West Brunswick township school board, which has charge of what is known as the Center school district. He is a devout member of the Reformed Church, and formerly took an active part in its work. During the Civil war Mr. Miller showed his loyalty to the Union cause by enlisting in the Home Guards during Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania; he was out ten days.

Mr. Miller's first marriage was to Miriam Hoy, daughter of Henry Hoy. Eight children were born to this union, namely: Miriam, who died young; Loretta, Lillian and Annie, all three deceased; Oscar; Frank; Clayton, and Joseph. The mother of this family died and Mr. Miller subsequently married the widow of Samuel Bossler. No children have been born to this marriage.

JOHN FISHER STAUDT, of West Penn township, owns what is probably the oldest mill property in Schuylkill county, the tract at Staudtsville on which is located the Miller mill, which has been in operation since Henrich Miller built it there in 1782. In his active years he developed the business along the most progressive lines, and though he has practically retired he still retains his interests in its prosperity and also in the course of local events.

The Staudts are an old Berks county family, of German origin. Johannes Staudt, grandfather of John Fisher Staudt, followed milling and farming all his life, being the owner of Staudt's mill in Berks county and also of a small tract of land. He married a Christ and they had a number of children, of whom Daniel was one. Johannes Staudt was a member of the Bern Church, the German Reformed Church in Bern township, Berks county, and there he and his wife are buried.

Daniel Staudt, father of John Fisher Staudt, was born in Penn township, Berks county, Feb. 10, 1800, on the same place where his son John was born. He was educated in the schools of his native township, and learned the trade of miller with his father, spending all his days in operating the Staudt mill. He was married, by Rev. Mr. Dubbs, to Mary Ann Fisher, who was born July 6, 1806, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, daughter of Wilhelm and Margaretha (Spohn) Fisher, and they became the parents of these children: Mary Ann, born Aug. 22, 1828, died March 22, 1893, married Benneville Richard and (second) Daniel Weaver; Adam, born Dec. 11, 1829, lived at Shoemakersville, Berks Co., Pa., and died Sept. 8, 1915 (he married a Gehret and second Fiana Neff); Joshua, born in February, 1831, died the same month; Eliza Ann, born in August, 1833, died in April, 1892, the wife of Daniel Miller, who is also deceased; Fayette, born in February, 1835, died when five months old; Alfred, born March 18, 1838, died in 1881, married Sarah Ludwig, who resides at Hamburg, Pa.; Johannes Fisher was born Feb. 18, 1841; Emilie Sara Ann, born March 6, 1844, married Cyrus Bagenstose (deceased) and (second) Frank Moyer, and resides at Reading, Pa.; Daniel Jared, born Jan. 20, 1846, died Aug. 24, 1909, married a Miss Brossman, who now resides at Reading, Pa.; Aaron, born April 6, 1850, lives in California. The father of this family died April 1, 1876, the mother Dec. 18, 1863, and they are buried at the Bern Church in Berks county, of which both were members. Mr. Staudt was a

Democrat in politics. He was a man of high Christian character, and universally respected.

John Fisher Staudt was born Feb. 18, 1841, near Bernville, in Penn township, Berks county, and received his education in the schools of that township. He learned milling with his father at Staudt's mill, and was married while learning the trade, remaining at the mill for three years. Then he rented a farm and sawmill in Center township, Berks county, for three years, after which he removed to Bernville, where he engaged in the timber business for a time, buying up tracts and cutting off the timber. For a year he was at the old Kissinger mill above Reading, later went to the Stump mill at Womelsdorf, where he was employed for one year, and from there went to Pottsville and engaged in the feed and grocery business for one year. He has since been at his present place in West Penn township. When he came here it was the property of his brother Adam, from whom he rented it, later becoming the owner. The land comprises thirty-two acres, of which twenty acres are under cultivation. The mill is known as the old Miller mill, having been built by Henrich Miller in 1782, and is probably the oldest mill in Schuylkill county; some of the original timbers are still in a fine state of preservation. Mr. Staudt also has a sawmill in connection with the flour mill, and himself operated both, as well as a cider mill, for eight years. His was the first large cider mill operated by power, in the county.

Mr. Staudt has been a useful and important member of the community, not only in the promotion of business activities but also in direct service to his fellow citizens. In 1882 he was appointed county surveyor of Schuylkill county, by the governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and remained in office about seven years. On Oct. 17, 1893, he was appointed postmaster at Staudtsville, by Postmaster General Wilson S. Bissell, being at that time a resident of Staudtsville, where he conducted a general store for a number of years. He continued to operate his farm and mill during the period he was postmaster. Though he has given up active work he continues to look after his affairs personally, having considerable valuable property, including nearly three hundred acres of timber lands. He was formerly a member of the township school board. In politics he has been allied with the Democratic party, and his religious connection is with Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township. For many years he was Sunday school superintendent.

By his first wife, Sarah (Snyder), who was born Aug. 5, 1836, a daughter of Jacob Snyder, Mr. Staudt had the following children: Mary Ann, born Nov. 15, 1858, is married to Noah Loch, and they reside at Andreas, in West Penn township; they have had children, William (who married Minnie Steigerwalt and has one child, Harlan) and Charles (deceased). Sarah Ann Valera, born Dec. 18, 1860, is the widow of Frank Leiby, and resides at Fullerton, Lehigh Co., Pa.; she has had a large family, Clinton (who is married and has two children, Alma and one yet unnamed), Howard, John, Emma (who married George Reichelderfer and has one child, John), Lulu (who is the wife of Irwin Hill and has two children, Albert and Myrtle), Elsie, William, Charles, Bessie, Helen, Hattie (deceased), Jennie (deceased), and several who died in infancy. Hiram Henry, born Jan. 3, 1863, is now postmaster at Staudtsville, in West Penn township; he married Mary Houser, and their children are William (married Emma Yoxheimer, and has one child, Florence), Laura (married Frank Hill and has one child, Erma) and Tillie (married William Bailey and has one child, Elsie). Alvin married Alice Orner, and their home is in

West Penn township; their children are Helen, Hattie, Leroy and Lloyd. Milton, who lives at home, married Jennie Orner; they have two adopted children, Harvey and Jennie. Fianna Rebecca, born April 13, 1865, is the wife of Daniel Loch, and resides at Andreas, in West Penn township; she has one child, Charles (who married Amanda Hoppes and has one child, Hattie). Ellen married James Muth, and they are residents of Catasauqua, Pa.; they have had two children, Ralph and Hattie, the latter deceased. John, born Oct. 22, 1867, is deceased. Daniel Jacob, born Nov. 19, 1869, died March 6, 1890. Charles William, born Feb. 3, 1871, is deceased. Clara is the wife of William Stahler, and they have had children, Herbert, Calvin (married Christina Nies), Charles, Alberta, Howard, Jennie, Verna, Mamie, Ralph (deceased) and Elsie (deceased). The mother, Mrs. Sarah (Snyder) Staudt, died Feb. 2, 1902, and is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. For his second wife Mr. Staudt married Mrs. Carolina Schrack, the widow of Aaron Schrack, and daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Dreisbach) Osenbach. She was born Dec. 12, 1847. By her first marriage, Mrs. Staudt had one child, Samuel, who is married to Laura Gehret and has one child, Galon. She is a granddaughter of Christian and Catherine (Gottshall) Osenbach, of East Brunswick township, this county, who are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. Their son, Daniel Osenbach, father of Mrs. Staudt, was born Feb. 5, 1819, in East Brunswick township, and died in that township in November, 1882. He was reared and educated in East Brunswick township, learned the wheelwright's trade, and farmed for many years. He and his son-in-law, Jared Hafer, owned farms together in West Penn township, and came to East Brunswick township together. Mr. Osenbach owned forty-three acres of the original 260 acres in the Hafer farm, which he later traded for another piece of land; this tract of forty-three acres is now owned by Mr. Elmer Diener. Mr. Osenbach had a shop on his farm and followed his trade along with farming. He was a Democrat, and kept in touch with local politics and public matters, was elected to the offices of school director and supervisor, and served his fellow citizens capably in both. Church work was always one of his chief interests, and he was very active as a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church at New Ringgold, which he served as deacon. Mr. Osenbach married Catherine Dreisbach, who was born Oct. 31, 1817, and died when over seventy years of age. She is buried with her husband in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. Children as follows were born to them: Carolina married Aaron Schrack (deceased) and (second) John F. Staudt; Rebecca died when nine years old; Catherine is Mrs. Jared Hafer; two children died unnamed.

Jacob Snyder, father of Mrs. Sarah (Snyder) Staudt, was a farmer in Penn township, Berks Co., Pa., where he was born. He had a tract of nearly two hundred acres, and devoted his life to general farming, dying when over seventy years old. He married a Boone, like himself a native of Penn township, and they had children as follows: William (married Anna Bella Rick), Aaron, Jacob, Adam (married a Dewees), Alvin (married a Boone), Sarah (Mrs. Staudt), Mary (married Jacob Althouse), Anna (married Jacob Haak) and Louisa (married Percival Hummelbeyer). Mr. Snyder was a Democrat. He and his wife were members of Bellman's Church, in Berks county, where they are buried.

WILLIAM U. GANE, of Port Carbon, has served his fellow citizens in so many capacities that he has been connected with almost every branch of the municipal government of that borough. He is at present serving as justice of the peace with his customary efficiency. The Gane family has been one of the foremost in Port Carbon throughout the history of the place, and its members, by their public spirit and commendable citizenship, have always held the esteem of the community.

Uriah Gane, father of William U. Gane, was born in Bristol, England, where he was reared, coming to America in May, 1842. They settled at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and he assisted in laying out the borough, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a leading merchant there for over forty years, dealing in boots, shoes, hats and caps, and also took a prominent part in public affairs, serving as constable for eight years, as postmaster for eight years, from 1862 to 1865 as deputy United States provost marshal of the Tenth Congressional district, as member of the council and of the school board, and for fifteen years as tax collector. He was energetic and progressive, and during his services as councilman and school director did effective work in these bodies. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church. He died May 5, 1890, and was survived for several years by his wife, Mary Ann (Davies), who passed away Oct. 26, 1898. They are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Carbon. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah, Elizabeth, Emma, Johnston and William U.

William U. Gane was born Nov. 1, 1853, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, where he received his education and early training. When a youth he started work in a planing mill, where he was employed until 1873, and for the next twelve years was engaged in the brickmaking business. He then turned to railroad work, which he followed for seven years, after which he was with the trolley company for five years. For a number of years he has been occupied principally with his duties as a public official. In 1900 he was elected chief burgess of Port Carbon, and gained a most creditable record in that office, as he has in every other position. For two years he was treasurer of the school board, member of the board of health for the same time, tax collector one year, and on May 5, 1905, he was elected justice of the peace at Port Carbon, which office he has filled continuously since, having just been reelected for another five years, without opposition and with the largest vote on the ticket. His popularity may well be judged by the frequent honors his fellow citizens have shown him, and he has won their confidence by the strong sense of accountability he has shown in every trust.

Mr. Gane married Mary S. Ulshafer, of Weatherly, Pa., and they have three children: Bertha, wife of Thomas M. Johnson, chief gunner of the United States navy, now stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Icie May, wife of William Cookson, living at St. Clair, this county; and Catherine S., at home. The family belong to the Methodist Church.

ROBERT DANIEL STRAUCH, civil engineer, of Cressona, is a son of the late Augustus R. Strauch and a grandson of Isaac Strauch, who settled there in 1840. During the seventy-five years which have intervened since the name has been one of the most respected in the borough.

Isaac Strauch was born in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, near Pottsville, Feb. 4, 1806, and died July 4, 1885, at Cressona, where he had resided from 1840. Before his removal to the town he was engaged as

a boatman on the Philadelphia & Schuylkill canal and in the mercantile business. At Cressona he followed farming and built and operated a flour mill, continuing both lines until his death, and as he prospered in business he acquired considerable property, accumulating a comfortable competence. He served a term as county commissioner before the county seat was changed from Orwigsburg, and in politics was identified with the Republican party. He was a prominent member of the Reformed Church, in which he held a number of offices. Mr. Strauch was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Stages, had six children, three sons and three daughters. The mother of this family died in 1844, and the father subsequently married Lovinia Heiser, by whom he had one child, Augustus R.

Augustus R. Strauch was born Aug. 8, 1857, at Cressona, was reared there, and passed all his life in the borough or vicinity. He died Feb. 28, 1903. In early life he learned milling with his father, whom he assisted until his death, and then took over the business, carrying it on until his death. He kept in close touch with the borough government, holding a number of offices, in all of which he acquitted himself creditably. He served three years as member of the council, one term as chief burgess, auditor for some time and member of the school board, in fact, few citizens of his day exerted as much influence in local affairs. He was associated with the Republican party. With his family he belonged to the Reformed Church, and socially he was an Odd Fellow and Mason, holding membership in Herndon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M., which he served as treasurer.

On March 6, 1880, Mr. Strauch married Sallie Grimm, who was born Feb. 15, 1856, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Fertig) Grimm, of Cressona, and died March 6, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Strauch are buried in the Cressona cemetery. They had two children, Lambert A. and Robert D.

LAMBERT A. STRAUCH was born April 19, 1882, in Cressona, where he attended public school. He then entered his father's employ, at the grain and feed mill, acquiring thorough familiarity with the business, which he continued to carry on for the estate after his father's death, operating it until 1914. Meantime he also looked after his father's sixty-acre farm, part of which lies in the borough of Cressona. Mr. Strauch has demonstrated his business ability in every undertaking. He is well known as one of the valued local workers in the Republican party, and has given efficient service as judge of election. Like his father he belongs to Herndon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and to Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M., both of Cressona. He is a member of the First Reformed Church.

Mr. Strauch is married to Jennie Singley, who was born in February, 1881, daughter of John and Susan (Hain) Singley, natives of Pine Grove township, this county, now living at Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Singley is a freight conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Strauch: Esther Viola, John Augustus, Mark and George.

ROBERT DANIEL STRAUCH, youngest son of Augustus R. Strauch, was born Jan. 24, 1888, in Cressona, where he received his early literary training in the public schools. He studied one year at the Pottsville high school, and then entered Franklin and Marshall Academy, at Lancaster, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1906. He took his college course at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., graduating as a member of the class of 1910, and with the degree of civil engineer, and shortly thereafter entered the

employ of the Illinois Central Railway Company, in his professional capacity. His first assignment was to Louisville, Ky., and later he was stationed at New Orleans. Leaving the Illinois Central he took a position at Bocas, Panama, as engineer with the United Fruit Company, remaining one year. He is now back at Cressona. He is a Republican and a member of the Reformed denomination, belonging to the First Church at Cressona.

J. E. AUCHMUTY, M. D., is one of the younger physicians of Tamaqua, Pa., who has already achieved marked success in his chosen profession, and who is recognized as an able, progressive and enthusiastic practitioner. He is the son of B. F. and Mary E. (Latsha) Auchmuty, both born in the State of Pennsylvania, and both of Scottish ancestry.

Dr. Auchmuty was born at South Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa., March 10, 1884, and was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town, being graduated from the last named institution in the class of 1897. He then attended the Susquehanna University School, from which he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and he received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution in 1905. Entering the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. His year of internship was served in the Methodist Episcopal hospital in Philadelphia, after which he acted as assistant to Dr. H. M. Neale, of Freeland, Pa., for the period of one year. He received the appointment of physician and surgeon to the Maryd Coal Company, and retained this office until June 10, 1911, when he established himself in private practice in Tamaqua, and has already acquired an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a member of the County and State Medical Societies and American Medical Association; the University Club of Philadelphia; Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 137, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31; Scottish Rite Temple; Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 592.

In 1903 Dr. Auchmuty married Cleo Kline, daughter of Alfred and Mary (Miller) Kline, and they have children: Mary Helen, born Oct. 8, 1908, and John Howard, born March 4, 1910. The family residence is at No. 237 West Broad street. Dr. Auchmuty is a man of most benevolent impulses and kindly nature, and his professional skill, combined with a sympathetic nature, has gained for him the affection of the patients whom he has treated with exceptional ability. He keeps well in touch with all progress in his chosen profession, devoting all of his spare time to the perusal of medical literature.

ALANSON KNAPP, one of the oldest residents of West Penn township, now living retired, has always been considered one of the most intelligent and estimable citizens of his portion of Schuylkill county. In his busy career, filled with a variety of occupations, he has well exemplified the idea of efficiency so prominently set forth in modern business economy. His different interests have been made to serve each other very profitably, thrift and good management combining to keep him among the advanced men of the township, prompt to recognize opportunities and competent to make the most of them. His life record is interesting and instructive.

Silas Knapp, the grandfather of Alanson Knapp, was born in England, and



on emigrating to America first settled in New England. He was a school teacher, and by trade a cooper, and followed both callings in the New England States. Later he came to Lehigh county, Pa., and at one time had a small tract of land in Upper Saucon township, that county, which he cultivated. He continued to follow his profession in Lehigh county, and also taught school north of Kutztown, in Berks county. The last few years of his life he spent with the late Maj. S. E. Ancona, of Reading, Pa. He was married twice, and by his first wife had about ten children, of whom we have the following record: Frederick Alanson is mentioned below; David was a carpenter in West Penn township; Didami married a Mr. Summers, of the Summers Brewery, in New York City; Isabella is next in the family; Mary Ann married Dr. Morris M. Ancona; one daughter married a Mr. West, a saddler by trade. Mr. Knapp had no children by his second wife, who was a widow when he married her. He was buried at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Alanson Knapp was born in New England, where he was educated. After coming to Lehigh county he learned the saddler's trade. For a time he tenanted the G. T. Simon farm, and carried on his trade as well as farming, in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county. He had sixty acres in that township. On the advice of his brother-in-law, Mr. West, he left Lehigh county and moved to West Penn township, Schuylkill county, settling on the place now owned by his son Alanson. He bought 260 acres of land, of which seventy-five acres were cleared ground and the rest in timber, and there he remained until his death, working as a saddler and also farming. He passed away Aug. 31, 1880, when he was about seventy-six years of age, and his wife, Catherine (Heffner), died Nov. 23, 1882, aged eighty-six years. She was a daughter of John Henry and Ann Catherine (Kohler) Heffner. They reared five children: Alanson; Caroline, who married Reuben Daubenspeck (both are deceased); George, who married a Miss Marburger (both are deceased); Mary Ann, widow of Levi Miller, residing at Lehigh, Pa.; and Catherine, who died unmarried. Though a Democrat in political opinion, Mr. Knapp was independent in supporting the men and measures he considered best. In religious faith he was a Methodist and stood well in the church, being a traveling preacher well versed in the Scriptures. However, he attended Zion's Church in West Penn township, where he and his wife are buried.

John Henry Heffner, the father of Mrs. Catherine (Heffner) Knapp, came to this country from the Old World and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. During his lengthy service he was taken prisoner and confined with many others in a church, where he was almost starved. When the conflict was over he returned to his home, married, and reared a fine family.

Alanson Knapp was born Feb. 9, 1829, in Lehigh county, south of Fogelsville. He received his early education under the tuition of his father, who was a well informed man, and studying at night while his mother was running the spinning wheel. He also attended school in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, until sixteen years old, and became proficient enough to teach, being so engaged for seven terms. In West Penn township, Schuylkill county, he learned the trades of mason and plasterer, and later that of carpenter, which he followed in Pottsville for a time. As he was the eldest son he returned to West Penn township and operated the home farm for his father, from whom he subsequently bought 108 acres of the property where he is still residing. Farming, however, occupies only part of his time. For years he carried on building operations, in most cases doing all the work from the cutting of the

timber until construction was completed. His mechanical versatility he found very convenient, for he could turn his hand to almost any kind of work necessary. He did much building for himself as well as for others, and still owns about half of the village of Leibysville. His farm real estate aggregates 250 acres, in four tracts. He is the owner of a valuable sand pit on his land, from which he sells sand for building and concrete work. He erected the present barn and dwelling on his farm, the previous house having been destroyed by fire a few years ago. He did all his own figuring while building, making his plans with mathematical exactness, though his knowledge of this branch of the work was acquired entirely through practical experience.

In his active years Mr. Knapp carried on lumbering quite extensively, owning five steam sawmills at different times, with the last one cutting 450,000 feet of lumber. Of the waste wood there he burned many thousands of bushels of charcoal, which he shipped to Reading, Allentown, Mauch Chunk and Pottsville. At one time, having bought a timber right, he took a surveyor's compass and the necessary help in order to survey it and to cut out a piece of a larger tract, the owner going ahead to show him where he wanted him to go through. Mr. Knapp followed with the compass and chain, staked the corners all around, and at the same time noted down the corners and distances and their different bearings and the kind of corners. Then, with the man's consent, he made a written agreement based on his work, with witness, but the man died before Mr. Knapp had the timber all off and the administrator would not consider the contract, and Mr. Knapp had to take the matter into court. He was successful at the trial, getting a verdict in his favor for \$225, and the loser had to stand the costs also.

In his younger days Mr. Knapp was solicited by his neighbors to start a fire insurance company for the protection of real estate and personal property, so he drew up a constitution, selected a number of honorable men to cooperate in the enterprise, and at the proper time took the matter before the State Legislature at Harrisburg, allowing them to insure the property in the district described in their papers. They were granted a charter as a mutual company, which was very successful. The territory was West Penn township, Schuylkill county, East Penn township, just across the line in Carbon county, and Mahoning and East Brunswick townships, Schuylkill county.

Mr. Knapp has been elected school director of his township a number of times, his long retention in the office showing satisfactory service. In that capacity he has visited the schools frequently, talking to the pupils on the great need of education and good manners, which will make them more respected and successful in any of their undertakings. He is not bound by party ties on political questions, voting as his judgment dictates and using his influence where it will do the most good.

Mr. Knapp married Polly Troxel, a native of West Penn township, this county, who died Sept. 10, 1886, and is buried at Zion's Church. Mr. Knapp is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church, and occasionally he attends the Methodist services. To Mr. and Mrs. Knapp were born the following children: One child died in infancy; Eugene M., born July 22, 1866, now residing at No. 334 North Ninth street, Reading, Pa., married Ella Boltz, and they have one child, Frederick; Rosie Alverna, born Dec. 3, 1867, died at the age of twenty-one years; one son died in infancy; Flora Jane, born July 15, 1869, married Nathaniel Bloss (born Sept. 4, 1863, died Aug. 11, 1889, buried at Heidelberg Church in Lehigh county), who was manager for his father and

brother, in the lumber business, and (second) Henry W. Sittler (she has had two children, Elsie Eugenia, born Nov. 10, 1896, and a son that died in infancy).

Mrs. Knapp had the following brothers and sisters: Sallie (twin of Polly) married Joseph Haberman, a farmer of West Penn township; Julia married John Haberman, now a retired farmer, who resides at Allentown, Pa.; Charles, who is a farmer, married a Miss Steigerwalt; Eli, a farmer in West Penn township, married a Miss Zettlemoyer; Stephen, now deceased, was a resident of Mauch Chunk, Pa.; William, a farmer in West Penn township, married a Haberman. The parents are buried at Ben-Salem Church, in East Penn township, Carbon Co., Pennsylvania.

GEORGE C. GINTHER is engaged in business in that part of Pottsville known as Mechanicsville. He is probably best known in his connection with the Yorkville Fire Company, of which he has been president for a number of years. Mr. Ginther was born at Yorkville (now a part of Pottsville) March 26, 1873, and is of German extraction, his father and grandfather having been natives of Germany.

Christian Ginther, the father, came to this country from the land of his birth during the pioneer period of Pottsville's settlement, and lived in that borough for a time on Centre street, at the present location of Kline's cafe. By occupation he was a miner, and eventually became the owner of a colliery, which he operated. He died in Pottsville at the age of sixty-seven years, and his wife, Mary (Lutz), passed away here at the advanced age of eighty-six years. They are buried at Pottsville. They were the parents of fourteen children, four of whom died young, the others being: Joseph, Jacob, Eva, Gertrude, Tressia, Otto, Mary, John B., Anthony and George C.

George C. Ginther received his education in the parochial schools of Pottsville, and began work as a slate picker at the Richards colliery in Cass township. After three years of work about the mines he entered the employ of W. A. Hughes, with whom he remained about twelve years, after which he became a clerk for his brother, John B. Ginther, who has one of the most successful groceries at Pottsville. He was associated with him for eleven years, until in August, 1912, he entered in business on his own account, at Mechanicsville. He has an up-to-date grocery, and has had a large patronage from the time he started business, keeping a well chosen stock to suit the needs of his trade. His store is at No. 925 Pottsville street, Mechanicsville, where he now also resides, owning his home property. Mr. Ginther married Carrie Lenhart, daughter of Charles Lenhart, of Schuylkill county, and they have one son, Fred G., who is now a student in the office of Dr. William Freeston, dentist.

Mr. Ginther has been prominent in public affairs in Pottsville, and has served his fellow citizens in a number of official positions. He was auditor of the borough of Yorkville for three years, and served as a member of the Yorkville school board, of which body he was secretary at the time the borough became a part of Pottsville. His service as school director covered a period of six years, and he was elected to the office without opposition. His principal interest, however, has been in the welfare of the local fire company. He had served as president of the Yorkville Fire Company for a period of fourteen years when business necessitated his removal from the district, and he felt obliged to give up the position, but his services were so valuable that he was

again chosen president of the company in 1914, and he is now holding that position. When the company erected its present home he was chairman of the building committee, and he was also a member of the committee which purchased all the equipment, which now includes a fine auto truck bought from Boyd & Company, Philadelphia, at a cost of \$5,500.

The Yorkville Fire Company is an independent company and the city of Pottsville contributes \$300 a year towards its maintenance. The city has every reason to take pride in its efficiency, and it has bought considerable honor to this locality. Its trophies include several prizes won at the Six County Firemen's convention, at Hazleton, a loving cup and a \$50 prize, taken at Pottsville during "Old Home" week, for having the most men in line. The company has presented Mr. Ginther a fine fob and chain in recognition of his services in its behalf. The community has shown similar appreciation by choosing him as one of the fire trustees, and he has proved himself deserving of the honor by his helpful activity in everything that concerns the good of the town, contributing liberally of his time as well as his means in the furtherance of all good movements. Mr. Ginther is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, secretary of St. John's Beneficial Society, and a past officer in the Foresters of America.

SAMUEL BACHMAN, a respected resident of the borough of New Ringgold, has assisted in the administration of public affairs in several positions of trust, and has given evidence of solid character in all the relations of life. A son of the late Jacob M. Bachman, he was born July 24, 1860, in East Brunswick township, about half a mile east of New Ringgold.

Jacob M. Bachman was born in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, June 2, 1828, and was educated in the public schools of that township. In his earlier years he was occupied as a farm laborer, but later learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed throughout his active years. In time he became the owner of a twenty-seven-acre farm in East Brunswick township, which he operated in connection with work at his trade. About fifteen years before his death he sold his farm and retired, dying at the home of his son Samuel in New Ringgold, Oct. 29, 1912. He survived his wife, Priscilla (Dreisbach), who was born Sept. 16, 1822, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Sassaman) Dreisbach, and died Aug. 9, 1899. Children as follows were born to them: Albert David, who married Mary Dreibelbis; James Monroe, who died when six years old; and Samuel. Mr. Bachman was a Democrat and interested in local affairs, serving as school director. He was a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and belonged to the Frieden's Reformed Church at New Ringgold, which he served as elder and deacon. He and his wife are buried at the Frieden's Church.

Samuel Bachman was educated in the East Brunswick public schools, and worked on the farm during the summer season until twenty-two years of age. He learned the carpenter's trade with Harrison Rarich, and later served two summers with John Gallagher, a contractor at Coaldale, Schuylkill county. His next employment was on the farm of Jacob Gottshall, in East Brunswick township, and while located there he was married. Subsequently he did general carpenter work for the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, around the breakers and houses for a few years, and on Oct. 11, 1890, entered the employ of the Lehigh Railroad Company as section laborer, under William De Clinging for four years, and under Mandus Fritz until Feb. 10, 1899. The

next day, Feb. 11, 1899, he became an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as section laborer at New Ringgold, under Foreman Franklin Reichelderfer, and so continued until Sept. 11, 1907, when he succeeded to the foremanship of Section No. 36, which includes the trackage from half a mile below New Ringgold to two miles below Reynolds. He has been employed in that capacity to the present time, with a record for trustworthiness which has gained him the respect of all his superiors.

On July 25, 1885, Mr. Bachman was married to Riley Sassaman, who was born June 2, 1865, in East Brunswick township, a daughter of Emmanuel and Mary (Smith) Sassaman, and they have had four children: (1) Harry Erasmus, born May 28, 1886, is married and has had two children: Delmus Huntington, born Nov. 4, 1908, who died when three months old; and Ethel May, born Oct. 15, 1909. Harry E. Bachman was educated in New Ringgold, learned telegraphy, and is now employed as a telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Tamaqua. He resides in New Ringgold with his parents, and is the present Burgess of New Ringgold. (2) James Martin, born May 16, 1887, died May 15, 1892. (3) Stella May, born April 19, 1891, is married and has one child, Eva May, born July 8, 1907, who attends school at New Ringgold. (4) Mamie Victoria, born Oct. 3, 1901, is attending school in New Ringgold.

Mr. Bachman has served his fellow citizens of New Ringgold as councilman four years, has been a member of the board of school directors two terms, and has also filled the office of borough auditor. He has been inspector and clerk of elections, having been a faithful worker in the Republican party. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, is a past president and now trustee; belongs to the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association; and is a regular attendant at the services of Frieden's Reformed Church at New Ringgold. For a number of years he was superintendent of Bachert's Sunday school in East Brunswick township.

George Sassaman, grandfather of Mrs. Bachman, was born in Germany, and came to America with his parents when one year old. The family settled in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there the boy was educated and learned cabinetmaking. He was an excellent mechanic, especially noted for his skill and fine workmanship in the manufacture of coffins, beds, etc. He became the owner of a seventy-acre tract in East Brunswick township, which he operated in connection with his trade. He married Elizabeth Koenig, by whom he had the following children: Emmanuel was the father of Mrs. Bachman; Joseph, deceased, married Mary Ann Moyer, who resides at Tamaqua; Samuel married Rebecca Moyer, and both are deceased; George was a soldier in the Civil war and died from the effects of his army experiences; Isabella married Daniel Kleckner, and they reside at Tamaqua; Mary married Daniel Mantz, of Iowa; Hannah married William Gottshall, and both are deceased; Angeline lives in Iowa; Priscilla married Jacob Schaeffer, and both are deceased. The parents are buried at the Frieden's Church, New Ringgold. They were members of the Reformed congregation of that church. Mr. Sassaman was a Democrat and interested in local activities of the party. He served on the election board.

Emmanuel Sassaman, the father of Mrs. Bachman, was born in East Brunswick township Jan. 8, 1831, was educated there, and learned the trades of stonemason and plasterer, which he followed until five years before his death, which occurred July 6, 1906. He bought a farm of twenty-five

acres from his father, and when his children were old enough they and their mother operated the place, while Mr. Sassaman followed his trades. He married Mary Smith, who was born in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and died April, 1909, aged seventy-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Sassaman are buried in the Frieden's cemetery at New Ringgold. They were members of the Reformed congregation of Frieden's Church and he was a Democrat in political opinion. They had children as follows: James married Irene Miller, and they live at Tamaqua; Mary married William Dreisbach, of Tamaqua; Emma married Daniel Bolich, of East Brunswick township; Wilson, who married Amanda Bachert, was killed in the Weldy Powder Mills, above Tamaqua, Oct. 9, 1906; George married Mary Vetter, and their home is at Tamaqua; Riley is Mrs. Samuel Bachman; Amanda married Oliver Dillinger, of Hecla, Pa.; Maggie died when two months old; Freddie is unmarried; Susie married Samuel Rarich, of Tamaqua.

ALBERT S. KISTLER is now devoting his attention to agriculture on the farm in West Penn township operated for many years by his father, the late John Kistler. For seventeen years he was engaged in educational work in the county, where he bears a high reputation for character and intelligence. He belongs to a family which as a race has been noted for solid qualities, thrift and good judgment in business, unselfish public service and loyalty to church and family obligations, and in his individual career has maintained the high standards which have come to be associated with the name.

On the records of Jerusalem Church in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., known in the eighteenth century as the Allemangel Church, there are recorded the baptisms of hundreds of Kistler children, while in the cemetery under the shadow of the church are many graves marked with the same name. Near the center of the oldest part of the cemetery lies a slate stone (which is now being replaced by the descendants with a marble slab) bearing the inscription "I. G. K. 1767." This is supposed to be the stone that marked the burial place of the progenitor of the American Kistlers, who was legally known as Johannes, but was called Joerg or George by Pastor Schumacher in his record and Hanjoerg or John George by his neighbors.

Johannes Kistler was a native of the Palatinate, in Germany. On Oct. 5, 1737, he came in the ship "Townshend" from Amsterdam to Philadelphia, and soon after to Falkner Swamp, or Goshenhoppen, in what is now Montgomery county, Pa. It is supposed he was accompanied by his wife, Anna Dorothea, and his oldest children. In 1747 he took out a warrant for land and moved to Albany township, Berks county, where he made his permanent home, although the territory was then wild and barren. The vicinity was named "Allemangel" or "All Wants." Johannes Kistler was taxed in 1756 in Albany, and was naturalized in 1761, on Sept. 10th of which year he and his neighbor, Michael Brobst, appeared before the Supreme court of Philadelphia, and there received the papers which made them citizens of Pennsylvania. He was a Lutheran and served for a number of years as elder of the Allemangel Church, where his children were baptized and confirmed. His children were: (1) Jacob left seven children, Philip, Jacob, Michael, Solomon, Daniel, Catharine and Magdalene. Samuel Kistler Brobst, a teacher of James A. Garfield, was a grandson of Philip; and so was Michael Kistler, the tanner, whose son Stephen had at one time the most extensive tanning business in eastern Pennsylvania. (2) John remained on the homestead after his father's death.

The name John runs through at least five generations, and the trade of blacksmith follows it. John's children were: John William, born May 29, 1757; and Abraham, born Dec. 20, 1761, who is the ancestor of the Perry county Kistlers, for whom the Kistler post office was named. A descendant, Rev. Dr. John Kistler, has for many years been professor at the oldest Lutheran Theological Seminary in America, located at Hartwick, N. Y. (3) George remained in Berks county. In 1779 he was the owner of 248 acres of land and a gristmill. In 1778 he was elected elder of the Allemangel Church, and as he was referred to as George Kistler, Sr., he doubtless had a son George. The archives of Pennsylvania show that a George Kistler served in the Continental army during the Revolution. (4) Philip, born Oct. 19, 1745, is next in the line we are tracing. (5) Michael moved to Ohio, and is the ancestor of the large Kistler settlements in Indiana. His family consisted of John, Michael, Joseph, Nathan, Monroe, Salome and Judith. (6) Samuel, the youngest son of his father, married Elizabeth Ladich and Catherine Brobst, and had three children by the first marriage and twelve by the second. (7) Barbara married (first) a Brobst and (second) Michael Mosser, of Lowhill. (8) Dorothea married Michael Reinhart. (9) Elizabeth married a Mr. Keller, near Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Philip Kistler, son of George, above, was born Oct. 19, 1745, and died Aug. 28, 1809. He had nine children: Jacob, John, Ferdinand, Philip, Jonathan, Barbara, Maria, Catherine and Elizabeth. Of these, Jacob was a lieutenant in the war of 1812.

Jonathan Kistler, son of Philip, was born Nov. 10, 1799, in Berks county, and was raised on the place where his grandson Charles S. Kistler now lives. He was reared by Jacob Wehr, worked among farmers while young, and after he was married started out for himself. In 1829 he built a gristmill which still stands and is known as the Kistler mill. He also became the owner of about two hundred acres of land, a great deal of which he cleared and cultivated, and followed milling and farming on this place until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-nine years of age. His wife, Sarah (Shellhammer), born Aug. 4, 1800, a daughter of Simon and Catherine (Long) Shellhammer, died aged eighty-one years. They were the parents of children as follows: Polly married Michael Houser; Rebecca married Jacob Wertman; Hannah married Joseph Shaeffer; Daniel married Rebecca Sechler; David, who resides in West Penn township, married Mary Hagenbuch, now deceased; John is mentioned below; William, who was a school teacher, never married; Nathan never married; Jonathan K. married Lydia Shellhammer; Elizabeth married Timothy Zehner. The father retired some years before his death. He took an active part in politics as a member of the Democratic party, and was a justice of the peace for forty-four years, and a leader in Zion's Lutheran Church, in West Penn township, serving as elder, deacon and trustee. He and his wife are buried at that church.

John Kistler, son of Jonathan, was born March 24, 1832, in West Penn township, and was educated there. He assisted with the work on his father's farm while young, and later bought the farm of about seventy-five acres where Ambrose Lechleitner now resides. He operated that farm for a number of years, sold it, and bought the farm of ninety acres which is now owned by his son Albert S. Of this farm, about eighty acres are cleared. Mr. Kistler carried on general farming, and for many years also followed the stonemason's trade, which he learned when he was a young man. He attended market at

Tamaqua. Mr. Kistler was an active man up to the time of his death, which occurred Nov. 23, 1909. He is buried in the cemetery of Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, of which church he was a devout member and faithful officer, serving as elder and deacon. He held the township office of school director, and was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Kistler's first wife, Caroline (Hagenbuch), was born March 4, 1836, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Bailey) Hagenbuch, and died Jan. 19, 1856, the mother of one child, Jonathan, born July 6, 1855. He is married to Alvina Mantz, and they reside in Allentown, Pa. Mrs. Kistler is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. For his second wife Mr. Kistler married Cordelia Hagenbuch, who was born March 10, 1839, a sister of his first wife, and a large family was born to this union: William, born July 15, 1858, married Ella Meyerhoff, and their children are Rosie, Bert and Raymond; Mary, born Nov. 18, 1859, died Feb. 22, 1860; Sarah, born Dec. 27, 1860, married Uriah Reber, of Neffs (P. O.), Lehigh Co., Pa., and has children, William, Charles, Ralph, Jennie, Francis and Harvey; Amanda, born June 1, 1863, died Feb. 4, 1884, the wife of Mahlon Lutz and mother of one child, Laura, who is deceased; Alice was born April 28, 1865; Ida, born March 26, 1868, married William Brobst, of Owl Creek, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and has had three children, Charles, Mabel (deceased) and Alice; Oliver was born Jan. 4, 1870; Franklin, born Dec. 8, 1871, died aged forty years; Amandus, born Aug. 18, 1873, lives in Missouri; Rosa, born Jan. 9, 1876, is married to John Nester, of Tamaqua, and has had two children, Mary (deceased) and Herbert, born Aug. 18, 1897; Albert S. is next in the family; Alvin, born May 11, 1881, now living at Reynolds, this county, married Sadie A. Gerber, and their children are Percy A., Edward L., Myrtle H., John W. and Frank F. The mother of this family is now living at the home of David K. Kistler, in West Penn township.

Albert S. Kistler was born March 9, 1878, on the place in West Penn township he now owns and occupies. After attending public school in the township he had four spring terms at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, and then took up teaching, which he followed for seventeen years in different schools in West Penn township. In March, 1912, he bought the place he now operates from his father's estate, and is engaged in general farming. He carries his produce to Tamaqua. Mr. Kistler is a Democrat, but not specially identified with politics or other public affairs. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., at Andreas, in West Penn township, and of Pocahontas Council, No. 406, Order of Independent Americans, at Chain, this county. Like a number of the Kistlers he belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church in West Penn township, and he has taken a special interest in the Sunday school, of which he was superintendent for about nine years.

Mr. Kistler married Bessie Gerber, a daughter of Frank and Angelina (Eckert) Gerber, and they had three children; Evelyn L., born April 29, 1909; Osville G., Aug. 4, 1912; Bessie R., Oct. 21, 1913. Mrs. Kistler was born Sept. 8, 1887, and died Nov. 23, 1913. She is buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township. Mr. Kistler has since married Mrs. Katie Louisa Minnich, the widow of Joseph Minnich and daughter of John and Catherine (Guldner) Wert. They have one child, Sela C., born Aug. 16, 1915. Mrs. Kistler was born June 13, 1876, in Walnutport, Northampton Co., Pa., received



her education in the schools of Cherryville, that county, and remained at home until her first marriage.

Joseph Minnich, son of Irvin and Elmira (Steinmetz) Minnich, was born Oct. 16, 1877, at Howersville, Pa., and was educated there. He first learned the trade of millwright, later taking up carpentry, which he followed for the last six years of his life. He was employed at the cement works at Copley, Pa., and meantime resided in Siegfried, Pa., later moving to Cherryville, where he died Oct. 30, 1910. He was a Republican in politics; socially a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Siegfried, Pa.; and belonged to St. Paul's Reformed Church near Cherryville, which he served officially as deacon. He is buried there. To Mr. and Mrs. Minnich were born three children: (1) Harold John, born Sept. 5, 1898, died April 23, 1899. (2) Marian Irene, born Sept. 10, 1899, attended Cherryville grammar and Berlinsville high schools, in Northampton county, Pa. (3) Sallie Elmira, born Sept. 5, 1902, attends school in West Penn township.

Jacob Wert, Mrs. Kistler's grandfather, was a farmer all his life, living at Heidelberg, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he had a tract of sixty acres. He married Hannah Frederick, and to them were born the following children: Maria is the widow of William Beers; Eliza married Conrad Kern and after his death John Long; Rosie married John Hartline; John is the father of Mrs. Kistler; Benjamin married Sarah German; Hiram married Emma Kern, and both are deceased; Wilson, deceased, married Flora Kern; Alvin has been twice married, first to Kate Remaly. The father was a Republican in politics. He is buried at the German Reformed Church in Heidelberg, Lehigh county, where he was a very active member, serving as elder and in other offices. His widow remarried, becoming the wife of Carl Myers; they are buried at Slatington, Pennsylvania.

John Wert, father of Mrs. Kistler, was born at Heidelberg, Lehigh Co., Pa., March 21, 1850, and there received his schooling. He learned the carpenter's trade with Benneville Bloss, and followed it for a number of years, principally in Northampton county. He rented a farm of seventy-two acres near Cherryville, which he operated for nineteen years, when he moved to Cherryville, and has been following his trade to the present time. He married Catherine Guldner, who was born Nov. 27, 1852, in West Penn township, a daughter of Reuben and Sallie (Kuntz) Guldner, and they had children as follows: Sallie Ann, born Sept. 8, 1873, lives at home in Cherryville; Katie Louisa is Mrs. Albert S. Kistler; Annie Messina, born March 31, 1880, married Robert Stoudt and resides at Palmerton, Carbon Co., Pa., and their children are Elda Estber and Irene Elizabeth. Mr. Wert is a Republican, a member of the Order of Independent Americans at Cherryville, and belongs to St. Paul's Reformed Church near Cherryville, which he has served as elder and deacon, and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Bessie (Gerber) Kistler was born and educated in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where her father, Frank Gerber, is a prosperous farmer, residing near Reynolds. He owns about four hundred acres of land. He married Angelina Eckert, and they have had children as follows: Bessie married Albert S. Kistler; Leon M. married Minnie Balliet; Frank C. married Lulu Zehner; Hattie, unmarried, is at home; Willard C. married Emma Zehner. Mr. Gerber is a Democrat, and has been elected school director. He is a member of Pocahontas Council, No. 406, Order of Independent Americans, at Chain, this county, and a past councilor of Washington Camp No. 132,

P. O. S. of A.; and holds membership in Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township, which he has served officially as elder and deacon.

JOHN H. LIME, though one of the oldest residents of the borough of Port Carbon, is still taking an active part in the administration of its public affairs, and maintains a zealous interest in the welfare of the Presbyterian Church, with which he has long been connected. He is one of the best known citizens of this part of Schuylkill county and commands the respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Lime was born in Harrisburg, Pa., May 8, 1829, son of Jacob Lime, a native of Holland, who came to America when young, and was living at Harrisburg during the war of 1812. In 1833 he settled at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged as a shipper on the canal for many years, in his later life being in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. His death occurred in 1879 when he was eighty years old, and his wife, Sarah (Hampton), died at the age of eighty-one. They are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Carbon. They were the parents of the following children: John H., Cyrus, Mary Jane, Anna, Henrietta, James and Isaiah.

John H. Lime accompanied his parents to Port Carbon in childhood, and was reared here. His educational advantages were very good for the time. As a boy he was employed at the docks at Port Carbon, later becoming a shipper on the canal, and was so engaged until it was closed at Port Carbon in 1870. He was then transferred to the collector's office at Schuylkill Haven, where he remained for seventeen years, in the year 1887 becoming ticket agent at Valley Station, Pa., where he remained two years. From that time until he was retired by the company in 1903 he was assistant ticket agent at Port Carbon, in which capacity he became known to practically all the residents of the borough. During his younger manhood Mr. Lime served as a member of the Port Carbon school board, and he is the present treasurer of the borough, in which position he has given great satisfaction to his fellow citizens. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church and fills the office of elder, besides doing everything in his power to make all church enterprises successful.

On Sept. 12, 1854, Mr. Lime was married to Margaret T. Laing, who was born in September, 1833, at Port Carbon, in the house where she and her husband now reside. Though past eighty Mr. and Mrs. Lime are both in the enjoyment of excellent health, and there is no more highly respected couple in Port Carbon. They were the parents of the following children: Alice, Irene (deceased), Jessie, Harriet, Margaret (deceased), Sadie, May, Frank and Harry.

GEORGE M. SCHAEFFER, of North Manheim township, is a progressive farmer and business man of his section of Schuylkill county, where the family has been settled for many years. His grandfather, Jacob Schaeffer, lived in Friedensburg, Wayne township, and later made his home with his son William, at Pinedale, where he died. His children were: Joseph, William, Sarah, Matilda, Mary and Elizabeth.

Joseph Schaeffer, son of Jacob, was born in Wayne township, this county, where he lived and died, and he is buried at the Red Church. For a number of years he was employed on the canal, tending locks and boating, and he

also worked several years for the late George Adams. He married Lucy Alspach, daughter of John Alspach, and she survives him, residing at Sculp's hill, in West Brunswick township, with her daughter Elizabeth. To Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer were born the following children: Amanda, who married Henry Bausch; David, who lives at Summit Station, Schuylkill county; Charles, of Adamsdale, this county; Diana; Kate, widow of Reuben Fegley; Mary, who married Edward Renninger; Ella, who married William Young, and resides at Orwigsburg; and George M.

George M. Schaeffer was born Jan. 29, 1862, in West Brunswick township, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools. He was thoroughly trained to farm work, which he has followed all his life, and has owned his present farm since 1902, purchasing it from Mr. Anderson. In 1906 he erected the fine barn on his property, and has a number of other good buildings, being constantly engaged in the improvement of the place, which has increased greatly in value during his ownership. This was formerly an old hotel stand, at one time owned and conducted by Solomon Moyer, and later for many years by Joseph Heffner. The hotel was then discontinued, and Mr. Anderson purchased the property, owning it until he sold it to Mr. Schaeffer. He is engaged in general farming and for ten years also had a milk route in Orwigsburg, but gave this up in April, 1914. Mr. Schaeffer attends the Orwigsburg markets twice a week, and he keeps up with the times in supplying the demand of the local trade as well as in his methods of operating his farm and caring for his property. Its appearance testifies amply to his progressive ideas and energetic policy.

Mr. Schaeffer is recognized by his fellow citizens as a substantial member of the community, and they have shown their faith in his honesty and enterprise by retaining him in public office for an unusually long period, his service on the school board of West Brunswick township covering eighteen years. Part of this time he has been president of the board. In religion he is a Lutheran, holds membership in the historic old Red Church in West Brunswick township, and socially he belongs to the Independent Americans.

Mr. Schaeffer married Mary Schweigert, daughter of George Schweigert, of South Manheim township, and they have two children: William D., of Orwigsburg, who married Annie Wildermuth; and Paul Joseph, who lives at home and attends school.

LAMBERT HESS has been one of the foremost citizens of the borough of Mount Carbon, this county, and an official whose trustworthy services have been of the greatest value in placing the town politics upon a solid foundation. As president of the town council for fifteen years he has had the opportunity of influencing the direction of public affairs so as to conserve the best interests of the townspeople, who are properly grateful for the spirit he has shown in their behalf. Mr. Hess is a native of Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., born May 16, 1861, son of Christopher Hess.

Christopher Hess was born in Baden, Germany, and spent his early life in that country, coming to America when thirty-three years old. Settling at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., he followed furnace work for many years, until 1866, when he moved to New Jersey and bought a farm. Thereafter he was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years old, and he is buried in New Jersey. His wife, Elizabeth (Vickline), also died in New Jersey, reaching the advanced age of eighty-four years. They

were the parents of four children: Sophia, who married Bernard Bollman; Christopher; Lambert; and Anna, who married Fred Berchdoldy.

Lambert Hess was a child when the family removed to New Jersey, and he received his education in the parochial schools there. He assisted his father with the farm work until seventeen years old, when he went to Philadelphia to learn the trade of baker, which he followed for some years in that city. Afterwards he became occupied with carpenter work, upon which his present business interests were practically established. Coming to Pottsville, Schuylkill county in 1888, he was employed at the Pioneer furnace there for about three years, after which for several years he worked with Andrew Baumgarten, before he engaged in contracting for himself. He does a general contracting business, and keeps from seven to ten men in his employ, his services being in demand wherever his work is known. The ice houses at Tumbling Run and Shenandoah are among the substantial structures which have been intrusted to him in Schuylkill county. His work and worth in this section are favorably recognized. He has been a resident of Mount Carbon for the last thirty years, and has taken a prominent part in the administration of public affairs in that borough, having been president of the council for the last fifteen years, and also a member of the school board. He has done reliable work in the interest of the community. Socially Mr. Hess belongs to Lodge No. 411, Loyal Order of Moose, of Pottsville, and is active in its work, being one of the trustees of that organization. He is also a member of the German Catholic Church of that borough.

Mr. Hess married Catherine Dassel, daughter of William Dassel, of German. Of the eight children born to this marriage seven died young, Lambert, Jr., being the survivor. The son, who resides at home, is also a carpenter by vocation.

DANIEL DECHERT, M. D., late of Schuylkill Haven, had a well rounded life which touched so many phases of the development of the county that the merest outline of his activities would necessarily contain references to some of the most important advancements made in the forty years of his residence therein. He had the largest general practice of any physician in the county, and it would be difficult indeed to draw the line between his personal and his professional popularity. Among his brother physicians, as among his patients, he was not only held in affectionate esteem but looked up to for his attainments in the calling of his choice. Yet his extraordinary success in the various business ventures which claimed a large share of his attention was such as to establish the opinion that he was equally able in the management of financial concerns, and he made a record in the public service which alone would have entitled him to place among the most useful men of his day.

Dr. Dechert was a descendant of the Berks county family of the name, of German descent and founded in this country by Peter Dechert, who sailed from Rotterdam in 1752, coming to Pennsylvania. He settled in Cumru township, Berks county, where he owned a farm of 185 acres, in the cultivation of which he was engaged until his death, in 1784. He became the owner of the hotel at Sinking Spring Sept. 26, 1768. On July 19, 1784, his widow, Elizabeth, applied for an order of sale to dispose of certain real estate. In a later petition the children named are John, William, Jacob, Peter, Michael, Daniel and the petitioner, George. It is not apparent which of these was the ancestor of Dr. Dechert. Peter Dechert, the emigrant, was a captain in the Revolutionary



Dane Dechert



war from Jan. 5, 1776, to Feb. 3, 1777. His company, which was raised in the vicinity of Reading, was in active service in New York, and on Nov. 16, 1776, was captured by Howe's army.

John Dechert, the Doctor's grandfather, was born near Reading, and engaged in farming near there throughout his active years. He died in 1865, at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife, whose maiden name was Struck, lived to the age of ninety-three. She was born near Reading. They had a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters. In politics Mr. Dechert was a Whig, in religious connection a member of the German Reformed Church.

Elijah Dechert, son of John, was born in 1826 near Reading, Berks county, and died April 10, 1893, at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., where he had settled many years before. He married Mary Kochenberger, and they became the parents of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, namely: John, of Myerstown, Lebanon county; Mrs. George Foesig, of Myerstown; Daniel; Sarah, who married John Miller, of Philadelphia; Elijah, living in Lebanon, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; Isaac, who died in Myerstown; Adam, of Bethlehem, Pa., who is employed at the steel plant there; George, of Hershey, Pa.; Annie, wife of John Keeny, living at Myerstown; William, who died at Myerstown in February, 1914; Polly, Mrs. Peiffer; Emma, Mrs. Showers, she and her husband living at Philadelphia; and Amanda, deceased wife of Jacob Kriner.

Daniel Dechert was born at Myerstown Feb. 7, 1846, and began his education in the public schools there. When a boy he worked for a time on the towpath of the Union canal. He completed a course in the Myerstown Academy, and though little more than a boy during the Civil war, served on the Union side under two enlistments, the first time for three months during 1863. He enlisted at Harrisburg, for emergency service during Lee's invasion, and was in the State troops. Subsequently he became a private in Company H, 186th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged in September, 1865. For four years afterwards he was engaged in teaching school, and then commenced to prepare himself for the medical profession, studying for a time in the office of Drs. Jacob and J. S. Tryon, at Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa. He finished his course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1871, and the same year located at Cressona, where he was in practice for the next eighteen years. In 1889 he removed to the borough of Schuylkill Haven, which was thereafter his home and professional and business headquarters. He was deputy coroner under Drs. G. H. Halberstadt, D. S. Marshall and Gillars, serving two terms under the latter. Though a staunch Republican, he was in 1879 appointed county almshouse physician, serving three years, and in 1884 was reappointed (again under a Democratic administration), serving one year. In 1904 he was appointed county medical inspector by Dr. Benjamin Lee, head of the State board, and he also served in that capacity under Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State commissioner of health, resigning on account of the loss of his arm. He was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Haven board of health, and acted as its president until his death. When Schuylkill county was visited by smallpox along in the early part of 1903 and 1904 Dr. Dechert did noble work in helping to stamp out the disease, giving freely of his time and skill. For years he was surgeon for the Reading and Pennsylvania Railroad Companies. A prominent mem-

ber of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, he was its delegate to the convention of the American Medical Association held at Chicago in 1893.

Dr. Dechert's political honors came to him unsolicited, and beginning in young manhood he was associated with the administration of government in his locality for a long period. In 1870 he was appointed census enumerator of the largest district in Berks county, and the work occupied fifty-seven days, as he covered the territory on foot. He served one term as treasurer of Schuylkill county; for seventeen years was a member of the school board at Cressona, during eight years of the time being president of that body; and for several years was a member of the school board of Schuylkill Haven.

With all his professional and public responsibilities Dr. Dechert had time and taste for business. He acquired the ownership of two farms, one at Cressona and another of 200 acres at Jefferson station, this county, and was at one time interested in the Diston Manufacturing Company at Williamsport, Pa., being a large stockholder and one of the directors. He was one of the founders of the Union Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville, this county, and continued to serve as one of the directors from the time of its establishment until his death. He was an organizer of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company and the first vice president of that institution, holding that position also until his death; was one of the organizers of the concern which operated the Palisade Amusement Park and a stockholder in same; and owned a block of real estate on Long Island. Fraternaly he was at Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M., and to Constantine Commandery, of Pottsville; a member of the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Pottsville; of Jere Helms Post, G. A. R., and was preparing to enter the Sons of the American Revolution, but was prevented by ill health from carrying out his plan.

In 1907 Dr. Dechert contracted blood poisoning by infection of the thumb of his left hand, and had to undergo amputation of the arm to save his life. However, he maintained active connection with his various undertakings as before, until his death, Oct. 4, 1911. He is buried at Cressona.

On Jan. 16, 1868, Dr. Dechert married Virginia Kline, daughter of Benjamin and Katherine Kline, of Rehrersburg, Berks county, and she died May 31, 1884, at the age of thirty-five years, leaving one daughter, Eva M.; the latter attended the West Chester Normal School and the Moravian Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. On Oct. 15, 1885, Dr. Dechert married (second) Ada S. Beck, by whom he had four children: Clare B., now living at home with her mother, who was educated at Bradford Academy, graduating with the class of 1907; Daniel, now a student at Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa.; Mary M., at home; and Robert B. Dr. Dechert belonged to St. John's Reformed Church at Schuylkill Haven, with which his widow and family are also associated, and he served as trustee for many years, until his death. Mrs. Dechert continues to occupy their old home in the borough.

Dr. Dechert was one of those physicians whose personality is felt in all their professional work. A type of the old school, kind, sympathetic, a counselor as well as physician, he yet had the progressive tendency which made it a pleasure for him to keep in touch with the advancements of science, and he followed the most approved modern methods in his medical work. He was never too busy to maintain a humane interest in his fellowmen, and opened his office to a number of aspiring young men, having trained six who became creditable members of the profession.

Jacob Beck, grandfather of Mrs. Dechert, was a native of Wurtemberg,



Germany, and on coming to this country settled at what is now known as Beckville, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was the founder of that town, having taken up a tract of land there in the year 1811, and dealt quite extensively in timber. By profession a civil engineer, he surveyed the line of the Mine Hill railroad. Above the average in intelligence and enterprise, he took a deep interest in the subject of education and was an early advocate of the free school system, then little understood and unpopular with the very classes it was most intended to benefit. In religion he was a Lutheran, and active in church work. His family consisted of five sons and three daughters: Elizabeth, Frederick, John J., George, Mary, Catherine, William and Edward. The sons were all notably capable men; Frederick was steward of the county almshouse for many years.

William Beck, son of Jacob, received his education in the public schools, learned and followed the trade of carpenter, and subsequently learned milling, for many years operating Beck's mill very successfully, besides dealing extensively in flour and feed. He lived at Beckville, and was station agent for the Lehigh Valley Railway Company at that point. Like his father, he took a keen interest in the matter of public educational facilities, and served as member of the school board of North Manheim township for the long period of thirty-four years. A Democrat, and very prominent in politics, he invariably represented his district in the county conventions, and wielded a strong influence in local affairs. In 1880 he received the nomination of his party for sheriff of Schuylkill county. In his day there was hardly a better known man in Schuylkill county, and he commanded the highest respect. He was a charter member of Tribe No. 82, Improved Order of Red Men, and served as sachem of that organization; was a prominent Mason, belonging to Cressona Lodge, No. 426, F. & A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, R. A. M. (past high priest), Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville (past commander), and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

By his marriage to Matilda Strauch, Mr. Beck had the following children: Ada S., widow of Dr. Dechert; John J., of Reading, Pa.; Catherine A., Blanche M. and Anna M., all unmarried and living at Cressona; Mabel, who married Edward Silliman, a well known man of Mahanoy City, where they reside; Clarence F., who is in the employ of the Kingston Coal Company, of Kingston, Pa.; and Effie M., who became the wife of George Stichter, and died in 1905.

JOSEPH S. HOPPES has farmed in West Penn township throughout his active years, though his operations are not now as extensive as formerly and he has sold considerable of his land. As a citizen Mr. Hoppes has always ranked with the best. In public spirit, intelligence, enterprise and thrift, he is a typical member of one of the oldest families in this region, founded here by his great-grandfather, Jonas Hoppes, who as a reward for his services in the Revolution received a grant of land from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 150 acres, which he located in what is now the township of West Penn, Schuylkill county. Few families can show a more consistent record of fidelity in military duty during the country's hour of need.

John Michael Hoppes, the emigrant ancestor, came to this country from Baden, Germany, it is said about 1740, but the family history of that period is incomplete. He made his home in what is now West Penn township, Schuylkill county, then included in Northampton county, Pa. He had four

sons. Life in this region was full of dangers in those days, for the settlers were never safe from Indian raids, and the father of this family eventually lost his life defending his home against the savages. A band of Indians surrounded and attacked the Hoppes home one night, and in the fight which ensued John Michael Hoppes and two of his sons were killed. The other two sons fought until the attackers withdrew defeated, and saved the mother and daughters. The three victims were buried next day under a pine tree near by, and the survivors decided to break up the home, being thoroughly discouraged by the evil turn of their fortune. One of the sons moved to Virginia and made a permanent settlement there. He succeeded in life, acquiring the ownership of a valuable plantation, and owned slaves. The other son, Jonas, remained in Pennsylvania. Born Jan. 12, 1753, he spent his life in Pennsylvania. When the Revolution broke out he took up arms in the cause of the Colonies, serving seven years. He was in a cavalry regiment and under Washington's command. In the retreat from Philadelphia he was captured by the British and kept without food for three days, was rescued by Lafayette's army, and returned to the service. After the war he became a prosperous farmer in West Penn township, Northampton (now Schuylkill) county, building a log house and barn on his tract, a considerable portion of which he succeeded in clearing. He farmed throughout his active years. His death occurred July 30, 1833, his wife, Catherine (Harr), who was born April 7, 1755, passing away July 5, 1823. They are buried at Zion's Church in West Penn township, and his grave is always decorated on Memorial Day. Mr. Hoppes was one of the most zealous members of Zion's Church, giving the land for the building site and cemetery plot, and he assisted in the erection of the church.

Christian Hoppes, son of Jonas, was born Aug. 16, 1787, in West Penn township, where he was reared and educated. He assisted his father on the home farm, and after his marriage bought a tract comprising 150 acres, of which he cleared a great portion. He had a sawmill which he operated besides cultivating his land, and remained there until his death, Aug. 2, 1856. His wife, Salome (Steigerwalt), born May 28, 1786, died March 31, 1861. They had twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and we have record of: Andrew, who married Susanna Moser or Mosser; Solomon, father of Joseph S. Hoppes; Salome, Mrs. Daniel Nothstein; Rebecca, Mrs. Henry Nothstein; Lydia, Mrs. David Hartung; and Katie, Mrs. Hiram Wehr. It is said the other six children died of dysentery. Christian Hoppes was originally a Democrat, finally a Republican, in politics. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, West Penn township, served as elder and deacon, and assisted in building the present stone church in West Penn township.

Solomon Hoppes, son of Christian, was born July 13, 1809, in West Penn township, where he grew to manhood and received his education. He worked for his father up to the time of his marriage, when he bought twenty acres with a gristmill and sawmill, in New Mahoning township, Carbon Co., Pa. (now owned by Frank Klingerman). Later he bought three hundred acres in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where his son Joseph now lives, and remained on this tract for fifty years, eventually selling the property to his son Joseph S. and removing to Carbon county, where he died Dec. 11, 1860. His wife, Magdalene (Schneider), born Dec. 30, 1810, daughter of Michael and Polly (Sanders) Schneider, died May 5, 1899, and they are

buried at Zion's Church. Like his father, Mr. Hoppes was an elder and deacon of Zion's Lutheran congregation, in which he was an active worker for many years. Politically he was a Republican. For thirteen years he was captain of a militia cavalry company and attended the battalion meetings regularly. During the Civil war he served in Company E, 27th Pennsylvania Regiment. He and his wife reared a large family: Leah married Eli Nothstem, and both are deceased; Lydia, deceased, married David Kistler; Salome married Daniel Ziegler, and both are deceased; Polly married David Longacre, and both are deceased; Fianna died young; Carolina died young; Daniel married Katie Ziegler, and lives at Allentown, Pa.; Joseph S. is next in the family; Eli, deceased, married Maria Klingerman, of Wanamakers, Pa., and their children are Albert K. (a rural free delivery carrier at Germansville, Pa.), Dr. Dillon K. (a dentist of Tamaqua, Pa., married to Sue Brode) and Minnie (Mrs. Irwin Reinhart of Wanamakers); Solomon, deceased, married Katie Stitzer, of Reading, Pa.; Washington married Annie Straub, and they are residents of Carbon county.

Joseph S. Hoppes was born April 7, 1843, in West Penn township, where he grew up and received his education. He was employed with his father until he enlisted in the Union service. He was first assigned to duty as a teamster, driving four horses, hauling wood to different hospitals and prisons. He set out for Fairfax Court House as driver of an ammunition wagon, but the shipment was watched by Colonel Mosby's guerrillas and four teams were captured, the men, however, escaping. Mr. Hoppes' leader horse was shot. He returned to Washington and was given another team to drive until taken sick. He returned to his father's farm in West Penn township for a time, later reenlisting Aug. 24, 1864, for one year or during the war, in Company A, 202d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. L. D. Laciak. This regiment was recruited at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, and was under Col. Charles A. Albright. It was organized Sept. 3, 1864, proceeded to Camp Couch, near Chambersburg, Pa., Sept. 10, 1864; on Sept. 23, 1864, was led out on a three days' march for exercise; proceeded via Washington Sept. 29, 1864, to Alexandria, Va.; and was sent to duty at Manassas Gap, taking position along the road from Thoroughfare Gap to Rectortown. This duty was arduous and the troops were harassed by Mosby and his guerrillas. They participated in a number of skirmishes, and the actions at Salem, Oct. 8th and 16th resulted in some loss. A party of Confederates succeeded in throwing trains off the track and poured a volley upon the victims. Then Colonel Albright ordered every building to be burned within a radius of one mile. After the railroad was abandoned they removed the ties and rails to Alexandria, Va., making their headquarters at Fairfax Station, where they protected the men chopping and the teams moving the wood. Toward the close of May, 1865, the regiment was ordered to Philadelphia, Pa., and was then sent to the coal regions, with headquarters at Tamaqua, Pa. Early in July, Company A was sent to Pittsburgh, Pa., and late that month assembled at Harrisburg. At Occoquan Mr. Hoppes was wounded in the left leg, below the knee, was mustered out with the company, and honorably discharged Aug. 3, 1865.

Returning from the army Mr. Hoppes bought his father's place of 300 acres, part of which was cleared, and he himself had 170 acres under cultivation. He carried on general farming extensively and profitably until 1913, when he sold 104 acres to Frank Troxell, and is now operating the rest of the

original tract. He has attended markets at Summer Hill and Nesquehoning. He has assisted in the administration of township affairs in the capacity of school director, and he has been a devoted worker for the promotion of proper educational facilities in his section, having served twenty-two years as treasurer of the school board. In political faith he is a Republican. He adheres to the church of his ancestors, being a leading member of the Lutheran congregation at Zion's Church, which he serves as deacon. Socially he holds membership in the G. A. R., Bertolet Post, No. 484, at Lehighon, and in Washington Camp No. 615, P. O. S. of A., at Andreas (Sittler), Pa.; he is a charter member of the latter organization.

On May 5, 1867, Mr. Hoppes married Sarah Sittler, who was born Sept. 13, 1839, and died Nov. 16, 1870; she is buried at Zion's Church there. She was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Everett) Sittler. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppes had one child, Sadie, born Nov. 22, 1869, who is married to James Gehry, a farmer of Germansville, Lehigh Co., Pa.; they have one adopted child, Alice Miller, now the wife of Henry Nothstein. Mrs. Gehry was educated in West Penn township and the academy at Myerstown, and lived at home until her marriage. On Sept. 6, 1873, Mr. Hoppes was married (second) to Elavina Klingaman, born Feb. 24, 1850, daughter of Jeremiah and Leah (Moser) Klingaman. There are no children by this union.

It will be observed that the members of the Hoppes family have a consistent record of patriotism and loyalty to the country in times of need, as previously stated. The first American ancestor died as one of the defenders of the frontier; his son had an unusually long service in the Revolution; and they have been represented in all the wars of the nation since, four serving in the Civil war.

Mr. Hoppes has always been keenly interested in history, and he treasures a number of relics of the early days which have come into his possession; he has a sleigh, the runners of which were made from the first rails that were used on the railroad between Philadelphia and Pottsville; he has the bit that was on the first horse killed at the first battle of Bull Run; an old schooner wagon with which his father hauled produce from West Penn township to Philadelphia, many years ago, using six horses and taking nearly a week to make the round trip; an old buggy with wooden springs, which at one time was the property of an old Revolutionary soldier by the name of Fenstermacher; and an ancient flagstaff tip consisting of spear and axe, used to protect the flag, captured at Trenton, N. J., from the British at the time of the crossing of the Delaware by General Washington.

Mrs. Sarah (Sittler) Hoppes, first wife of Joseph S. Hoppes, was a daughter of Samuel Sittler, who was a farmer all his life, owning and operating a large farm in Mahoning township, Carbon Co., Pa. Six children were born to his marriage with Elizabeth Everett, daughter of Jacob Everett, namely: Carolina, Mrs. John Balliet; Charles, who married Priscilla Snyder; William, who married Mary Snyder; Tilghman E., who married Louisa Hunsicker; Sarah, Mrs. Joseph S. Hoppes; and Amanda, Mrs. John Longacre. Samuel Sittler was a man of such honesty as well as energy that he was heartily liked wherever known. He took an active part in township affairs, serving as school director, was identified with the Republican party in politics, and with the Lutherans in religious matters, being a prominent member of the Ben-Salem Church in East Penn township, Carbon county, in which he held all the offices. He and his wife are buried at that church.

Michael Klingaman, grandfather of Mrs. Elavina (Klingaman) Hoppes, was born and educated in Lehigh county, Pa., near Jacksonville. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned a tract of 200 acres. During the Revolution he hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown. A Democrat in politics and a member of the Jacobs Reformed Church at Jacksonville, he was active in the latter connection. He and his wife are buried at that church. Her maiden name was Smith. They had children as follows: Royal married Harry Stump; Racey never married; Jeremiah was the father of Mrs. Hoppes, Nathan married Levina Stein, and they are residents of Toledo, Ohio; one child died in infancy.

Jeremiah Klingaman was born May 17, 1821, in Lehigh county, Pa., was educated at Jacksonville, worked for his father, and in time took over the homestead farm. He died there. His wife, Leah (Moser), born Dec. 9, 1825, is also deceased, and they are buried at the Jacobs Reformed Church, Jacksonville. He served that church as elder and deacon, and in other capacities. Politically he was a Democrat. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Klingaman: William, born Oct. 12, 1846, now deceased, married Mary Kistler, of Lehigh county; Jacob, born May 31, 1848, married Josephine Brobst, and they live at Steinsville, Lehigh county; Elavina, born Feb. 24, 1850, is Mrs. Hoppes; John, born Oct. 5, 1852, married Ellen Brobst, and both are deceased; Daniel, born July 4, 1854, married Carolina Karshner, and they live at Fullerton, Lehigh county; Mary E., born Jan. 11, 1857, is now living with her son, Charles Matten, at Bowmanstown, Carbon Co., Pa.; Lizzie, born Dec. 16, 1858, married Allen Zimmerman, of West Penn township; Charles A., born March 16, 1861, now of Wanamakers, Lehigh county, married Amanda Smith (deceased) and (second) Alice Weaver; Missouri, born Aug. 11, 1863, married Alvin Schaeffer, of West Penn township, Schuylkill county; Rosa A., married Milton Mantz, of West Penn township; Lewis J., born July 29, 1868, married Annie Koenig, and their home is at Jacksonville, Lehigh county; Susan, born Sept. 24, 1870, married Morris Smith, ticket agent and telegraph operator at New Tripoli, where he resides.

Jacob Moser, father of Mrs. Leah (Moser) Klingaman, was a farmer at New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa., having a large farm. He was an agriculturist all his life. He married Susanna Peter, daughter of Abraham Peter, both natives of Lehigh county, and children as follows were born to them: Leah married Jeremiah Klingaman; Susanna married Andrew Hoppes, and both are deceased; Julia married Aaron Peter, and both are deceased; Lydia, unmarried, is a resident of New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Catherine married Michael Werley, and both are deceased; Caroline and her husband, Albert Dorward, are deceased; Jacob married Abbie Hunsicker, and they are residents of New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Levi has been twice married, both his wives being Kistlers, the first Polly, the second Kate Kistler; Elizabeth married Daniel Snyder, and both are deceased; one died young; Mary married Jonathan Kistler, and both are deceased. The parents are buried at the New Tripoli Union Church, of which Mr. Moser was a prominent member, serving as elder, deacon, etc. Politically he was a Republican. He died at the age of about seventy-five years.

WILLIAM HENRY HINKEL, M. D., of Tamaqua, is one of the energetic young residents of that borough, taking part in business and public activities as well as the professional work of his choice. Keenly alive to local

interests, and willing to bear a good citizen's share of such responsibilities, he has identified himself thoroughly with the advancement of this section, though a comparatively new settler here.

Dr. Hinkel was born at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1885, son of William H. Hinkel, grandson of Michael Hinkel and great-grandson of Abraham Hinkel. Michael Hinkel lived for a time at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, where he carried on the manufacture of brick. Subsequently he resided at several other locations in the county, at East Delaware mines, Duncott and Locust Gap, in turn. He then settled at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he was employed at the mines and remained there until his death. He married Lydia McCord, daughter of John Parvin and Elizabeth (Bailey) McCord, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: William H., Daniel, Elizabeth, Lydia, Samuel, Elmer, and two—George and Sherman—who died young.

William H. Hinkel, the Doctor's father, was engaged as a contractor and builder at Mount Carmel, where he died in 1899; he is buried there. His widow, Mary Elizabeth (Yarnall), still makes her home in that borough. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkel had the following family: Fremont, who is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, now stationed at York, Pa.; Henrietta M., wife of Benjamin Howells; William Henry; Daniel McCord, a civil and mining engineer in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Company, residing at Mount Carmel; Lydia I.; George W.; Mildred E.; and Richard, who died when three months old.

The Yarnall family, to which Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hinkel belongs, at one time owned most of the land in the vicinity of what is now Mount Carmel. The family is an old one in Pennsylvania, of English Quaker stock, Francis and Peter Yarnall having come from their native land with the Hugheses, Boones, Penroses, Kirbys and Lightfoots, and settled in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa. They were of the fifty or more families left out when the township was erected, and the people to the "south part of Oley" therefore petitioned the court of Philadelphia, in 1741, to erect that part into a township, which petition was granted. Among the sixteen signers to this petition were Francis and Peter Yarnall.

In Northumberland county a member of this same family, Richard Yarnall, was the second settler at Mount Carmel. His father, Jesse Yarnall, kept a hotel on the old Minersville road, at the crossing of Mahanoy creek, near Otto's forge, Schuylkill county, about four miles south of Mount Carmel. An Indian path which led from the vicinity of Roaring Creek township, Columbia county, to his hotel is referred to in the early official records of Northumberland county as "Yarnall's path." He married Hannah Penrose, of Roaring Creek township, whose people, like his, came from Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and were Friends.

Richard Yarnall was born April 10, 1791, and died Oct. 14, 1847. He learned the trade of carpenter and millwright. About the time he reached manhood the Centre turnpike was constructed, resulting in a large increase in the travel between Danville and Sunbury on the north and Reading and Pottsville on the south. A favorable opportunity was presented for the erection of a hotel on this important thoroughfare at the present site of Mount Carmel, which is about equidistant from Danville and Pottsville, and, prompted by these considerations, Mr. Yarnall erected the "Mount Carmel Inn," a two-story log structure situated on the southeast side of the turnpike immediately

northeast of the "Commercial Hotel." He opened a hotel there and conducted the business with fair success for several years, when, having become surety for a friend who failed to meet his obligations, the property was sold and he removed to the vicinity of Bear Gap, where he was variously employed for several years. He then located on a small cleared tract near the old Minersville road, and also resided at the Tomlinson farm, after which he engaged in hotelkeeping at the Riffert tavern, where he died. The Riffert tavern was a log structure standing on the east side of the turnpike, north of the Lehigh Valley depot. It is not known who erected it, and under the management of its early owners it bore a bad reputation, but with Mr. Yarnall as proprietor it received the confidence and patronage of the traveling public. He married Mary King, daughter of John King, of Ralpho township, and we have record of two of their sons, Jesse and John, both of whom lived at Mount Carmel. The former was born July 7, 1815, near Bear Gap.

John Yarnall, son of Richard, was born Feb. 15, 1828, at the Tomlinson farm, in Coal township, Northumberland county, and learned the carpenter's trade with his father, working at that occupation for some years. He was a well-to-do contractor and builder at Mount Carmel. In 1859 he married Henrietta Mussina, daughter of Henry B. and Elizabeth (Winters) Mussina, of Center county, Pa., and they became the parents of eight children: Mrs. William H. Hinkel, Henry M., Newton L., Richard K., Jerusha M. (deceased), John W., William and Mary Elizabeth.

William Henry Hinkel obtained his early education in the public schools of Mount Carmel, and later attended Phillips Academy at Exeter, N. H. He then entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1908, and he subsequently spent about eighteen months in the Fountain Springs hospital near Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was engaged from 1908 to 1910. Meantime, on Dec. 15, 1909, he had opened an office in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, where he is now giving all his time to private practice, in which he has met with encouraging success. He deserves all the progress he has made, and his trustworthiness has been recognized in his appointment as deputy coroner and as member of the Tamaqua board of health, in both of which positions he has served faithfully from 1912 to the present writing. The Doctor was one of the organizers of the People's Trust Company of Tamaqua, and is a member of its board of directors. Socially he is a Mason, holding membership in Tamaqua Blue Lodge, No. 238, and he still retains his affiliation with the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Dr. Hinkel was married to Isabella Laird Elliott, of Philadelphia, Pa., and they have three children: William Henry, Jr., Elizabeth Jean and Isabella.

CHARLES H. BITTLE, of Schuylkill Haven, is a descendant of an old family whose history in Schuylkill county dates back to the days before its formation, which took place in 1811. It was founded here by his great-great-grandfather, Christopher Bittle, who arrived in America Sept. 24, 1753, and first located at Quakertown, near Philadelphia, Pa., at which time he was only a boy. For a time he was employed upon a farm. Later he married a Miss Neiman, and settled at Pottstown, Pa., where he purchased a farm upon which he lived for a while. Selling out, he came to what is now Schuylkill county, locating at Summer Mountain, about a half mile east of Schuylkill Haven, where he bought the farm later owned by the Henney and Reber families, situated in South Manheim township. He sold that property and removed

to North Manheim township, where he settled on a tract lying along the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Cressona, later known as the old Bartolette farm. When he sold this he bought a farm property near Minersville (in the same locality as the old Thomas Shollenberger tract), and it was there his death occurred. The place afterwards became known as the James farm. Besides farming, Christopher Bittle was engaged to a considerable extent in cutting timber, owning and operating an old-time sawmill, cutting his timber and floating it down the Schuylkill river. He had the following children: John; Jacob; Henry, who was the owner of the well known Weissinger farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, who lived and died in Panther valley, Schuylkill county; Mrs. Strauch; Mrs. Pott; Mrs. Kate Weaver; Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver; Mrs. Reed; Mrs. Jennings, and Mrs. Werner.

Jacob Bittle, son of Christopher, was the great-grandfather of Charles H. Bittle, of Schuylkill Haven. Born in North Manheim township, he accompanied his father on the latter's various removals, and for a time followed farming on the tract near Minersville. Later he bought a farm in Long Run Valley, North Manheim township, cleared off the timber, and spent the remainder of his life in its cultivation, dying there when eighty-eight years old. His wife, who was a member of the well known Clouser family of Lewellyn, Schuylkill county, did not attain so advanced an age. They are buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. The following children were born to them: William; Jacob, who died in Schuylkill county; John, who died on the homestead; Andrew, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Maria, who first married a Zerbe, later a Berger; Katie, wife of Isaac Berger; Tina, wife of Gabriel Groan; and Sallie, wife of Isaac Ely.

William Bittle, son of Jacob, was born on the farm near Minersville, Schuylkill county, and himself became a farmer, also dealing quite extensively in horses. He owned two farms, one lying half a mile west of Schuylkill Haven, in North Manheim township, and they contained seventy-three and 105 acres, respectively, all valuable land. During the Civil war Mr. Bittle had charge of the recruiting office for Schuylkill county, which was established at Pottsville, and he became well known throughout the county in the pursuit of his various activities. His wife, Elizabeth (Berger), was the daughter of Ludwig Berger, a man of wealth and highly respected in Schuylkill county in his day. Mr. Bittle died Oct. 19, 1881, his wife in February, 1883, and they are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They were the parents of four children: Marcus, Frank (living at Schuylkill Haven), Samuel B. (of Schuylkill Haven) and Mary Elizabeth (who married Charles Phillips).

Marcus Bittle was born in Long Run, Schuylkill county, and died in 1910; he is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Practically all his life he was engaged in farming, owning a tract of fifty-five acres, and he also carried on the ice business at Schuylkill Haven, making a success in both lines. He married Rosa Kline, daughter of the late Rev. Jacob Kline, of Schuylkill Haven, for many years affectionately and familiarly known there as "Father" Kline. To Mr. and Mrs. Bittle were born five children: Annie, wife of William Spotts; Charles H.; William; Ralph, and Claude. Part of Marcus Bittle's farm has been sold for building lots, but Mrs. Bittle still retains the ownership of thirty acres, where she resides. It is very valuable property.

Charles H. Bittle was born March 27, 1872, and was reared upon his



father's farm, attending the public schools in his boyhood. Learning the trade of carpenter, he followed it for a number of years, in 1901 opening the general store which he has since conducted. He has operated it very successfully, his intelligent management and accommodating methods having attracted a profitable patronage, and he owns several pieces of property in the borough besides his business.

Mr. Bittle is a Republican in his political convictions. He is an interested member of the Reformed Church and a regular attendant at the Sunday school, and fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the Sons of America.

On June 27, 1901, Mr. Bittle married Annie Geary, daughter of Albert Geary, of Cressona, this county, and she died Sept. 10, 1906, leaving one son, Marcus A., who is attending school.

ELIAS BACHERT has an up-to-date farm and mill property in East Brunswick township, of which he may justly be proud, as it has been brought to its present state through his efforts. His milling equipment is now very complete, and the other improvements he has installed are equally valuable, adequate for the conduct of his business operations and affording home and farm accommodations above the ordinary. Mr. Bachert has long been well known as a reliable miller in this section, where the family is of old standing. Born in East Brunswick township Aug. 14, 1843, he is a son of John Bachert and grandson of George Bachert.

George Bachert, the grandfather, was a farmer in East Brunswick township, where he owned a tract of 100 acres, upon which he erected a log barn and stone house. He was a wheelwright as well as farmer. He had the following children: Jacob, John, Henry, Simon, Magdalena and Mrs. John Faust. George Bachert died aged eighty years, and is buried with his wife in a private graveyard on the homestead farm. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Frieden's German Lutheran Church.

John Bachert, father of Elias, was reared and educated in East Brunswick township, and during his youth assisted his father. Later he bought a farm of 100 acres near the old homestead, and carried on farming all his life. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran, he and his wife belonging to the Frieden's Church; they are buried in its cemetery. Mr. Bachert married Elizabeth Zettlemoyer, who was born in Berks county, Pa., and the following children were born to this union: Jacob married Sarah Miller and both are deceased; Emmanuel died unmarried; James, deceased, married Flora Steigerwalt, who resides in West Brunswick township, this county; Daniel died young; Elias is next in the family; Elizabeth married Jacob Houser, and both are deceased; Laura married Aaron Eckroth; Mollie died unmarried; Katie died young. The father of this family lived to the age of eighty years, the mother dying at the age of sixty-eight.

Elias Bachert was educated in the schools of East Brunswick township, and continued to work for his father until twenty years of age. He entered the employ of William Heibke, for the purpose of learning milling, in the Roaring creek valley, Columbia Co., Pa., remained there one year, and next went to Mifflinville, Columbia county, where he served a further apprenticeship with Albert Brown, miller, spending one year with him also. His next experience was gained with Daniel Yost, at Lewistown, in Walker township, Schuylkill county, with whom he worked a few months in the same business. Then for one winter he was with Abraham Daubert, in East Brunswick town-

ship, after which he entered the employ of Jonas Kunkel, in the same township, and managed his mill for five years. At the end of that period he went to Mahanoy City and entered the steam flour mill of Andrew Hoppes, where he remained one year, thence returning to East Brunswick township, where he bought his present mill and adjoining farm of seventy-five acres from William Koch; he has added to his holdings until he now has 163 acres and one rod, of which about sixty acres are under cultivation. The property has undergone steady development since it came into his hands. The many improvements he has made include a new barn, gristmill, cider press and sawmill, and provide ample facilities for the general farming and milling business he carries on. Practically all his time is given to business, and though he is a good citizen in every sense of the term he does not enter actively into the affairs of government. He is a Democrat on political questions, and like his immediate ancestors a member of the Frieden's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Bachert married Hannah Merkle, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Dunkel) Merkle, and children as follows have been born to them: Albert Robert, born May 12, 1868, is a farmer in East Brunswick township; William Ivy, born July 25, 1869, married Edith Leiby; Elizabeth, born Oct. 28, 1870, died when three months old; Cordelia was born Jan. 10, 1871; John E., born June 17, 1878, married Ammda Nester; Richard A., born Oct. 14, 1882, died in 1900; Howard J., was born March 18, 1886; Luther P., Nov. 18, 1887; Thomas W., May 9, 1890; Oscar P., June 7, 1895.

Mrs. Hannah (Merkle) Bachert was born Oct. 3, 1849, and received her education in Walker township. She is a daughter of William Merkle, and a granddaughter of Solomon Merkle, who was born in Berks county, Pa., where he received his education. He came to Walker township, Schuylkill county, and bought a tract of 200 acres which he operated for a number of years, engaging in general farming. By his marriage to Elizabeth Rothermel, also a native of Berks county, he had the following children: Hannah married George Stoudt; Catherine, unmarried; Maria, who married a Mr. McClure and (second) a Mr. Wilson; and William. The parents were members of the German Lutheran Church, and are buried at the Zion's Church, Lewistown, Walker township.

William Merkle, son of Solomon, was born near Moselem, Berks Co., Pa., and moved from that county to Walker township, Schuylkill county. He bought his father's farm of 200 acres, and carried on general farming until his death. He married Elizabeth Dunkel, who was born near Maiden-Creek, Berks Co., Pa., and died when about fifty years old. He died at the age of about fifty-five years. They were regular attendants at the services of Zion's German Lutheran Church, at Lewistown, and contributed faithfully to its support. They are buried at that church. Mr. Merkle was a Republican in political sentiment. His children were as follows: Solomon married Phoebe Hein, and both are deceased; Simon, deceased, married Lydia Stein; Esther is the widow of John Shock, and resides at Lewistown, Walker township; Maria is deceased; Elizabeth is deceased; Catherine married Benneville Yoder, of Boyertown, Pa.; Hannah is Mrs. Elias Bachert; Leah and Rachel, twins, died young; Benjamin, deceased, married Sarah Dotterer, who lives at Boyertown, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM S. SMITH, organist of Zion's Church in West Penn township, has succeeded his father in that position and also as tenant on the farm

owned by the Zion's Church, where his father took up his home Dec. 15, 1864. Mr. Smith was born on his present place May 21, 1876, son of Christian Smith, grandson of Isaac Smith and great-grandson of John Schmidt. The latter was born in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed farming. His children were Isaac; Samuel; Sallie, wife of Christian Lutz; and Susanna, Mrs. Greenawalt.

Isaac Smith, son of John, above, was born in 1806 in Albany township, where he was reared. In his early life he learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed throughout his active years, and he also owned and operated a small tract of land. He was well educated and taught the German language. He did not take any part in public affairs, but he was a Democrat in political sentiment, and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to the Eck Church in Albany township. His wife, Rachel (Correll), was also a native of Albany township, Berks county, and they had a large family, namely: Christian, now deceased; Charles, deceased; Mary, who married Emanuel Sassaman; James, deceased; Jonathan, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Isaac; Julia, who married Reuben Pauley and survived him, living at Drehersville, Schuylkill county, until her death; William, who lives at Drehersville; Emma E., widow of Sylvester Kemp; and Susan, who died in infancy.

Christian Smith, son of Isaac, was born Nov. 16, 1831, in Albany township, Berks county, where he received a common school education. Coming to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, when a youth, he was in the employ of a Mr. Alspach, undertaker, for some time, later worked among the farmers of this section, and then took the position of organist for the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold; while there he also conducted the farm which is part of the church property. After three years in that position he came to the farm owned and controlled by Zion's Lutheran and Reformed Church in West Penn township, where he spent the rest of his life. The property comprises ninety-eight acres, of which seventeen are in timber. Mr. Smith followed general farming very successfully and also acted as organist for the church until his death, which occurred Oct. 29, 1906. His wife, Sarah (Strausser), daughter of Benjamin Strausser, was born Oct. 14, 1839, and died April 3, 1914. They are buried at Zion's Church. Mr. Smith was a member of the Lutheran congregation there, and had the respect of the many residents of this section with whom his duties brought him into contact. We have the following record of their family: (1) Esther, deceased, was the wife of John Dreher, of Allentown, Pa., and the mother of the following children: Gertrude, deceased; Charles; Ida; Katie; Stella; Ellen, deceased; John; Minnie, and James. (2) Rosie is the wife of William Fisher, and they reside at Maysville Park, in Northumberland county, Pa. Their children are Gertrude, William and Annie. (3) Charles, of Allentown, Pa., married Ida Marsh, and they have had five children, the only survivor being Stella. (4) Emma, deceased, is buried at Zion's Church. She was the wife of William Dietrich, of New Tripoli, Pa., and the mother of the following children: Jennie, Mamie, Annie and Sallie (twins), Irene and Frank. (5) Frank, of Pen Argyl, Pa., married Minnie Oplinger, and they have had seven children: Ralph, deceased; Dewey, deceased; Leon, Hilda, Norman; Albert, deceased; and Miriam. (6) Mary, who married George Schnee, of Mount Carmel, Pa., is deceased, and is buried at Mount Carmel. She had two children, Edward and Earl. (7) Elihu, of Hackensack, N. J., married Daisy Strausser, and they have had seven children: Bessie, Wilbur, Leon, Rotherford, Irene,

Daisy and Harold. (8) Sarah is the wife of Oscar Arndt, of Snyders, Pa., and their children are Matilda, Mary, Charles, Jennie, Arline, Walter, Hattie, Roland and Howard. (9) William S. is next in the family. (10) John and (11) Ellen died in infancy.

William S. Smith was reared in West Penn township, receiving his education in the public schools. From boyhood he assisted his father with the work on the farm, where he has spent all his life, succeeding his father as tenant of the church farm and also as organist of the church. He has a high reputation in the neighborhood as a musician, both vocal and instrumental, having taught piano and organ for fifteen years, and for a number of years conducted a singing school in the parish. Local affairs have always interested him, and he has been especially helpful in securing good men for township offices. As a Democrat, he has been identified with the party forces, served ten years as election inspector, and has been a member of the board of school directors for his township for four years. Like his father he is a member of the Lutheran congregation at Zion's Church, and socially he holds membership in Washington Camp No. 132, P. O. S. of A., at Schwartz's in West Penn township. He is a citizen of recognized worth, a creditable representative of the substantial family to which he belongs.

Mr. Smith married Anna Christianne Wiest, who was born Dec. 20, 1889, and they have had four children: Willis Eugene, born Dec. 7, 1907; twin of Willis E., born dead; Verna Alma, born April 1, 1909; and Norman Wilbur, born Nov. 28, 1912.

John Wiest, grandfather of Mrs. William S. Smith, came to this country from Germany and first settled in Baltimore, Md. Later he made his home in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he owned a small tract of land, spending the latter part of his life there. He is buried in the Frieden's cemetery at New Ringgold. He was married four times.

William Wiest, son of John, was born in Baltimore, Md., and moved with his father to East Brunswick township, where he followed farming. His wife's father, Elias Heiser, gave her a farm of fifty acres in that township, nearly all cleared, and Mr. Wiest cultivated this place until his death, which occurred April 9, 1897, when he was forty-two years old. His wife, Amanda (Heiser), born July 20, 1855, daughter of Elias and Susanna (Henry) Heiser, still lives on her farm. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Alvina, who is deceased; Edward Franklin, a resident of New Ringgold; this county; Anna Christianne, Mrs. William S. Smith; Lenora, deceased; Katie Susanna; one that died unnamed; and Martha, living at home. Mr. Wiest was a Democrat in political opinion. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, belonging to East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802, of New Ringgold, and his religious connection was with the Lutheran congregation of the Frieden's Church, in New Ringgold. He is buried there.

CHARLES F. OST, of Pottsville, has made his home in that borough for over a quarter of a century, during much of which period he has been associated with the Rettig Brewing Company in a responsible capacity. He is also interested in business on his own account as president of the Mountain City Knitting Company, of which his brother, August W. Ost, is general manager.

Christian Ost, their father, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. He followed farming and stone quarrying in the Fatherland. In 1887 he came to

America with his children, landing at New York City, and several years later settled at Pottsville, where he has since resided, engaged in the milk business. He married Christina Yuengling, daughter of Jacob Yuengling, and she died in Germany when about forty-seven years old, leaving five children, namely: Christian, Charles F., August W., Annie and Wilhelmina.

Charles F. Ost was born July 4, 1868, in Wurtemberg, and was reared in Germany. After his school days were over he assisted his father in quarrying and upon the farm. Coming to America with the rest of the family, he remained about six months in New York City, and then joined the family at Pottsville. After a few months' work upon a farm here he found employment with the Yuengling Brewing Company, where he learned the business, becoming assistant foreman four years later. He remained there in that position for seven years, and on Nov. 6, 1899, entered the employ of the Rettig Brewing Company, with which he has since been associated, being at present brewmaster for that concern. Mr. Ost has been thoroughly successful in his chosen work, and the output of the brewery has increased considerably since he took charge of the production. He is a man of substantial character and well liked in his various connections. Fraternally he belongs to the local lodges of the B. P. O. Elks and the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Humane Fire Company. His religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Ost married Sarah Crone, daughter of Francis Crone, of Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., and they are the parents of five children, namely: Charlotte, Frederick, Lester, Francis and Karl. The family reside at No. 809 West Market street, Pottsville.

AUGUST W. OST, youngest son of Christian Ost, was born July 7, 1875, in Germany, where he received his early education, being twelve years old when he came to America with his father, in 1887. He also accompanied him to Pottsville, where he has since had his home. Learning the trade of butcher in his youth, he followed it for nine years in all, and then for ten years was employed by the Rettig Brewing Company. In March, 1913, he turned his attention to the knitting business, becoming general manager of the Mountain City Knitting Company, of which his brother, Charles F. Ost, is president, and Charles F. Hay secretary and treasurer. They have a two-story factory on Water street, equipped throughout with up-to-date machinery, and steady employment is given to twenty hands. By judicious marketing the product has been well introduced, and has given such excellent satisfaction that orders are repeated and increased steadily, so that the demand has grown at the most encouraging rate. The output consists of ladies' vests, athletic shorts and ladies' union suits. Though a comparatively new business, the Mountain City Knitting Company has respected standing among the reliable concerns of the city.

August W. Ost was married to Annie Gross, daughter of Ernst Gross, of Pottsville, and they have one son, Leroy, now attending public school in the city. Mr. Ost is well known socially as a member of the Odd Fellows (lodge and encampment) and of the Good Will Hose Company, and his religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church; he also belongs to the Zion Society. His high personal character, no less than his business ability, has been a valuable asset in the fortunes of the Mountain City Knitting Company.

ELIAS K. STAUFFER, of Ringtown, has attained a substantial position through the exercise of his remarkable mechanical talents, but he is no less known for his participation in official and social activities. For years he was one of the most popular figures in the locality in musical circles and his son has inherited his ability in this direction, still sustaining high standing among musicians in his section of the county.

The Stauffers are a very old family in Pennsylvania, descended from Hans Stauffer, who was a Mennonite and a native of Switzerland, born in 1655 at Altzheim or Weisenau. In 1710 he came to America with his sons Jacob, Daniel and Henry, and he is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Stauffer, son of Hans, was born in Switzerland in 1696, came with his father to America, and is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Bally, Pennsylvania.

Christian Stauffer, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 18, 1728, died July 14, 1797, and is buried at Bally, Berks Co., Pa. He was a Revolutionary soldier, serving throughout the war, was under the command of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, and took part in the battles of Three Rivers, Canada, Ticonderoga, Brandywine, Monmouth, Stony River, Green Spring and Yorktown.

John Stauffer, son of Christian, was born Dec. 24, 1758, and was the second child and only son of his parents. He died March 5, 1845, and is buried in Locust valley, near Mahanoy City.

David Stauffer, son of John, was born Feb. 21, 1804, near the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa., and was four years old when the family moved to Ryon township, Berks (now Schuylkill) county, settling on the Klingaman farm, five miles southeast of Mahanoy City. Later he moved to Pottsville, Pa., in which town he was a pioneer settler, and thence to Tuscarora, Schuylkill county. He was superintendent of construction on a portion of the Schuylkill Valley railroad, and also of the opening and operation of important coal workings, serving mostly as outside foreman. In May, 1839, he moved to Union township, Schuylkill county, where he bought five hundred acres of land, principally timbered, and he sold considerable of this tract to his brothers, retaining 160 acres for himself. He built a log cabin thereon and set about the work of clearing, making great improvement in the property. The log cabin was his dwelling for almost six years, until he completed a better residence a short distance from it, moving into the new house in 1844. He continued to make his home on that place until 1855, when he purchased a tract of sixty-five acres in what is now Ringtown borough, on which were located a store, dwelling and hotel. Having formerly been in the hotel business at Middleport he resumed it at this new location, carrying on the hotel there for three years and retiring in 1858. Mr. Stauffer enjoyed a long life, dying July 12, 1887. His father was a Mennonite, as the earlier ancestors had been, but he was converted to the Lutheran faith by Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, a Lutheran missionary stationed in his district, and was duly received into the denomination by confirmation. He was an earnest member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown.

Mr. Stauffer married, on Jan. 26, 1829, Maria Anne Andreas (or Andrews), who was born Jan. 13, 1809, in what was then East Penn township, Northampton Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel and Maria Gertrude (Guldnerin) Andreas, whose children were: Salome (Mrs. Henry Rumbel), Maria Anne, Catherine (Mrs. John Bankes), Peter and Rebecca (Mrs. John Rumbel).

Daniel Andreas came from Northampton county to Union township, Schuylkill county, where he worked at his trade until he died; he was a harness-maker, and also followed shoemaking. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion he adhered to the Reformed faith. Mrs. Maria Anne (Andreas) Stauffer survived her husband a few years, passing away Jan. 21, 1892, and hers was the first funeral held in the new Reformed Church at Ringtown. She is buried with her husband in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery near that borough. They were the parents of the following children: Daniel M., born May 18, 1831, died Aug. 16, 1898; he was twice married, to Amanda De Frane and Amanda Maurer, respectively. Joseph, born May 18, 1833, married Retta Linderuth, of Ringtown. Benneville, born April 8, 1836, married Mary Ann Brobst, and they are mentioned elsewhere. Angeline, born Nov. 29, 1838, is the widow of J. A. Seeley, and lives at Hazleton, Pa. Sarah A. G., born April 13, 1841, married Jacob Rumbel (deceased) and (second) Joseph A. Long, and lives in the Conyngham valley in Luzerne county, Pa. David, born June 22, 1843, married Lucy A. Zimmerman, and they live at Ringtown, Pa. William, born June 10, 1845, married Martha Bean, and died March 3, 1876. Franklin, born Jan. 29, 1848, married Mary Ann Barrow, and they live at Hazleton, Pa. Elias K., born Feb. 15, 1850, married Sourie Ann Goho, and they live at Ringtown. Mary C., born April 27, 1854, is the wife of Theodore A. Breisch, and they live at Nuremberg, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania.

Elias K. Stauffer was born Feb. 15, 1850, in Union township, Schuylkill county, and was there reared and educated. He first attended the pay schools conducted in the home locality, later the public schools of the township. When his father thought he was old enough to go to work he apprenticed him to learn the trade of clock and watch maker, which he mastered so thoroughly that he is still considered one of the most proficient in that line in his part of the county, people coming from miles away to have him repair their timepieces. After completing his term at that trade he served an apprenticeship with his brother David at the coachmaking and wheelwright business, remaining with him three years. He then went to Schnecksville, Lehigh county, where he was employed by John Sachs for a period of three months in the same line. Returning to Ringtown he went to learn telegraphy in the Philadelphia & Reading station there, later taking a position as operator at Williamsport, Pa., under his brother-in-law, M. C. Croll, who was chief operator for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at that point. After thirteen months there he was transferred to Ringtown as operator, holding the position for three years, when he resigned and resumed his trades, watchmaking, wheelwrighting, etc. He built a general repair shop on his property at Ringtown, and had so many calls for his services that he found himself doing work at many trades, painting, paperhanging and other mechanical occupations. In fact, his natural and acquired gifts are such that he could put up a building from the foundation, and finish it. He is still working at his various trades. Mr. Stauffer was one of the first to advocate the establishment of a bank at Ringtown, was secretary of the preliminary organization, and after the bank was established became assistant secretary for one year, until elected vice president, which position he has filled continuously to the present.

Mr. Stauffer was the leader of the Ringtown Cornet Band for five years, and for many years taught vocal music, holding classes at different points in North Union, Union and East Union townships. For years he was choir leader

in the Old White Church, directing the first choir that sang four-part music there. His own church connection was with St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ringtown, and he served as superintendent of the Union Sunday school of Ringtown for over twenty-one years.

Mr. Stauffer has long been a prominent member of the Democratic party in his neighborhood. He gave efficient service as school director in Union township and was president of the board for five years, before the borough of Ringtown was incorporated. He was also township assessor, and since Ringtown has been a borough has held that position continuously. He has filled all the positions on the election board, and has never missed an election since he reached his majority. Fraternally Mr. Stauffer has been prominent in the Odd Fellows, belonging to Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, of which he is a past grand, and he was a trustee of the lodge for years. He also holds membership in Shenandoah Valley Encampment, No. 258, of which he is a past chief patriarch, having the past patriarch's degree conferred upon him at Pottsville, and the grand encampment degree at Pittsburgh.

Mr. Stauffer married Sourie Ann Goho, who was born Nov. 1, 1846, in Union township, and they have one child, Arthur Elliott. Mrs. Stauffer was reared and educated in her native township.

Daniel Goho, father of Mrs. Sourie Ann (Goho) Stauffer, was born Jan. 9, 1812, near Light Street, Columbia Co., Pa., was reared among strangers, and learned the trade of blacksmith. He moved from his native county to Union township, Schuylkill county, and died here Dec. 8, 1860. His wife, Mary (Zimmerman), born Dec. 9, 1818, in Union township, died June 19, 1895. They had children as follows: Samuel died at a Soldiers' home, and his widow, Jane (Fulton), is living at Williamsport, Pa.; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Frederick Wright, lives at Hazleton, Pa.; Daniel died unmarried; Catherine, now a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., married Elijah F. Bodey and (second) Crossley Wilt; Sourie Ann married Elias K. Stauffer; Jacob married Ella Stauffer, and they live at Nuremberg, Schuylkill county; Henry (deceased) married Ura Horn, who since his death has become the wife of George Gilbert, and they live at Barnesville, Schuylkill county; Rebecca married M. C. Croll, and they are residents of Williamsport, Pa. The parents are buried at the Old White Church, of which Mr. Goho was a member. He was a Democrat on political questions.

Mrs. Mary (Zimmerman) Goho was born in Union township, daughter of Roland Zimmerman, who was a lifelong farmer. He was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to the Old White Church, where he and his wife, Elizabeth (Vocht), are buried. They had children as follows: Sourie Ann, Mrs. Rudolph Breisch; Lucy Anne, who married Matthias Haldeman; Seth, who married Sarah B. Adams (they reared Mrs. Sourie Ann Stauffer); Rebecca, Mrs. P. M. Barrow; Rudolph, who married Sarah Fenstermacher; Marietta, Mrs. Frederick Ponsoldt; Roland, who married Sophia Fry; Fayette, Mrs. Jacob Breisch; Catherine, Mrs. Jacob Fenstermacher; and Mary, Mrs. Goho.

ARTHUR ELLIOTT STAUFFER, only son of Elias K. Stauffer, was born Nov. 6, 1873, and spent his youth at Ringtown, obtaining his early education in the public schools there. Later he took the teacher's course at the Keystone State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893, being granted a teacher's diploma. He taught one year at the Krebs school in Union township, and then turned to the painting and paperhanging business, which he learned under his father's instruction, working with him until 1896. Since



then he has been in the business on his own account, and has continued it successfully.

Mr. Stauffer is a musician of ability, especially proficient on the violin, taught music in Ringtown for a number of years, and is still active in local musical enterprises. For two years he was leader of the Citizens' Musical Association of Ringtown, and he is able to play any of the brass band instruments. He is a member and past grand of Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., and was secretary of that lodge for a number of years. Like all the rest of his family he is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Ringtown, which he joined in 1900, and he taught in the Union Sunday school, of which his father was superintendent.

Mr. Stauffer married Celestia Frances Lindenmuth, who was born Sept. 17, 1875, in Union township, where she received her education. She remained at home until her marriage. Mrs. Stauffer is also a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Two children have been born to this marriage: (1) Katie Bodey, born May 27, 1895, was educated in the public schools, graduating from the Ringtown high school in 1912, and is assistant postmaster at Ringtown under James A. Yost. She is a pianist of marked ability. (2) Mayme Rebecca, born May 30, 1899, has received her education in the public schools, being now a member of the class of 1916 at the Ringtown high school.

John Lindenmuth, grandfather of Mrs. Arthur E. Stauffer, was a native of Berks county, Pa., whence he moved to Schuylkill county, settling in Union township, where he farmed the rest of his life. He was a Democrat and a Lutheran, belonging to the Old White Church. He married Hannah Pennepacker, and they are buried in the Lindenmuth private cemetery in Union township. Their children were: Susanna, widow of Lewis Fuhrman, living at Ringtown; Jacob J.; Elizabeth, who married Frank Rhodes, both now deceased; Rachel, widow of Daniel Rhodes, living at Rupert, Columbia Co., Pa.; Amanda, who married Peter Fry, both now deceased; and William, who married Sallie Lindenmuth (deceased) and (second) Eliza Deleplaine, who survives him and lives at Zion Grove, Schuylkill county.

Jacob J. Lindenmuth was born Dec. 16, 1832, in Union township, on the place now owned by Daniel Shoup. He was reared and educated there, and worked for his father until his marriage, after which he was employed chiefly in the timber woods to the end of his life. However, he also farmed for some time, having bought his father's place some years after the latter's death. When he retired he built a home in Ringtown, where he died Jan. 25, 1907. His widow still resides there. Mr. Lindenmuth was a Democrat, and was elected supervisor of his township, filling the office faithfully. He held membership in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is buried at the Old White Church.

Mr. Lindenmuth married Catherine Ulshafer, who was born April 10, 1842, daughter of Thomas Ulshafer; her mother died when she was two weeks old. To Mr. and Mrs. Lindenmuth were born eleven children: Hulda Anne married Mayberry Heffner, and they live in Union township; Franklin Pierce married Ida Shoup, and they live in Union township; John married Mary Lindenmuth, and they are living in Egypt, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Willis died when twelve years old; Stephen Grant, who is a hotel-keeper in Union township, married Missouri Fuhrman; Sarah Matilda is the wife of Frank Gessley, of Shenandoah, Pa.; Beulah Emma is the wife of Albert Lindenmuth, of Ringtown; Celestia Frances is the wife of Arthur E. Stauffer; Morris died when six

years old; Daisy Irene is married to Benjamin Faust, of Williamsport, Pa.; Isabella is the wife of William Jones, of Brandonville, Schuylkill county.

FRANKLIN KANTNER, late of Cressona, Schuylkill county, where he died in July, 1913, when almost ninety years of age, a veteran employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and lifetime resident of that place, was associated with many of the phases of its development and incidents of historic interest. Mr. Kantner was employed by the original Mine Hill Railroad Company, when coal was hauled to the Schuylkill Navigation docks at Schuylkill Haven by mule power, over wooden rails, before locomotives were used in America. Charles and Robert Hill were the weighmasters there. Mr. Kantner helped to install the first wood-burning locomotive brought over from England, and was made engineer of one of the first two constructed by the Baldwin Company, his engine being No. 2.

In 1847 the Mine Hill tracks were rebuilt for coal-burning engines, and in 1853 Mr. Kantner became engineer of one of these locomotives, No. 23, which he ran for twenty-two years. In his later years as an engineer he was employed by the late Henry Hazel, master mechanic, on the trial trips of new engines. His regular runs were on the Mine Hill road, except when he was sent out as pilot on other Philadelphia & Reading lines. After quitting the engine, on account of advancing age, he became a yard boss, and he often expressed his pride in the beautiful campus with its maple trees around the old Mine Hill office; he superintended the planting of the trees and always had great interest in their thrifty growth.

Mr. Kantner was employed by Superintendent Chapman in building the massive walls of the old "Mansion House," at the upper end of Cressona, which was recently torn down by the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He was a personal associate of the late F. K. DeForest, pioneer of the New York & Schuylkill Coal Company, and as well of Benjamin DeForest and John Cresson, president, and B. A. Wilder, civil engineer and later acting president of the company. The last named, who died four years before Mr. Kantner, at the age of ninety, was a lifelong neighbor and personal friend. When well along in the seventies Mr. Kantner became one of the first pensioners of the Reading Railway Company, after fifty-six years of continuous service with the Mine Hill and Reading Railway Companies.

Though almost ninety years old when he died Mr. Kantner retained his clear intellect to the last, and was daily sought by statisticians and historians because of his memory, which was wonderfully accurate, his recollections proving correct in every detail. A man of strong convictions, and noted for the courage which impelled him to denounce emphatically whatever he thought was morally wrong, he was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was frequently appealed to for practical counsel, and helped many a relative and neighbor in business. "He furnished the initial capital to many a business man in the community, many of whom succeeded, while in many others he lost heavily." Though frugal in his own tastes and requiring little for his personal wants, Mr. Kantner was a great provider for his family, for whom he never hesitated to make sacrifices when they needed financial or other aid. He married Caroline Kershner, whose death occurred thirteen years before his, and was survived by six children: Alice, Mrs. W. H. Neiman, of California; Henry, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Emma, Mrs. John Butz, of Schuylkill Haven,

Pa.; Stephen A., of Reading, Pa.; Laura A., Mrs. J. M. Hoffman, of Reading; and Howard F., of New York.

Mr. Kantner was buried in the family lot in the Schuylkill Haven cemetery. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and in politics a lifelong Democrat, casting his first presidential vote for James K. Polk, his last for Woodrow Wilson.

HENRY Y. GERHARD, of Orwigsburg, is a descendant of substantial old Pennsylvania stock, belonging to a branch of the Gerhard family long settled in Berks county, this State. The family is of German origin. His great-grandfather, Frederick Gerhard, in company with his brother William Gerhard and 340 other passengers came across the ocean on the ship "Samuel," landing Aug. 27, 1737, and settled at Rehrersburg, in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., where he resided until his death. He is buried at Bern Church, in Berks county.

Jacob Gerhard, son of Frederick, above, and great-grandfather of Henry Y. Gerhard, was born May 17, 1773, and died April 10, 1837, aged sixty-three years, ten months, twenty-four days. He bought the old homestead from his father, and there followed farming and his trade of wheelwright, living there until his death; he is buried at Host, Berks county. His children were: Peter, Heinrich (Henry), John, Jacob, William, Catherine, Lydia, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth and Lavina.

Heinrich (Henry) Gerhard, grandfather of Henry Y. Gerhard, born May 1, 1798, at Rehrersburg, died Nov. 22, 1871, at the age of seventy-three years, six months and twenty-one days. Like his father he was a farmer and wheelwright. Coming to Schuylkill county in 1828, he bought a farm in West Brunswick township April 5th of that year, the old Abraham Werner farm, comprising 263 acres, 155 perches. He continued to farm there the rest of his life, dying at that place, and is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Orwigsburg. His wife, Maria Salome, daughter of Philip and Maria (Gilbert) Hoy, was born Jan. 2, 1800, and died Dec. 25, 1863, at the age of sixty-three years, eleven months, twenty-three days. They were the parents of six children: Maria, who married Daniel Alspach; Sarah, Mrs. Samuel Yost; Henry; Priscilla, who married James Anderson and (second) Edward Mengel; William; and Edward, the last named dying young.

Henry Gerhard, father of Henry Y. Gerhard, was born Aug. 25, 1829, in West Brunswick township, in the house where he still resides. Part of this house was standing when his parents moved here, his father adding to it subsequently. Mr. Gerhard has been living retired since 1912. He attended school in the neighborhood, and farmed throughout his active years. After the death of his father he bought 148 acres of the home property, his brother William taking eighty-three acres, and their brother-in-law, Daniel Alspach, also owning a tract. The latter engaged in the undertaking business. While the cultivation of the property was under Mr. Gerhard's direct management he was one of the prominent farmers in his vicinity and attended the markets of Schuylkill Haven, Pottsville and Orwigsburg, where he was known as a thoroughly reliable dealer, all his transactions being above reproach. He is a Democrat, served many years as school director of his township, and was one of the prominent members of the Reformed Church, in which he held the offices of elder and deacon for many years.

On June 19, 1852, Mr. Gerhard married Diana Mengel, who was born Aug.

19, 1833, and died Jan. 3, 1857, at the age of twenty-three years, four months and fourteen days. She was the mother of three children: Charles, born July 16, 1853, died Oct. 8, 1854; William Francis, born March 11, 1855; and Diana, born Nov. 5, 1856, died Nov. 10, 1857. On Nov. 5, 1859, Mr. Gerhard married (second) Eliza Yost, who was born June 19, 1838, daughter of Samuel and Betsy (Merkel) Yost. Eleven children have been born to this union, as follows: Elwood P., born May 31, 1860, is living at Port Carbon; Mary E., born Aug. 2, 1862, is married to Joel S. Degler, who is farming in West Brunswick township; Henry Y., born Oct. 5, 1864, is a shoe manufacturer of Orwigsburg; Samuel, born April 6, 1867, died aged nine years; Frank, born Feb. 5, 1869, is a farmer of West Brunswick township; Emma M., born Feb. 22, 1871, married Jacob Zuber, and they are farming at Treichlers, Northampton Co., Pa.; George Albert, born April 11, 1873, is a stock fitter for The Rehr Shoe Company, Orwigsburg; John, born March 17, 1875, is farming in the borough of Orwigsburg; Calvin L., born July 2, 1876, is farming in the borough of Orwigsburg; Hannah S., born June 20, 1881, married George Seltzer and is living at McKeesburg, Schuylkill county; and Edwin, born Oct. 20, 1884, is farming the homestead place in West Brunswick township.

Henry Y. Gerhard was born Oct. 5, 1864, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he received his early education, also attending school at Orwigsburg. Afterwards he was employed upon a farm and for some years clerked in a store, and for two years was an employee of the local trolley company of Pottsville. In March, 1898, associated with George A. Rehr and Thomas Schoener, he engaged in the manufacture of shoes, under the name of the Rehr Shoe Company. They began in exceedingly modest quarters, having one room on the second floor of the old courthouse at Orwigsburg, but the business grew steadily from the start and has continued to prosper ever since. The partnership was continued until the sudden death of Mr. Rehr, Oct. 4, 1912, after which the other two partners carried on the business for three months, and then admitted M. L. Backenstose into the company. The business is still operated under the old name. The product consists of infants' shoes, and six men are constantly engaged on the road marketing the output, which goes as far as the Western coast. From fifty to seventy-five hands are employed at the plant, which is under the superintendency of Mr. Gerhard, who is treasurer of the company and general office man. Mr. Gerhard has done his full share towards promoting the prosperity of the plant, keeping up-to-date in every department, and his career as a member of the Rehr Shoe Company and in every other relation has been without reproach. He is a man of broad character and deservedly respected wherever known. Socially he is a member of the Independent Americans, and his religious connection is with the Reformed Church, which he has served officially as member of the consistory.

Mr. Gerhard married Emma Maranda, born Feb. 2, 1872, daughter of Sendary Knoll, of Rehrsburg, Berks county, and they have had three children: Ina Rebecca, born March 1, 1901, who died March 20, 1901; Ella Nora, born July 26, 1905; and Paul Jacob, born May 25, 1908.

WILLIAM W. MARTIN has a blacksmith shop at Pottsville and does the leading business in that line in the borough, having facilities and equipment which enable him to handle the most important and exacting work. His mechanical skill supplemented by a progressive disposition is manifested in his readiness to take advantage of the opportunities offered by home trade and by

his prompt response to their demands. The patronage he has established justifies the confidence he has in the business possibilities at hand. Mr. Martin was born at Five Points, Schuylkill county, Oct. 26, 1864, son of William W. Martin and grandson of John Martin.

John Martin, the grandfather, was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, and there married Elizabeth Thomas. They came to America with their family and settled at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining. He died there at the age of seventy years, and is buried in the Welsh cemetery, on Minersville street, Pottsville. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, namely: William W., David, Jane, John and Elizabeth Ann (Mrs. Rolland Wintersteen). The son David served in the Union army during the Civil war, and was held at Libby prison, being exchanged after the close of hostilities. He lived at St. Clair, where he died, and he is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

William W. Martin, son of John, was born in Wales and was brought to America by his parents. By occupation he was a miner, following that occupation all his life in Schuylkill county, and he spent his later days at St. Clair, where he died at the age of sixty years. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, and was in the service for three years. He was wounded while in the army. Mr. Martin was twice married, first to Elizabeth Abrahams, who died when twenty years old. Her two children, John and Elizabeth Ann, are also deceased. For his second wife Mr. Martin married Sarah Zimmerman, daughter of Nathaniel Zimmerman, and of German extraction. She died at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried with her husband in the Odd Fellows cemetery, at Pottsville. Ten children were born to this marriage, namely: William W.; Violet, wife of William W. Urch, living at Pottsville, Pa.; Alfred, deceased; Oscar, a resident of St. Clair, this county; Sarah, married to David David, residing at Pottsville; Frank, a resident of St. Clair; Henry Paul, deceased; Libby Rebecca, wife of Thomas Morgans, living at Pottsville; Mary Bella, who married Arthur Mills, and died in December, 1912; and Elwood, who lives at St. Clair.

William W. Martin attended public school, but he was only seven years old when he began to pick slate at the breaker. He was so employed until he reached the age of fourteen years. Then he went to work on a farm at Port Carbon, following agricultural work for about four years. At the end of that period he came to Pottsville and took employment with Guy Farquhar, with whom he remained three years. Subsequently he spent a short time in the employ of John Gilden and J. C. Bright, and on Aug. 23, 1883, he commenced to learn the trade of horseshoer with T. J. Brennan, in his establishment on South Railroad street. Having completed his apprenticeship he located at Port Carbon, where he was in business for himself a short time, returning to Pottsville in 1886, and starting a shop of his own at No. 111 South Railroad street. He carried on business there for a period of twenty-one years, until he built the up-to-date establishment which he now occupies, on West Norwegian street, above Second (No. 207). He located there in February, 1908. Mr. Martin employs three skilled workmen steadily, keeping three fires going, and by satisfactory service to his patrons he has acquired the leading trade in the borough. He has also become prominent among his associates in the same line of business, being a leading member of the National Horseshoers' Protective Association, which he served for four years as president and for three years as vice president. He is also active in the local society, which he helped to organize.

Mr. Martin has become well known as a member of various other societies in the borough, belonging to Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 281, I. O. O. F.; P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 36; Knights of Malta; Independent Americans; Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is a past official; Sons of Veterans; and Fraternal Order of Eagles. For five years he was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, serving in the 8th Regiment. He is a member of American Hose Company, No. 2; he was chief engineer of the Pottsville Fire Department for one year, and first assistant engineer one year. The only public office he has filled in the borough is that of councilman. Politically he is a Republican, and his religious connection is with the English Lutheran Church.

Mr. Martin married Sophie Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, of Pottsville, and she died Dec. 24, 1910, leaving five children: Gertrude, now the wife of Frank Morgan; Bessie, wife of George Moyer; William J., at home; Elsie and George, both at school. On Oct. 23, 1912, Mr. Martin married (second) Carrie Snyder, daughter of Reuben and Christian Dorothy (Sphere) Snyder. There are no children by this marriage.

Jacob Snyder, Mrs. Martin's grandfather, was born in Germany, and on coming to America settled first at Snyderstown, Northumberland Co., Pa. Later he moved to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and he died at Frackville, this county. Reuben Snyder, his son, learned the trade of tinsmith, which he followed. He was one of the "First Defenders" during the Civil war, serving in the 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, and making an excellent record. He married Christian Dorothy Sphere, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and she came to America when eleven years old. She is now living at Pottsville, aged seventy-three years. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, namely: Sallie, Walter, Reuben, Elizabeth, Carrie, John, Emma, Annie, Katie, Sophia, and three who died in infancy.

**WILLIAM HAGNER.** The Hagners are of German origin, John W. Hagner, grandfather of William Hagner, having been born in Wurtemberg in 1779. He brought his family to America in the year 1816, landing at Philadelphia, and two years later removed to Berks county, this State, where his wife died. After that he moved to Ohio. His son, John C. Hagner, was the father of William Hagner. The latter was born in 1833 in the city of Baltimore, on Sept. 25th, and most of his life has been spent in Pennsylvania. When a young man he began railroad work, and when thirty years old, while acting as a brakeman on the Mine Hill road, he met with an accident in the Cressona yard which necessitated the amputation of his right arm. Then he turned to telegraphy, and in that art he also instructed all his sons and a grandson, who is operator for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at St. Clair. Mr. Hagner was with the Philadelphia & Reading Company for fifty-one years altogether.

Meantime he was closely associated with the administration of public affairs at Cressona, which place he chose for his home many years ago. For over forty years he held the position of tax collector in that borough, and he was also borough treasurer for a period of sixty years, his long retention in both capacities indicating the quality of his services and the satisfaction he gave to his townsmen in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Hagner has an honorable record of over fifty years of service with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and is now on its retired list. Of his sons, all but one are in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway

Company, and wherever found the members of this family have won reputation for reliable character and at the same time gained a solid place in the esteem of their fellow men. Mr. Hagner has long been a leading member of the United Evangelical Church, and one of its most valued workers, having been president of the board of trustees, a class leader, and a teacher in the Sunday school. Mrs. Hagner also holds membership in that church.

On Feb. 21, 1857, Mr. Hagner was united in marriage with Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of William Fisher, of Schuylkill Haven, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. Steigerwalt. She is five years younger than Mr. Hagner, and both are remarkably well preserved and active for their age. On Feb. 21, 1907, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding was appropriately celebrated at the home in Cressona, No. 72 Railroad street, and all their children and nineteen grandchildren were present on the occasion, as well as a host of friends, various places in Schuylkill county, as well as the city of Reading, being well represented among the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagner have had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: (1) John W., of Reading, died on Aug. 6, 1915, aged fifty-six years, from injuries received in an accident at Womelsdorf, Pa., while in the performance of his duties as engineman for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He was at the time acting as engineer of the special train conveying a number of officials on a bridge inspection tour. He had been connected with the Reading Company practically all his life, having frequently said he started to work for the company as office boy when twelve years old. This was at Cressona, whence he removed to Reading in 1900, living at No. 1026 North Eleventh street. He had been an engineer from 1888, running on all the lines of the road on the Reading, Harrisburg and Shamokin divisions. He was a member of Chandler Lodge, F. & A. M., the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Reading Railway Relief Association. Mr. Hagner is survived by his wife Alice (nee Bittle), and the following children: Arthur, Alvena and Edna, and an adopted daughter, Ethel, of Reading. (2) Elmer E., who is employed at Rutherford and resides at Harrisburg, is married and has the following children: Ralph, Catherine and Marie. (3) Frank J., trainmaster for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Allentown, is married. (4) Warren A., train dispatcher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Cressona, is unmarried. (5) Rev. H. P. Hagner, pastor of the United Evangelical Church at Akron, Lancaster county, is married and has two daughters, Anna and Harrietta. (6) Catherine, Mrs. Hughes, of Cressona, has children, Charles W., Anna, Joseph, John, Harry, Bessie, Warren, Robert and William. (7) Mrs. John Krapf, of Cressona, has two children, Franklin and Allan.

WILLIAM GEORGE DOEBLER, late of Pottsville, was one of the substantial residents of that borough for over a quarter of a century, and though a man of unassuming character was well and favorably known to a large number of his fellow citizens. A native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born Oct. 20, 1851, he was reared and educated in that land, and had the thorough training typical of its institutions. When twenty-five years of age he came to America, and settling at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., passed the remainder of his life at that place, where he gained an enviable reputation as a desirable citizen. By trade he was a stonemason, and after following that occupation at Pottsville for many years as a journeyman he became superintendent for M. P. Quinn,

contractor, who was engaged in railroad bridge building. He continued in this connection, directing Mr. Quinn's operations, for the remainder of his active life. All of the construction work upon which he was engaged showed the intelligence and ability of an efficient workman. He died Feb. 19, 1905, at his home at No. 502 Laurel street, Pottsville, after a life of eminent usefulness, and is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery. Mr. Doebler was a member of the German Lutheran Church and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On Dec. 25, 1876, Mr. Doebler married Matilda Mary Vulpius, daughter of Herman and Caroline (Weber) Vulpius, and she survives him, continuing to occupy their old home on Laurel street. Mr. and Mrs. Doebler had two children: (1) Charles, born at Pottsville, received his education there, and for four years was employed with the late Heber S. Thompson, as an engineer. He is now located in Philadelphia, as superintendent for a construction company. He married Grace Edythe Welker, and they have one child, Caroline May. (2) Caroline Marie married James Robertson, and they reside at Pottsville.

Herman Vulpius, father of Mrs. Doebler, was born and reared in Germany. After coming to America he lived at Pottsville for a time, and then went West, to Colorado, where he made his home for twenty-eight years. After the death of his wife he returned to his native country, where he has since resided. While in this country Mr. Vulpius took out a patent on a rifle, which is very highly regarded. He and his wife had but one child, Matilda Mary, now the widow of William G. Doebler.

**ROBINHOLD.** The Robinhold family of southern Schuylkill county is a branch of the old Berks county family, the first of the line to settle in Schuylkill county having been Adam Rabnold. The name is also found in the form Raubenhold, at least one branch in Berks county using that spelling.

Adam Rabnold came from Longswamp township, Berks county, and settled in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming, owning about 500 acres of land, which is now owned by Henry Wagner, Joseph Mengel and A. S. and G. H. Robinhold. Adam Rabnold died upon his farm, and is buried at the Red Church. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife's maiden name was Sipe, and their children as follows: Peter; William; Jonas (or Jonathan), who had three children, Hiram, William and a daughter; Adam, who served in the Mexican war; Mrs. Benjamin Ketner; and Mrs. George Mengel.

William Rabenold, son of Adam, above, made his home at Port Clinton, Schuylkill county. For some years he was engaged in boating on the canal and had teams working on the railroad, and later he was interested in farming and had an extensive timber business, being one of the prominent men of his day. He lived to the age of eighty years, dying at his home in Port Clinton, where he is buried. Mr. Rabenold was one of the founders of the Lutheran and Reformed Church at Port Clinton, and always took an active part in its work. He married Priscilla Schaeffer, daughter of Michael Schaeffer, and the following children were born to this union: William, deceased; Adam S., deceased; James, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Lewis, who was killed in the Civil war while serving as a member of the 48th Regiment (he was the tallest man in his regiment, standing six feet, six inches in height); and George, who is living at Port Clinton.



Adam S. Robinhold, son of William, above, was born at Port Clinton, and died there Jan. 13, 1904, and he is buried at that place. All his life he followed farming and the timber business and made a great success in that line, and he was equally prominent in the affairs of the town, with which he was connected principally as a member of the school board, serving thirty-five years on that body. He married Mary Billig, daughter of Levi and Susan (Seidel) Billig, the latter still living at Port Clinton. They were the parents of two children, William L. and Lewis C.

WILLIAM L. ROBINHOLD was born Aug. 21, 1863, at Port Clinton, and obtained his education in the public schools of his native place. In his early manhood he engaged in railroad work, being an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad for a period of twenty years. His run was between Pottsville and Philadelphia. When he gave up this work, in 1908, he became engaged in the manufacture of shirts and nightrobes, and he is still carrying on that business in partnership with his cousin George A. Robinhold, under the firm name of Robinhold & Robinhold. He built the plant at Port Clinton (the main part of the present establishment), a brick building 60 by 35 feet, and his time since has been devoted to the upbuilding of the business, which has grown to such an extent that from forty to fifty hands are now employed, with a steady demand for the product. The goods turned out by Robinhold & Robinhold have come to be regarded as among the most reliable in the market, and the steady increase of business has been gained entirely on the honorable basis of satisfaction to customers and good value. Mr. Robinhold is one of the most energetic citizens of Port Clinton, and is as well liked as he is well known. Like the members of the family generally he has been an enthusiastic supporter of good educational facilities, and he is serving at present as a member of the borough school board. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church, which he is now serving as deacon, and he has shown his interest in its welfare by faithful service in other capacities as well. Socially he belongs to Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of Hamburg; to Reading Lodge of Perfection, of which he was a charter member; to Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; and he also holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. camp at New Ringgold.

By his marriage to Lizzie H. Miller, daughter of David Miller, of West Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., he is the father of five children: Olivia is the wife of Prof. H. L. Seaman, and is living at Lansdale, Pa., where Mr. Seaman is principal of the schools; Adam M. has graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and is now practicing at Hamburg, Pa.; Helen, wife of Harry E. Burkey, is also a resident of Hamburg, Pa.; Mayme is living at home; Erma E. is attending school.

LEWIS C. ROBINHOLD, M. D., younger son of Adam S. Robinhold, was born Jan. 8, 1869, at Port Clinton. His early education was obtained in the public schools there, and supplemented by a course at the Pottsville high school, from which he was graduated in 1889. Then he entered Jefferson Medical College, where he completed the course in 1891, in which year he returned to Port Clinton to begin practice. After four years' experience in that location he moved to Auburn and purchased the practice of Dr. Schultz, and he now commands a wide patronage in the borough and vicinity. Dr. Robinhold's professional work alone would entitle him to be classed among the most useful members of the community, and he has made favorable standing in the profession, as his various connections show. He is a member of the Schuylkill

County Medical Society; of the Lower Schuylkill County Society; has been deputy coroner of the county for the last sixteen years; is president of the Auburn Board of Health; and formerly served as pension examiner for Schuylkill county, under appointment by President Cleveland. Dr. Gueldin of Minersville was one of his fellow members on the board. With all these varied duties of a strictly professional character, Dr. Robinhold's energies have also sought other channels, and he has won recognition for business ability of the highest order. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Auburn, member of the Board of Trade, and has been president of the borough school board for the last nineteen years, doing effective work in every connection. His cooperation and support are solicited in every good cause, and never withheld when he feels that the welfare of the community is at stake. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks lodge at Pottsville and to Page Lodge, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven.

Dr. Robinhold married Bertha Schickrau, daughter of Augustus Schickrau, of Schuylkill county, and they have two children: Guy A., who graduated from the Pottsville high school in 1914, is now a student at Jefferson Medical College; Madeline is attending school at Auburn.

JOHN J. MOORE, M. D., of Pottsville, one of the younger medical practitioners of Schuylkill county, is a native of that city and member of a family of Irish extraction which has been settled in the county for many years.

James Moore, his great-grandfather, lived and died in County Meath, Ireland, where he was a large landowner and engaged in agricultural pursuits. His children were James and Peter, the former of whom died in Ireland.

Peter Moore, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in County Meath, and was twenty-four years old when he came to America. Landing at New York City, he proceeded thence to Reading, Pa., and continued on to Schuylkill county, settling at Port Carbon, where he had a newspaper agency for many years. At one time he was also engaged in the grocery business. His death occurred at Port Carbon in 1874, when he was sixty-two years old, and he is buried there. By his marriage to Catherine Keen, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., he had four children who grew to maturity, namely: Margaret, Joseph, Peter T. and Lawrence. The mother lived to the age of eighty, dying in 1890.

Peter T. Moore, father of Dr. John J. Moore, was born at Port Carbon, and he was about eight years old when he began working, first carrying papers for his father. Later he was employed on the Schuylkill canal for a number of years, by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and also at the mines. In 1878 he engaged in the sewing machine business, which he still continues, having built up a large trade by close attention to his work and careful consideration for his patrons. His place of business is at No. 110 North Second street, Pottsville. Mr. Moore was married in 1876 to Catherine Quinn, daughter of John and Catherine (McDoual) Quinn, and their family consists of four children, Catherine, John J., Peter T. (living at Charleroi, Pa.) and Florence (at home).

John J. Moore was born Jan. 25, 1882, and received his literary education in Pottsville, graduating from the high school in 1900. He then entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, where he took a full course, graduating in 1905, and on June 1, 1905, entered the Medico-Chirurgical hospital, in the same city, as an interne, remaining there until Oct. 1, 1906. He first began practice on his own responsibility in Jefferson county, Pa., where he

was located for one year as physician and surgeon for the Panther Run Coal & Coke Company. Returning to Pottsville at the close of his experience there, he opened an office, and in the several years of his practice here has acquired an exceptionally good patronage, his devotion to his work meeting with the reward it deserves. The various endeavors made by the profession to promote the general welfare and interest the public in questions of health have in him a hearty coworker. He is a member of the American Tuberculosis Society, of the Schuylkill County Medical Society, of the State and National Associations, of the Pottsville Medical Club, which he has served as secretary and treasurer, and he is on the staff of the Pottsville hospital. Socially he holds membership in the Schuylkill County Motor Club and B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 207, at Pottsville. In religion he is a Roman Catholic, belonging to St. Peter's Church. By his active participation in the various interests of the borough and surrounding territory Dr. Moore is becoming known as one of the most public-spirited citizens of his section, having done valuable work not only in his professional capacity, but wherever else opportunity is offered.

In 1907 Dr. Moore married Elizabeth Dure Sharp, daughter of Thomas Sharp, of Wilmington, Delaware.

WILLIAM H. GERBER, of Orwigsburg, bears a name well respected in the business circles of that place, and of old standing in Schuylkill county, he being a member of the fifth generation here. He is a descendant of Henry Gerber, a native of Germany, who was among the pioneers in southern Schuylkill county, locating in West Penn township, where he continued to reside to the end of his life.

John Gerber, son of Henry, also lived in West Penn township, where he was born. By trade he was a cooper, but farming was his principal business, and he was so engaged in East Brunswick township, where he settled. He died there in 1851, at the age of fifty-six years, and is buried at the old town of McKeansburg. He married Sarah Schaeffer, and they became the parents of nine children, eight sons and one daughter, namely: David, John, Nathan, Benjamin, Joshua, Henry, Samuel, James (or Phanas) and Sarah. The daughter married Israel Yost, formerly a creamery proprietor of East Brunswick township, near New Ringgold.

Benjamin Gerber, son of John, was born in East Brunswick township, and spent all of his life in that section. He lived to a great age, dying Jan. 21, 1914, in his ninetieth year, at Mahanoy City, this county. He had the following family: William, Manden, George, Cordelia, Isabella, Adeline, Anetta and Mary.

Manden Gerber, son of Benjamin, was born in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and has been associated with the milling and grain trade practically all his life. He learned the business of miller at the Moyer mill in West Brunswick township, later conducting the well known Kimmel mill at Orwigsburg, and is now selling grain and feed by the carload lot. His home is at Orwigsburg. To his marriage with Mary Gearhart, daughter of William Gearhart, has been born a family of five children: Annie, deceased, who was the wife of William Fister, of Philadelphia; William H.; Frank C., a prominent business man of Orwigsburg, engaged in the shoe business; Charles M., who resides in Philadelphia; and one child that died in infancy.

William H. Gerber was born Dec. 15, 1875, and attended public school in Orwigsburg and West Brunswick township. During his young manhood he

engaged in agricultural work, which he continued to follow for eighteen years, after which he spent six years at Philadelphia, employed in the Baldwin locomotive shops. Returning to Orwigsburg, he took a position in a shoe factory, which he held for nine months, at the end of that period, in company with his brother F. C., buying out the milling business of A. W. Shick, at Orwigsburg, who conducted the well known Kimmel mill, one of the early gristmills of this section. F. C. Gerber retired from the firm in September, 1913. Mr. Gerber does a general milling business, and has not only retained the substantial patronage which this mill has always enjoyed, but has increased it by his up-to-date methods and judicious handling of trade. In his management of the establishment he has shown the possession of capability and enterprise characteristic of his family, and he ranks deservedly among the most respected citizens of the borough. Socially he is a member of the Independent Americans.

Mr. Gerber married Elizabeth Will, daughter of W. O. Will, of New Ringgold, Schuylkill county. They have no children.

CHARLES C. BORBACH is now living retired at Pottsville, where he settled in 1895 and spent the closing years of his business career as a hotel-keeper. A German by birth, he remained in his native land until he had reached manhood, and since coming to America has made his home in Schuylkill county, Pa. He met with substantial success and is now enjoying the leisure to which his thrift and diligence of former days entitle him.

Adam Borbach, the father of Charles C. Borbach, was a farmer in Germany and lived and died in that country. He had the following children: Adam died in Switzerland and is buried there; John owns the old family homestead at Huppert, Germany, and is engaged in farming there; Charles C. is third in the family; George and Jacob are also engaged in farming at Huppert; Adolph is teaching in a public school at Biebrich on the Rhine; Emma is the wife of George Schipp and resides at Biebrich; Philip is extensively engaged in the manufacture of furniture, having a fine plant at Meilen, Switzerland.

Charles C. Borbach was born Jan. 24, 1855, in Prussia, had the thorough training and education customary there, and was engaged in farm work until he came to this country, in the year 1886. Landing at New York City, he continued on to Pennsylvania without delay, settling first at Tower City, in Schuylkill county, where he was employed for a year in the mines. Removing thence to Cumbola, he was at that location until 1895, when he settled in Pottsville and engaged in the hotel business at the corner of East Market and Railroad streets, conducting the "Sterling House." After doing business at that site for about five years he moved in 1900 to No. 6 South Centre street, where he was in the same line until his retirement in 1908. That year he built and occupied the fine home at No. 550 East Norwegian street where he and his family have since lived. He married Emma Trachte, a native of Schuylkill county, and they have one son living, George W., the second of their children, who is engaged as a clerk in Pottsville and lives with his parents. There were two other children: George W., who died when sixteen months old; and William A., who died when six months old. Mr. and Mrs. Borbach are members of the German Lutheran Church. He votes independently, supporting the men and principles which best meet his ideas. In 1912 he and his wife took a trip abroad, visiting his old home in Germany and also traveling elsewhere in that country as well as in Switzerland.

WILLIAM TRACHTE, father of Mrs. Borbach, was born Dec. 2, 1834, in

Welleringshausen, in Waldeck, Germany, and came to America in 1865. He had learned the trade of cabinetmaker, and when he settled at Pottsville found work as a carpenter, being also employed thus at New Philadelphia, this county, building breakers. Subsequently he kept hotel at Cumbola, this county, on his own account, giving up this business Feb. 7, 1906. Besides he carried on a teaming business, which he continued until 1912. He is now living retired, making his home with his daughter Mrs. Borbach. His wife, Annetta (Brene), a native of Usslen, Waldeck, Germany, died Nov. 28, 1911, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. Four daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Trachte: Annetta married George Bickert; Henrietta, who died when twenty-two years old, was the wife of Christian Schultz; Emma, Mrs. Borbach; Caroline died in infancy.

FATHER JOSEPH GAZDZIK, of Minersville, has been stationed there since Feb. 7, 1912, and has been laboring faithfully for the upbuilding of his parish. He is a native of Poland, born Jan. 7, 1882, at Rymanow, son of Paul Gazdzik. His father is also of Polish birth. He taught school in his native country, also serving as clerk of the courts in his home county in Poland, came to America twenty-eight years ago, and is now living at Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a mechanic.

Joseph Gazdzik, after five years of preparatory education, spent eight years in the Sanok high school and college, later attending the Lyow University of Law. Then he continued his studies in the Krakow University of Law and had four years of theology in Przemysl. Coming to America, where he arrived Aug. 12, 1907 (following his father to this country), he spent one year in the Overbrook Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., and was ordained the 27th of May, 1908. During the next five years preceding his coming to Minersville, he was first assistant rector of St. Laurentius Polish Church at Berks and Memphis streets, in Philadelphia, this service covering two and a half years. Then he was located as rector in Phoenixville, Pa.; rector of St. Ladislaus Polish Church in Philadelphia, Hunting Park and Germantown, Pa., until his transfer to Minersville. His work here has been characterized by the utmost fidelity to his duties, for which his early training eminently qualified him.

ALBERT A. UNGER is a prominent official of Porter township, Schuylkill county, having served his community in several positions of trust, and has been active in other associations, evidencing a degree of ability and public spirit which has made him a desirable representative of his fellow men on numerous occasions.

Mr. Unger was born in Porter township, Schuylkill county, March 24, 1879, son of Simon Unger, and grandson of Adam Unger. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native township, and after graduating from the township schools he became a clerk for his brother Henry, in a general store at Reiner City, Porter township. After three years' work there he took a position at the Lincoln mines, doing laboring work for the first two years, and then for five years following mining. Having acted as fire boss at the East Brookside colliery for thirteen months, he passed the foreman's examination, and received a certificate of competency as foreman. On Jan. 1, 1909, he became transcribing clerk in the recorder's office of Schuylkill county, at Pottsville, and has filled that position continuously since. Meantime, in 1907, he was appointed a justice of the peace for Porter township, was elected to the

office in 1908, for a full term of five years, and in 1913 was reelected for a six-year term. He has also served as register assessor of his township. Mr. Unger has given faithful attention to the details of his public responsibilities, and his fellow citizens have not been slow to recognize the prompt and intelligent manner in which he has handled their affairs. In 1907 he established a fire insurance agency in Porter township, with which he has been very successful. He is a Republican on political issues.

While engaged at mine work Mr. Unger became a member of the Mine Workers of America, and served as one of the delegates to the convention at Indianapolis. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A.; a prominent worker in the Jr. O. U. A. M., having served seventeen years as recording secretary of the local council, for six years as deputy State counselor from his district, and in 1914 was appointed county deputy for all councils in Schuylkill county; he also belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge at Tower City, this county, and to the Knights of Malta, at Pottsville. Mr. Unger belongs to the Evangelical Church, and has been especially active in the work of the Sunday school, being a teacher and valued adviser; he is at present district president of the Tower City Sunday School District.

Mr. Unger married Annie Seiler, daughter of Emanuel Seiler, of Porter township, and they have three children, Eva, Vesta and Norman.

JEREMIAH F. BAST, of Schuylkill Haven, founder of the business now conducted under the name of J. F. Bast & Sons, Incorporated, and still associated therewith as the treasurer of the company, was one of the pioneer mill owners in Schuylkill county. This industry is now an important source of prosperity in the county, and Mr. Bast has been one of the leading figures in its development. His progressive disposition, his ready comprehension and his ability to put his ideas into execution have resulted in the building up of a trade which brings the establishment of J. F. Bast & Sons to a position among the valuable manufacturing concerns of the borough and vicinity. They also have a branch mill at Cressona, this county, which is under the charge of one of Mr. Bast's sons.

The Bast family has been established in Pennsylvania from early days, Jacob Bast, the great-grandfather of Jeremiah F. Bast, having been a pioneer settler in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he lived and died. He was of Jewish origin. His family consisted of twelve sons and one daughter, of whom Gideon became a resident of Schuylkill Haven, where he was a well known citizen.

Jacob Bast, the grandfather of Jeremiah F. Bast, was born in Maxatawny township, and was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Boyer, died at Hamburg, Berks county. Their children were: William, Henry and Isabella (who married John Levan).

Henry Bast, father of Jeremiah F. Bast, was born Sept. 24, 1820, at Macedonia, Berks county, and died May 18, 1892, at Pottsville, Pa. He learned the trade of carpenter, and for some time lived at Hamburg, Berks county, building the present station of the Philadelphia & Reading Company at West Hamburg. Coming to Schuylkill county in 1851, he lived at different locations in the southern section for a number of years, part of the time on a farm near Schuylkill Haven. There he remained until 1879, meantime continuing to follow carpentering and contracting also, and then moved to Pottsville. Work at his trade had become too arduous for one



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of his years, so he opened a notion and grocery store on Laurel street, in Pottsville, and carried it on until his death. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Bast served in the Union army throughout the Civil war. He married Esther Focht, who was born July 22, 1822, and died Jan. 31, 1890. Their family consisted of seven children, four sons and three daughters. Mr. Bast was a Democrat originally, but his sympathy with the objects of the Prohibition party led him to change his politics in his later years. He was a consistent member of the Evangelical Church.

Jeremiah F. Bast was born Oct. 13, 1841, at Rockland, Berks Co., Pa. His education was rather limited, his opportunities being confined to such as the subscription schools of the day offered. When seventeen years old he began to learn the trade of carpenter with his father, and he continued to follow that calling for twenty-eight years, part of the time as foreman in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. Meantime he had also started a dairy business, in order to provide occupation for his growing sons, and carried it on successfully for a period of eleven years. In 1889 he commenced the business which has since been the chief interest of his family. That year he built a small mill at Schuylkill Haven, equipping it with the most up-to-date machinery for the manufacture of cotton, woolen, worsted and silk goods. But the business gradually resolved itself into the manufacture of knit goods only, the product being ladies' cotton underwear. As it began to prosper Mr. Bast used the profits to add to its equipment and enlarge the accommodations and facilities, and the business expanded as the trade demanded, until it is now one of the largest of its kind in the county, considerably over one hundred employees being steadily engaged in the various branches of the work. For a number of years the establishment had been known as the Royal Knitting Mills. On May 12, 1911, the business was incorporated with the present officers: S. I. Bast, president; W. M. Bast, vice president; T. F. Bast, secretary; J. F. Bast, treasurer. Since this organization was effected the company has been known as J. F. Bast & Sons, Incorporated. To Jeremiah F. Bast, the father, belongs the greater share of the credit for the substantial basis on which the business has been placed. His courage in undertaking this business and his faith in its possibilities are well shown by the fact that he was the first knitting mill owner in Schuylkill county, and the second between this location and Philadelphia, the first having been at Kutztown, in Berks county. The ability Mr. Bast displayed from the beginning in the conduct of his mill has been recognized in business circles, and he has the confidence of all with whom he has been associated in any way. As his interests widened he took on new responsibilities, being one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, of which he was an original director, still continuing to serve as a member of that board. Other local enterprises have had his influence and support, which are always felt. He has contributed towards the erection of several churches, and has been a prominent member of the Evangelical Church at Schuylkill Haven, giving generously to its support and serving the congregation in various capacities, having held the offices of steward, trustee and treasurer. His interest in the public schools led him to accept the position of school director, in which he has given efficient service, and has also been a member of the borough council. On political questions he is a Republican. Everything affecting

the general good has his hearty sympathy, and he well deserves his reputation as one of the most valuable citizens of the borough.

On Jan. 1, 1863, Mr. Bast married Susanna Krommes, daughter of David and Lovina Krommes, and to their union was born one daughter, the mother and child both dying in 1864. On June 6, 1865, Mr. Bast married Sarah Reber, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) Reber, and to this marriage were born seven sons, as follows: (1) Walter Milton, born Oct. 20, 1866, now vice president of the firm of J. F. Bast & Sons, has been connected with the business since 1908, previous to which time, from 1886, he was in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company. He is still a member of Pottsville Division, No. 90, B. L. E., is a member and past master of Page Lodge, No. 207, F. & A. M., and belongs to Mountain City Chapter, No. 106, R. A. M., of Pottsville, as well as Carroll Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F. For nine years he served as a member of the borough council. He married Emily K. Schwenk, and they had a family of six children: Joseph, who was drowned in the Schuylkill river when eleven years old (his body was never found); Earle; Sarah; Marion; John, deceased; and Charles. (2) Harry Edward, born March 29, 1869, died at the age of forty-two years. He married Emma Shellenberger, of Auburn, Pa., and their family consisted of six children: Ralph; Lloyd, who was drowned at the same time as his cousin Joseph; Esther; Harry; Jeremiah, and Florence. (3) Samuel Irwin, born Feb. 21, 1871, now president of J. F. Bast & Sons, married Jennie Coldren, and their children are, Lester, Hazel, May, Harold, Ethyle and Christena. Mr. Bast has been a member of the school board for fourteen years, and is at present filling a six-year term on that body. He is a prominent member of the First M. E. Church, of which he has been a trustee, and for six years served as treasurer of the Sunday school. He is the chief of Liberty Hose Company, No. 4, of Schuylkill Haven, a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of the Royal Arcanum and of the I. O. H. (4) Oliver Oscar, born Oct. 12, 1873, is mentioned below. (5) George Albert, born Sept. 6, 1877, died when two years old. (6) Thomas Franklin, born Feb. 14, 1879, now engaged as a merchant at Schuylkill Haven, is secretary of J. F. Bast & Sons. By his first wife, Irene Snyder, who died Feb. 2, 1914, he has two children, Paul and Donald. For his second wife he married Minnie Scholl. (7) Homer J., born April 5, 1885, acts as assistant to his brother Samuel. He married Viola Kauffman, and their children are Grace and Carl. The mother of this family died Aug. 10, 1896. In March, 1897, Mr. Bast married Mrs. Rebecca Boyer, of Schuylkill Haven, who died April 14, 1903. On Nov. 4, 1903, he married Alice May Boyer, of Philadelphia, daughter of Louis and Catherine (Krause) Boyer, and granddaughter of Phillip Boyer, an early settler of Schuylkill Haven, who built and conducted the "Cross-Keys" hotel, now known as the "Columbia" hotel.

It was as the result of the activities of the Bast brothers and Harry Shoemaker, and through their devoted efforts, that Liberty Hose Company, No. 4, acquired its fine quarters. The building was erected at a cost of four thousand dollars. They organized the company in 1909, and it now has a membership of about sixty-five.

OLIVER OSCAR BAST was born Oct. 12, 1873, at Schuylkill Haven, where he obtained a public school education. When a youth of sixteen he entered his father's mill there to learn the business, which he has mastered in all its details. When the branch at Cressona was established, on Jan. 7,

1914, he was placed in charge there. Practically all of the finishing of the garments is done at this plant, which is located at Fourth and Chestnut streets, Cressona. It is 45 by 100 feet in dimensions, and the equipment is up-to-date in every respect. From twenty to twenty-five hands are employed here. When the business of J. F. Bast & Sons was incorporated, in 1911, Oliver O. Bast became a director of the concern. His work has proved that he has the executive ability and enterprise typical of the members of this family, and he is doing his share towards the success of the thriving industry which they have built up. He still maintains his home at Schuylkill Haven, residing on Bern street, and he is at present a member of the borough council, in which he has been serving for the last three years.

Mr. Bast married Mary L. Fahl, daughter of Josiah Fahl, of Auburn, this county, and they have had six children, namely: Roy B., Marlin O., Ada N., Leon F., Mary A. and Oneida P., the last named dying when one year, two months old. The eldest son, Roy B., is a student at the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, preparing for the practice of medicine. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Fraternally Mr. Bast holds membership in the Jr. O. U. A. M., and in the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

CLAUDE HENRY HAWKINS, general merchant of Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and president of the Auburn Light, Heat & Power Company, was born at Menges Mills, York Co., Pa., Oct. 1, 1882. He is the son of James H. Hawkins, grandson of John K. Hawkins and great-grandson of William Hawkins, and the family is of English ancestry.

William Hawkins was born at Blandon, Berks Co., Pa., was a farmer and iron ore miner, and one of the prominent citizens of that section of Pennsylvania in his day. He died at the age of seventy-two years, on the Kauffman & Spang farm, near Molltown, Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and is buried there. His wife died at the age of seventy-two also, and is buried at Kirbyville, Berks county. He was a Lutheran, and his wife was a member of the Society of Friends. Mr. Hawkins was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Kauffman, of Berks county, and their children were: William (deceased), John (deceased), Henry (living), Nicholas (deceased), Wilson, Emma (deceased wife of John Stout), Mary (widow of Frederick Koch) and Caroline (who married a Mr. Schlegel). Mr. Hawkins was a Republican in politics.

John K. Hawkins, grandfather of Claude H. Hawkins, was born at Molltown, Berks Co., Pa., and educated in the schools of the town. He was reared to the occupation of farmer, but entered the iron mines when he was nineteen years of age. So well did he accomplish his work in this chosen calling that he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the Moselem mine, owned by Kauffman & Spang, in Berks county. In 1869 he moved to York county and opened five mines for the following companies: John G. Kauffman, Kauffman, Brooks, Eckert & Co., and the Leesport Iron Co. During the panic he moved back to Berks county, and was made superintendent of the mines near Molltown. He died at the age of fifty-seven, and is buried in St. Peter's Reformed cemetery at Molltown. Mr. Hawkins was married to Lydia Heffner, who was born Jan. 16, 1843, at Virginville, Berks Co., Pa., a daughter of Solomon and Rebecca (Graeff) Heffner. To this union six children were born: James H., mentioned below; Annie, wife of Walter Brown; John, deceased,

who married Annie Young; Sallie, who married Truman Lathrop; Mamie, deceased; and Kate, unmarried. Mr. Hawkins was an active member of St. Peter's Reformed Church at Molltown, and socially he was connected with the Knights of Pythias at Fleetwood, Pa., and the Junior Order United American Mechanics at Leesport, Pa. His widow is now living at Auburn, Pennsylvania.

James H. Hawkins was born at Molltown, Berks Co., Pa., June 22, 1860, and attended the schools at Leesport, Berks county, and Smith's Station, York county. He then entered the store of Edward P. Kuhn, at Hanover, Pa., where he clerked for a time, from there going to work on the farm of the Leesport Iron Company, where his father was a tenant. Remaining with his father a few years, he next accepted a position as manager in the iron mines, where he remained for thirteen and a half years. Mr. Hawkins was then employed by the Hamburg Electric Light Company for a short time, but soon moved onto his father's farm near Auburn, for the first two years being engaged in farm work. Then he was engaged by the Pottsville branch of the Grand Union Tea Company as county salesman, having full charge of the territory between Pottsville and Fleetwood. After four years on the road he entered the E. & G. Brooke Diamond Drill Works, at Birdsboro, remained there a short time, and then returned to Auburn, to enter the general store business. After conducting the store about nine years he sold out to his son Claude and retired.

James H. Hawkins married Eliza Henry, who was born in Adams county, Pa., a daughter of Nicholas Henry, and to this union were born children as follows: Cora, who died in infancy; and Claude H., mentioned below. Mrs. Hawkins died in 1887, aged thirty-seven years, and is buried at Molltown, Pa. Subsequently Mr. Hawkins married Hannah Mengel, who was born in October, 1874, in South Manheim township, a daughter of Bernhard and Rebecca (Schaeffer) Mengel, and they have had four children: Roy James, who married Lottie Tobias; John K., deceased; and Florence and May, at home. Mr. Hawkins is a Republican in politics and served for eight years as councilman of Auburn. He is a member of Wassagahanna Tribe, No. 250, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is a Past Sachem, is a member of the Reformed Church at Auburn and secretary of the Sunday school connected with that church.

Claude Henry Hawkins was educated in the schools of York county, Molltown, Berks county, Auburn, Schuylkill county, and the Pottsville business college, taking a commercial course, stenography and typewriting, at the latter place. His first position was with the Charles F. Felin Company, lumber dealers, of Philadelphia, where he remained for a brief period, returning to Auburn to work for his father in the latter's general store. In 1908 he bought his father out and has since conducted the store with great success. Besides carrying a general stock of goods he handles motorcycles and supplies, selling the Indian, Reading Standard and Excelsior makes, for which he has created a large trade. Mr. Hawkins is president of the Auburn Light, Heat & Power Company, which was incorporated with a capital of \$10,000 in 1909, and supplies electricity to Auburn and Port Clinton. He is a member of the Board of Trade of Auburn and is interested in all that is helpful and for the best interest of his town and its residents.

Mr. Hawkins was married to Elsie Lindermuth, daughter of Benjamin Alfred and Sarah (Ribkee) Lindermuth, and they have one child, Ernest Allen, born Nov. 9, 1907. Mr. Hawkins is a Republican in politics, and is a

member of Auburn Castle, No. 108, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He belongs to the Church of God, in which he is a deacon, and is also a teacher in the Sunday school.

Mrs. Etsie (Lindermuth) Hawkins was born Dec. 12, 1884, in Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a member of an old Berks county family, the founders of which were natives of Germany. Her grandfather was Joseph Lindermuth (Lindennuth), who resided in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks county, where he devoted his life to farming.

Benjamin Alfred Lindermuth, son of Joseph, was born in Berks county, Pa., Feb. 4, 1851-52, and was reared upon a farm. At the age of sixteen he came to Auburn and learned the trade of shoemaker, following it for about eight years. He then took up railroading, being in the employ of the Schuylkill & Susquehanna Railroad Company (now the Reading) for twenty-two years. Having accumulated a sufficient amount of money to go into business on his own account, he started the Auburn Shirt Company, for the manufacture of a medium grade of shirts for men, and conducted it for ten years. Then he opened a branch factory at Frackville with Mr. Belles, of Pottsville, and later operated another factory at Mohnton, Berks county. In 1910 he retired from active business and has since devoted his time entirely to church work. Mr. Lindermuth was ordained a minister of the denomination known as the Union Pentecostal in 1909. He married Sarah Ribkee, daughter of Elias Ribkee, and they have had nine children, of whom six are living: Lilly married Joseph Sommers; Eva married Walter Shaller; Annie is deceased; Elsie, Mrs. Hawkins, is mentioned above; Nathaniel married Susan Berger; John married Hettie Kerschner; Charles and Foster as deceased; Elmer is at home. Mr. Lindermuth is a Republican in his political convictions, and is interested in all that stands for good citizenship and right living.

NATHANIEL CUNNINGHAM MORRISON is one of the best known business men of Pottsville. Although raised on a farm, he has had a remarkable experience as a merchant, in various parts of this county and state, and is at present in the grocery business at Pottsville. He has many interesting incidents to relate of his activities as farmer, traveling man and storekeeper, and he is an authority on the primitive methods of cultivating the earth followed in early times. Mr. Morrison was born Nov. 10, 1826, in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of William Morrison and grandson of Joshua Morrison.

Joshua Morrison was born in York county, Pa., and after reaching his majority settled in Mifflin county, this State, where he bought a farm which he cultivated until his death. He was three times married and left a large family, William being one of the survivors.

William Morrison, father of Nathaniel C. Morrison, was born in York county, and at the age of five years was taken to Mifflin county by his parents. Like his father he was a farmer, at one time owning three farms in that county. He married Margaret Cunningham, daughter of Nathaniel Cunningham, and she died in 1848, at the age of fifty years. He passed away in 1863, at the age of sixty-five. Their children were: Edmund, Nathaniel C., Joshua (who died in infancy), Louisa, Mary, Rebecca, Rachel, William and Hannah.

Nathaniel C. Morrison attended the old subscription schools conducted in the days before the passing of the free school laws, and also had a few months at the new schools when the law went into effect. When he assisted his father on the farm there were no modern implements for the cultivation of the land, so

the boy served a hard apprenticeship at a vocation even in these times far from being a sinecure. His stories of the early days of farming are of value and interest to those who seldom even catch a glimpse of farm work, and they deserve to be perpetuated by some historian for the enlightenment of generations to come.

Mr. Morrison began his adventurous mercantile career by entering the store of John S. Morris, at Pottsville, in 1846, at the age of twenty. He spent one winter season as clerk for Mr. Morris, went back to the farm for the summer, and then returned to the store, where he clerked for five years. In 1855 he embarked in business for himself, opening a queensware and glassware store on Centre street, having as a partner William L. Yoder, under the firm name of Morrison & Yoder. In 1856 he bought out his partner, continued the business until 1857, and then took a position as salesman for Isaac Stirk & Co., a wholesale firm of Philadelphia, for six months. Returning to Pottsville, he again entered the employ of Mr. Morris, and remained with him for fifteen months. In 1859 he opened a general store on Market Square, with D. W. Miller as partner, the firm name being Morrison & Miller, after one year bought out Mr. Miller, and removed the business first to the General Nagle building and then to the Foster building on Market, about Third street. While in the latter location he supplied clothing and other wearing apparel to the "First Defenders" of the Civil war. In the spring of 1862 he removed to the Clayton building on the east side of Centre street, and continued there until 1864, when he sold out all his interests in this business. By that time he had a store at Saint Clair and a half interest in one at Shepandoah.

In the spring of 1865 Mr. Morrison returned to the old homestead in Huntingdon county, which he had previously purchased, and there resided for a year, but the spirit of unrest and desire for the mart of trade caused him to take a position as salesman for a wholesale grocery house in Philadelphia. While there he formed a partnership with two young men with whom he opened a wholesale house for the sale of groceries on Third street, in that city. For a short time this firm operated and then Mr. Morrison separated from the association and entered into combination with Joseph Hoar and Henry S. McNabb, both of Lancaster, Pa., under the firm name of Morrison, Hoar & Co. For three years this business was continued under this name, and then Mr. Morrison formed a partnership with William M. Sinclair, under the name of Sinclair & Morrison. In the beginning of 1876 the partnership was dissolved, and he opened a tea business on Fourth street, ran it for a short time, and then went on the road for McCahan & Cooper, wholesale grocers, for one year.

In 1878 Mr. Morrison came to Pottsville to settle permanently, and opened a general store at the old Town Hall, now the Centennial Hall, on Centre street, putting in a line of dry goods, notions and groceries. He later discontinued the dry goods and notions and added flour and feed, moving into the building of Fox & Bro. on Centre street, above Market, which he purchased. After a few years he sold out and later rented a small storeroom from the Strauss estate, on Centre street, near where the grammar school now stands. After a time he rented a building on South Centre street, near the store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, and finally, Sept. 1, 1905, bought the place he at present occupies. This was the old Silliman property and is very valuable, having a sixty-foot frontage on Centre street and extending back to Second street, with an entrance there for the reception and delivery of goods. He has his store in the north side of the

property, and the other portion is leased for office purposes. Mr. Morrison is now the oldest business man in Pottsville and is still as alive to the interests of the town as he was on his first location here in 1846.

On Sept. 22, 1853, Mr. Morrison was married to Rebecca Reed, who was born at Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Reed, and they had seven children: Charles, who died in infancy; Frank, deceased; Ella, at home; Laura, deceased; Mary, wife of William C. Wilson, of Pottsville; Horace, manager of his father's store; and Bertha, at home.

Mr. Morrison is a Republican, and at one time served on the borough council. He is a member of the Methodist Church and for many years has been a trustee of same.

[Since the above was written Mr. Morrison died, Nov. 13, 1915.]

WILLIAM F. STITZER has been living retired for the last ten years, after a life of varied usefulness during which he became widely known all over Schuylkill county, as a business man and official of marked efficiency. Some of his early experiences brought him into contact with the typical activities and stirring scenes of the last half of the nineteenth century, and he has witnessed much of the development of this region in the seventy years of his residence here. The family was established in Pennsylvania by his great-grandfather, David Stitzer.

David Stitzer was born March 12, 1750, in Nova Scotia, whence he came to Philadelphia, Pa. He served in the Revolutionary war, after which he moved to Reading, Pa., in Berks county. His wife, Barbara Ann Elizabeth (Pafenhouser), was born in Nova Scotia March 10, 1754, and was brought to Philadelphia in 1757. Among their children was a son John D.

John D. Stitzer was born at Reading April 8, 1799, and learned the trade of shoemaker. For a time he lived at Rehrersburg, Berks county, thence in 1844 removing to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, where he followed his trade, doing repairing and custom work. He died at Mahanoy City, this county, June 27, 1879, aged eighty years. Mr. Stitzer was originally a Whig, later a Republican, but took no part in politics or other public affairs. For many years he was a member of the Lutheran Church. On Sept. 22, 1822, he was married, by Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg, of Reading, Pa., to Sarah Hockaman, who was born Jan. 29, 1806, in Tulpehocken, Berks county, and died Sept. 18, 1884, at Minersville, Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Stitzer are buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. Her father, Henry Hockaman, of Stouchsburg, Berks county, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in 1853, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Stitzer became the parents of thirteen children, viz.: George W., born Nov. 17, 1823, at Reams-town, Lancaster Co., Pa., died Oct. 28, 1901; Amelia E., born Nov. 19, 1825, married Morton Swartz, and died Jan. 6, 1906; Mary, born Feb. 28, 1827, married Anthony Lerch, and died in Ohio June 14, 1904; Harriet S., born Oct. 30, 1828, died unmarried, April 6, 1847; Sarah Frances, born Jan. 21, 1831, married Engelbert Geiger, and died Oct. 14, 1902; John Andrew, born Feb. 1, 1833, died June 14, 1860; William Foster was born Jan. 2, 1835; a daughter, born Feb. 6, 1837, died in infancy; Ann Delilah, born April 19, 1838, lives in the South; Francis A., born Aug. 29, 1840, at Rehrersburg, Pa., became a private in the Union army April 17, 1861, and served throughout the war, being mustered out as a major July 27, 1865 (he served as a deputy collector of internal revenue at Easton, Pa., for fifteen years, and Feb. 20, 1886, removed

to Cheyenne, Wyo., becoming active in business and military circles in that State, and at present serving as mayor of Laramie); David Henry, born June 7, 1843, served throughout the Civil war also, afterwards had charge of Gordon Plane in Schuylkill county for a time, and then removed to Kansas and engaged in farming, dying in that State Sept. 17, 1911; Catherine E., born Sept. 25, 1845, married Solomon Hoffas and is living in the South; Samuel, born Dec. 21, 1847, died Dec. 6, 1900.

William Foster Stitzer was born at Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa., and attended common school there. He was only nine years old when he commenced to work as a driver on the Schuylkill canal, and he followed that line for the next twenty-three years, becoming a captain in 1855. His boats plied between Schuylkill Haven and New York City. In the spring of 1868 Mr. Stitzer was elected constable of Schuylkill Haven, and he served in that position for twenty-four consecutive years, by numerous reelections, finally resigning. Meantime he undertook other responsibilities, in 1869 becoming borough tax collector, the duties of which office he discharged for many years (until 1891), and with such signal ability that he was chosen to collect the taxes for North Manheim township three times, Port Clinton once, and in 1878 collected ten thousand dollars in Shenandoah. This recognition of his efficiency is unusual enough to be noteworthy. He attained a reputation as an expert collector. Mr. Stitzer also followed auctioneering and the real estate business, buying and selling houses, and for eighteen years he was a special officer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, serving during the period the Molly Maguires were active and having some dangerous duties. He was corporal at the courthouse when the convicted Molly Maguires were hanged.

On Feb. 9, 1892, Mr. Stitzer became proprietor of a hotel and restaurant, Stitzer's Cafe becoming a very popular place under his management. He was thus engaged for some thirteen years, selling out to his son William G. Stitzer when he retired, in 1904. Mr. Stitzer is particularly well known among the old residents of Schuylkill Haven, and he has made many friends in the course of his busy life. He has a fine home on Union street.

In 1858 Mr. Stitzer married Emma Homas, daughter of the late John Homas, of Oley, Berks Co., Pa., later of Pottsville, where he died. A large family has been born to this union, viz.: Charles A., born Jan. 11, 1859, a druggist, now living in Nebraska, married Grace Craver; Horace E., born June 1, 1860, a saddler by trade, lives in Schuyler, Neb.; Sarah, born March 7, 1862, died when fourteen years old; Annie E., born Sept. 21, 1863, married Benjamin Kline, of Philadelphia; a daughter, born June 23, 1865, died in infancy; William G., born May 27, 1866, succeeded his father in business at Schuylkill Haven; Katie M., born Oct. 24, 1867, married Lewis A. Graeff, of Pottsville; Emma R., born April 14, 1870, died in infancy; Susan, born Nov. 14, 1871, married Frank Heiser, and died at Schuylkill Haven leaving three children; Ella L., born July 8, 1874, is a deaconess at the Lutheran mother house at Baltimore, Md.; Carrie, born Jan. 18, 1876, is at home; Garfield J. A. was born March 4, 1881.

Mr. Stitzer has long been a member of the Lutheran Church. He has always been a Republican, and taken considerable interest in local politics, and during the Civil war he showed his sympathy for the Union cause by enlisting, July 4, 1863, in Company I (Capt. William M. Randall), 39th Regiment, receiving his discharge Aug. 2d of that year, when the emergency was over. He is a member of Jere Helms Post, No. 26, G. A. R., of Schuylkill Haven.



JAMES W. HOEPSTINE, JR., has been in the municipal service at Pottsville for a number of years, and he is at present acting as chief of police, having the distinction of being the first incumbent of that office in his borough.

The Hoepstine family is of German origin, Francis A. Hoepstine, grandfather of James W. Hoepstine, Jr., having been a native of Berlin, Germany, born in 1800. His father was a sergeant in the Prussian army. Francis A. Hoepstine came to America in 1815 and settled at Allentown, Pa. He learned the trade of printer and went forward steadily in his chosen calling, for several years conducting a paper at Orwigsburg, this county. In 1849 he was appointed deputy sheriff of Schuylkill county, serving one term, and later was a clerk in different offices in the courthouse. He died Oct. 26, 1857, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. Mrs. Hoepstine, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Seele, came from Hanover, Germany, and their marriage took place in 1840 at Allentown. The following children were born to this union: William, who died young; James W.; Edward, who served in the 13th United States Infantry during the Civil war, and died in 1870, at Pottsville, Pa.; Francis A., who died in 1902 at Havelock; and Josephine C., who married John Matthews.

James W. Hoepstine, son of Francis A., was born Feb. 5, 1844, at Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., and was a child when he settled at Orwigsburg with his parents. There he lived until seven years old, when the family moved to Pottsville, at which place he grew to manhood, and he followed the trade of sashmaker before the Civil war. On Aug. 22, 1861, he enlisted at Pottsville in Company A, 96th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 6th Army Corps. He served three years and two months, during which time he took part in all the principal activities of his command, and received his honorable discharge Oct. 21, 1864. Upon his return to Pottsville Mr. Hoepstine was employed in a lumberyard for some time, in 1866 entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with whom he remained until 1873. The following five years he was in the United States regular army, as a member of Battery K, 2d Artillery, receiving his discharge June 13, 1878. In 1879 he became an employee in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at Pottsville, where he continued for a period of twenty-seven years, retiring in 1905. For a time he lived in the Soldiers' Home at Erie, Pa. Mr. Hoepstine is a member of Post. No. 23, G. A. R., at Pottsville, and of the Union Veteran Legion. His religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church.

On April 4, 1865, Mr. Hoepstine married Annetta Ebbert, a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., and she died Aug. 3, 1906, in Pottsville. We have the following record of the nine children born to them: William died young; Ida died in infancy; James W., Jr., is next in the family; Charles, now a resident of Philadelphia, married Esther Luckenbille, of Cressona, Schuylkill county (he was a sergeant in Company H, 8th Regiment, N. G. P.); Louis, who died in April, 1907, married Hattie Lilley and (second) Rosie Cantwell (he was a sergeant in Company H, 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, during the Spanish-American war); Jacob, who lives at Pottsville, married Katie Heisler (he was a private in Company H, 8th Pennsylvania Volunteers); John died young; Lucy is at home; Edward F. married Helen Stock, and they reside at Pottsville (he was a sergeant in Company H, 8th N. G. P.).

Isaac Ebbert, father of Mrs. James W. Hoepstine, Sr., was born at Mount Hope, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Jacob Ebbert. The father came to this country from Germany and settled at what is now the "Seven Stars" hotel, near

Pottsville, where he continued to reside until his death. He was a boatman on the canal, became a large landowner, and was one of the substantial citizens of the day in that locality. He married Madeline Moyer, and they had children as follows: Abraham, Jacob, Charles, Caroline, Elizabeth, Annetta, Louisa, Isaac and Sallie.

Isaac Ebbert, son of Jacob Ebbert, became a boatman on the canal and in that capacity and as a coal operator was a well known business man of this part of Schuylkill county. He operated what was known as the West Salem colliery in partnership with a Mr. Walbridge, under the firm style of Ebbert & Walbridge, and was so engaged for several years. Later he worked small collieries and he lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred at Pottsville. He married Lucy St. Clair, daughter of Jacob and Eva (Hoebolf) St. Clair, and she also died at Pottsville. They were the parents of six children, namely: Annetta, Mrs. James W. Hoepstine, Sr.; Mary, who died unmarried; Helen, Mrs. Z. T. Rhoads, deceased; Harriet, unmarried; Honora, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Lehr; and Lucy, unmarried.

James W. Hoepstine, Jr., was born at Pottsville March 26, 1870, and received his education in the public schools there. When a youth he commenced work for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Pottsville, remaining with that concern for twenty-one years, until April 19, 1907, when he accepted the position of agent for the Humane Hose Company at Pottsville. Mr. Hoepstine joined Humane Hose Company twenty years ago, and from May, 1904, to May, 1905, was chief of the Pottsville fire department, filling that office with the efficiency which has come to be expected of him. On Jan. 1, 1914, he was appointed chief of police at Pottsville, a position he is now filling. He is a competent and conscientious officer and is making a creditable record in his present office, as he has in every other position of trust, to which his fellow citizens have called him.

Like his brothers Mr. Hoepstine was in the service of his country during the Spanish-American war. On Feb. 5, 1890, he enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard, was promoted to corporal in May, 1891, and on May 9, 1898, was elected second lieutenant of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to serve in the Spanish-American war. He was mustered out with that rank March 7, 1899, and upon his return home was elected first lieutenant of the National Guard. On Oct. 18, 1902, he was elected captain of Company H, 8th Regiment, N. G. P., which connection he severed in October, 1913. He is a Republican in political sentiment, and belongs to Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On May 18, 1894, Mr. Hoepstine married Emma Creary, daughter of John Creary, of Pottsville. They have one daughter, Ethel.

ELMER D. GRIEFF, of Cressona, is now one of the leading general merchants of that borough, carrying on the business established over twenty-five years ago by his father, William Albert Grieff, who has lived retired at Cressona since his son succeeded him.

William Grieff, great-grandfather of Elmer D. Grieff, lived to the age of ninety-four years, and is buried at Orwigsburg. He was a farmer of that locality for many years, and a prominent man of his generation. He served one term as steward of the Schuylkill County Home. By his marriage to Catherine Zerbe he had children as follows: William, who died when forty years old; Daniel; Mrs. Henry Krebs; Mrs. Bernert Yeager; Mrs. John Ege; Mrs. Daniel

Hillegas; Louisa, who married Jeremiah Yerger, who after her death married her sister Sarah; and Mary and Phoebe, who died young.

Daniel Grieff was born at Orwigsburg and is buried there; he died at the age of forty-five years. By trade he was a carpenter. He married Maria Krebs, daughter of Jacob Krebs, and children as follows were born to them: George; Charles; William A.; Mary, who married L. F. Kimmel, now a retired farmer, living at Orwigsburg; Elizabeth, who married Newton Reed; and Emma, who married Uriah Good.

William A. Grieff was reared upon the parental farm at Orwigsburg, and obtained his education in the local public schools. When a young man he was engaged as a stage driver for two and a half years, on the route between Orwigsburg and Landingville. His next occupation was as clerk in the general store of B. E. Drumbeller, at Landingville, with whom he remained two and a half years. At the end of that time he entered the employ of Henry Deibert, for whom he worked at boatbuilding for a period of ten years, having learned the trade in the employ of the Schuylkill Navigation Company. Later he followed coal mining for about three and a half years. Coming to Cressona he resumed clerking, being so employed in the general store of A. F. Deibert for nine years, until he engaged in business for himself, in October, 1889, as a green grocer and confectioner at Cressona. He established a profitable trade, and continued the business successfully until 1912, when he sold it to his son Elmer, who has since conducted the store, the father living retired. For the last twenty years Mr. Grieff has been treasurer of Grace U. B. Church at Cressona, which he helped to organize, and he is also president of the Bible class. He has served as town clerk.

Mr. Grieff married Susan Elizabeth Deibert, who was born Feb. 22, 1850, daughter of William Deibert, a boatbuilder of Landingville, Pa., and died March 9, 1889. She is buried in the Cressona cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Grieff married Mrs. Emma (Bretz) Fenstermacher, widow of Moses Fenstermacher. All his children are by the first union, viz.: Elmer D. is mentioned below; Walter Franklin, a railroad conductor, married Carrie Bittle, and they reside in Cressona; Annie Louisa married Harry Loop, and resides in Philadelphia, Pa.; Mamie married William A. Fessler, and they reside in Cressona; Henrietta Louisa married Lynn F. Fessler, of Cressona; Charles is employed as yardmaster at Rutherford, Pa.; four children died young—Robert S., born in 1880, died in 1885; Carrie E., born in 1883, died in 1887; Roy A., born in 1885, died in 1888; a son, born in 1887, died the same year. In politics Mr. Grieff was a Democrat, but is now a Progressive.

Elmer Daniel Grieff was born Oct. 20, 1876, at Landingville, Schuylkill county, received his education in the schools of Cressona, and then entered the employ of his father, as driver of the delivery team. He continued to assist his father as long as the latter remained in business, buying him out in March, 1912. He is now one of the leading merchants in the borough, carrying a large general stock. He is prominently associated with borough affairs, being at present a member and secretary of the school board, to which he was elected in 1911, for a six-year term. He also served in the town council, of which he was secretary for four years. In political sentiment he is a Progressive. He is a leading member of Grace United Brethren Church, to which he has belonged for twenty-two years; is organist for the church and the Christian Endeavor Society; and is equally active in the Sunday school, being assistant organist, chorister, and teacher of a class of boys. He is secretary of the

Quarterly Conference of the United Brethren Church of Eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Grieff was a charter member of Cressona Council, No. 812, Independent Order of Americans, and at one time served as secretary of that organization.

Mr. Grieff married Annie Louisa Wagner, who was born Nov. 2, 1882, and they have two children: Margarite Viole, born Sept. 19, 1901; and Lamar Joseph, born Aug. 4, 1911.

Gottlieb Wagner, Mrs. Grieff's father, was the son of a boatbuilder, who had the following children: Martin, George, Frederick, Henry, Michael, Gottlieb, Eva and Mrs. Bealer. Gottlieb Wagner was born in Germany, and emigrated to this country with his parents when he was eight years old. The family settled at Glenworth, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he received his education in the district schools. Then he became a boatbuilder for the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and followed that occupation for a number of years. Later he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and was promoted from time to time until he became a locomotive engineer, continuing with this company until he was sixty years of age. Losing his position as engineer through no fault of his own, he worked at the Diston Horn factory, located then on Front street, and which later moved to Williamsport. After running their stationary engine for quite a few years he worked at the pits' puddling engines. When the Gordon Plane closed down he was thrown out of employment for about a year, and was then appointed watchman at the Beck shirt factory in Cressona, holding that position until his death, March 15, 1901, at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Wagner owned and operated a small farm in the borough. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted from Cressona and served nine months, as a member of the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Michael Whitmoyer and Charles Albright.

Mr. Wagner married Lydia Ann Kutz, who was born Sept. 4, 1857, daughter of Joseph Kutz, a native of Friedensburg, Schuylkill county. Children as follows were born to them: Wesley Charles, who married Sallie Kinsyl, resides in Erie, Pa.; David Gottlieb married Carrie Yeik, and they reside in Cressona, Pa.; Mamie Matilda is the wife of Howard Schaadt, and resides at Allentown; Savilla Augusta, also of Allentown, is married to Milton Schaadt; Frederick William married Emma Clemmer, and they reside at Allentown; Kate is deceased; Annie Louisa is Mrs. Grieff; Lewis Albert married Vena Hemminger and after her death Eva Heimbach; Effie May married Charles Greenawald, and they reside at Allentown.

Gottlieb Wagner was a Republican in politics. He was one of the founders of the United Brethren Church of Cressona, and was active in its affairs. He and his wife, who died Sept. 2, 1895, are buried in the Cressona cemetery.

CHARLES G. WAGNER, of Schuylkill Haven, a progressive business man and prominent member of the various fraternal bodies of the borough, was born on the old Dibert farm in the vicinity Nov. 30, 1872, son of Jared Wagner. The father, a native of Shartlesville, Berks Co., Pa., followed farming in that county (at Strausstown) and in Schuylkill county until his retirement. He now lives at Auburn, Schuylkill county. To his marriage with Henrietta Strauss, daughter of Solomon Strauss, were born twelve children, nine of whom survive at this writing: William, Frank, Emma, Alice, Sallie, Charles G., Carrie, James and Katie.

Charles G. Wagner was reared upon the farm and educated in the neighborhood public schools. He has been connected with the undertaking business ever since he commenced work, at the age of fourteen years entering the employ of Eli Zeigenfous, at Schuylkill Haven, and remaining with him about two years. His next position was with Jacob Weber, at Pottsville, for whom he worked six years, after which he spent about the same length of time with Levi Hummel. By this time he felt he had experience enough to enable him to do business successfully on his own account, and he joined Daniel Sharadin in a partnership, which lasted four years, having an establishment at Schuylkill Haven. On June 6, 1905, Mr. Wagner began the independent business he has since carried on so successfully in that borough. He has made a point of keeping in touch with the advancements introduced from time to time in his line, sparing neither pains nor expense to give his patrons the benefit of modern methods and conveniences, and the thoughtful attention bestowed on all the details of his work would be sufficient to account for the general demand for his services. His equipment includes the most approved appliances known to the trade, and handsome equipages, including two hearses, one black and one white. He has an able associate in his wife, who has proved very capable in looking after many things relating to the efficient conduct of the business.

Mr. Wagner married Lillie Rebecca Boger, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Kantner) Boger, and they have become the parents of nine children: Flora L., Bertha M., Lillie R., Earle G., Dorothy A. H., Grace E., Annie L., Alma and Ruth M., the last named deceased. They reside on Canal street.

Mr. Wagner is especially interested in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past grand of the Schuylkill Haven lodge and a member of the degree team for the last five years, during which period he has never missed a meeting. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, Improved Order of Red Men and Owls. In political sentiment he is a Republican, but he takes little part in party affairs beyond casting his ballot. He holds membership in the Reformed Church.

JOHN S. STAUDT, late of Pottsville, was in the hotel business practically throughout the period of his residence in Schuylkill county, for a number of years as owner and proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel." He was a native of Berks county, Pa., where the family is one of old standing.

Staudt (Stoudt, Stout) is one of the early Palatinate names. Members of the family figured prominently in some of the Crusades. The family spread northward into Holland, where some of the family attained noble rank. During the persecution of Bloody Alba some members of the family fled to England, one of them, Richard by name, enlisting in the English navy. Upon one of his visits to New Amsterdam he met Penelope Van Princis, who later became his wife, and they settled in Middletown, N. J., prior to 1688, becoming the progenitors of a large and honorable family. The Staudts of Pennsylvania came directly from the Palatinate and seem to be divided into two groups, that of Berks and that of Bucks county. Tracing back the ancestors of the well known family of Berks county, Pa., it is said that from the English family of the name thirteen brothers came to Philadelphia, in 1754, one of them eventually settling in Berks county, becoming the founder of the Staudts of that section. However, this does not agree entirely with the other accounts.

On Aug. 30, 1737, there landed at Philadelphia John Jacob, Johannes and Hans Adam Staudt, and on Sept. 24th of the same year Peter Staudt. These

four, it is claimed, were brothers. The following year arrived Peter and Daniel; in 1741 another Peter arrived; and in 1744 George Wilhelm joined the group. It is believed that all the above named were related. John Jacob settled in what is now Perkasio, and was the father of the following children: Abraham, Henry K., Jacob, Hannah, Magdalena, Annie Margaret. Abraham was a man of prominence in his day, serving during the Revolution as a member of the Committee of Safety, also of the Committee of Observation, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and of the Convention of 1789-90. The Stouts of Lehigh and Northampton counties are descendants of the Bucks group.

At the head of the Berks group stand John Michael Staudt, who took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia Sept. 18, 1733. Tradition says that his father died at sea, and that the headship of the family fell upon him, though he was only twenty-one years of age. How large the family was we do not know, but we know that Mathias, aged eight, and Johannes, probably still younger, were in the group, and we have reason to think that the family was even larger.

On Oct. 25, 1737, there was surveyed for John Michael Staudt a tract of land in Bern township, on the west bank of the Schuylkill river, "opposite the flat meadows," of 180 acres. Later the estate was doubled. The place is known as Stoudts Ferry. Johannes was probably never married. Mathias married Anna Margaret Schrader, who was born Oct. 13, 1728, and died May 22, 1797. He was born in 1725 and died in 1795. They resided in Bern township and raised the following children: John, Mathias, Abraham, Catherine Maria (married Thomas Umbenhauer) and Elizabeth. Of these, Abraham, born Jan. 25, 1757, died Oct. 9, 1824; to him and his wife, Maria Elizabeth (Brown), born June 22, 1756, died Aug. 15, 1824, were born the following children: Mathias, John, Jacob, Catherine, Magdalena, Anna Maria and Sussanna. Johannes, Mathias and John Michael were members of the Bern Church, where their ashes rest in peace.

John Michael Staudt was born in 1712 and died May 13, 1776. To him and his wife Barbara were born the following children: (1) Johannes (1737-Oct. 13, 1801) married Maria Catherine Kerschner (1751-Dec. 21, 1826) and lived on a farm in Maiden-creek township. Their union was blessed with the following children: George, Catherine (married to Henry Body), Barbara (married to George Snyder), Elizabeth (married to Daniel Maurer), Jacob, John, Daniel and Samuel. (2) Jacob (1735-1802) moved in 1790 from Bern township to Richmond township, having bought the farm now owned by Edwin Kutz. To him and his wife Margaret were born the following children: John, Jacob, Adam, John Henry, Daniel, Barbara (married to John Schucker), Mary (married to Michael Knittle), Catherine (who died unmarried), and Elizabeth (who married William Ebling). (3) Michael (1742-1807) married Maria Elizabeth Brown (1759-1820) and had four sons and five daughters. He received the old homestead. (4) George Wilhelm (1748-1820) lived in Maiden-creek township, and became the progenitor of a large posterity. He married Christina Weidenhammer (1752-1817), a daughter of Johannes (1726-1804) and Margereth (Ehteigie) (born in Kurpfalz in 1727-died in 1812), and their children were: George, Margaret (married to Daniel Gross), Magdalena (married to John Mohn), Daniel, Maria (married to Daniel Mertz), Adam, Jacob, Catherine (married to Daniel Mickly). George Wilhelm Staudt and his brother Jacob lie buried in the Kutztown Union cemetery. (5) John

George and his wife Anna Margareta moved to Tulpehocken township. (6) Jost and his wife Mary Elizabeth lived in Bern township. To them were born the following children: Jacob, Margretha, Catherine and Magdalena. (7) Anna Barbara married Baltzer Leach, of Bern township, and this union was blessed with seven children. (8) Catherine married Christopher Leach and resided in Heidelberg township. (9) Apolonia, who married Daniel Aurandt, moved to Buffalo Valley. (10) Catherine Elizabeth married Peter Wise and resided in Bern township.

Daniel, son of Jacob (1735-1802), was a distiller by trade. His declining years were spent in the vicinity of Kutztown, where he died in 1853; he was buried in Hottenstein's private cemetery. He married a Miss Bowman, and this union was blessed with the following children: Adam moved to Logansport, Ind., where he died; George married Hannah Borrel and reared a family of nine children; Reuben married Hannah Koch; Frank died unmarried; Margaretha married Jacob Saul, of Molltown; Polly and Hannah died unmarried; Maria married Joseph Hampshire and lived at Bowers Station; Hettie Ester died young; Isaac served in the Mexican war, and soon after his return left again for the Western country.

John Staudt, grandfather of John S. Staudt, lived and died in Upper Bern township, Berks county. He followed farming. His children were: Michael; Joel; Joseph; David; Lavina, who married Albert Sauser; Rosilla, who died unmarried; Mrs. Bagenstose; Mrs. Potteiger; and Mrs. Bender.

David Staudt, son of John, above, was born at the old homestead and like his father followed farming, spending all his life in Upper Bern township. He lived to be over sixty years old. By his marriage to Magdalena Seifert he had three children: Daniel, who lived on the old homestead in Berks county, and died May 18, 1915; Harriet, wife of J. K. Balthauser, living in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county; and John S.

John S. Staudt was born June 7, 1851, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, where his boyhood was passed in attendance at the public schools and assisting with the work on the home farm. He took a higher course of study in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Berks county. In 1887 Mr. Staudt came to Schuylkill Haven, this county, where he was in the hotel business about two years, conducting the "Columbia Hotel." From 1890 to 1896 he was at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, in the same line, and after that experience withdrew from business for a year, during which time he lived at Schuylkill Haven. He then took charge as proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" at Pottsville, leasing the property until the year 1904, when he bought it from the Gressel estate. During his connection with the hotel it was gradually enlarged, as the business required, until there are now seventy rooms, and Mr. Staudt built up a good patronage, being a systematic business man and an excellent host. His guests enjoyed up-to-date service in every way. The "Eagle Hotel" is located at No. 223 North Centre street, corner of Minersville street. He carried it on until his death, which occurred April 18, 1915, after a brief illness, and it is still being conducted by the family.

Mr. Staudt married, when a young man of twenty, Matilda Miller, daughter of George Miller, of Upper Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., and ten children were born to their union: Rosa, deceased; Magdalena; Catherine, who married George Snyder; Calvin; Lillian, who married Alexander Robertson;

Edwin; John; Howard; Alma; and George, who died young. There are ten grandchildren.

Mr. Staudt was a member of the Shartlesville Reformed Church, and socially belonged to the I. O. O. F., which he joined at Strausstown, and to the P. O. S. of A. Camp at Friedensburg. In Pottsville he held the respect of all who knew him.

BERT E. DRUMHELLER is associated with one of the recently established industries at Orwigsburg, the Orwigsburg Shoe Company, and though one of the younger business men of the borough has every prospect of attaining a position among the most successful. His executive capacity has been recognized in his choice for the office of treasurer of the concern, and he deserves credit for doing his full share towards promoting its prosperity.

Mr. Drumheller is a native of Schuylkill county, born Oct. 16, 1883, at Landingville, and he belongs to a family founded in Pennsylvania before the Revolution. The early generations in this country lived in Berks and Northumberland counties. Members of the Drumheller family came to America in the early days of this Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Archives (Vol. XVII, page 447) showing that J. Leonhart Drumheller arrived Oct. 26, 1754, on the brigantine "Mary and Sarah." That they were for a number of years settled in Berks county is shown by the Federal census report of 1790, which records the names of John and Nicholas Drumheller, of Earl township, that county; John had one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and one daughter; Nicholas had one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and three daughters. Rev. C. R. Drumheller, of this stock, served as Lutheran pastor of the Stone Valley Union Church in Northumberland county, 1883-84; and of the Vera Cruz Union Church, in Dauphin county, 1883-84.

The name was well represented among the Colonial sympathizers during the Revolutionary war. In the Pennsylvania Archives (5th Series, Vol. IV) we find (page 318) that George Drumheller belonged to the Continental Line, serving as a private in the Northampton county militia during that war, and that George Drumheller later was a Revolutionary soldier from Northampton county (page 649); that Jacob Drumheller was a soldier in the Continental Line from Berks county (page 212); and that Jacob Drumheller was a private in Capt. John Reese's company (which formed a part of the 2d Pennsylvania Battalion), commissioned from Jan. 5, 1776, to Nov. 25, 1776.

Johann Nicholas Drumheller, born March 14, 1750, in Odenwald, Germany, came to America with his brother, and settled in Berks county, Pa. He married Margaret Fischer, of that county, by whom he had two children, John and Nicholas, and after her death he married (second) her sister Catharine, in 1776. They had a family of eleven children: David, Margaret, Catharine, Abraham, Susanna (married a Hoffman), Philip, Anna Elizabeth, Daniel, Martin, Elizabeth and Nicholas (born Dec. 19, 1801, died Aug. 13, 1854, whose first wife was Elizabeth Hetrich, born March 29, 1808, died Nov. 24, 1873). Johann Nicholas Drumheller died in Upper Mahanoy in March, 1825, aged seventy-five years; his wife, Catharine, born June 14, 1759, died Dec. 18, 1832, and both are buried at Himmel's Church.

Philip Drumheller, great-grandfather of Bert E. Drumheller, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., the family living in the Mahantango valley. He was an early settler at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, later removing to North Manheim township, and then to Adamsdale and Landingville, both settlements



in that township. By trade he was a blacksmith. His death occurred at Landingville, and he is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. To his marriage with Elizabeth Emerich were born children as follows: Henry, Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, Elizabeth and Benjamin.

Benjamin Drumbheller was one of the most prominent citizens of Landingville in his day. For a number of years he engaged in boatbuilding there, and then became a merchant, carrying on business for fifty-four years, and also serving as postmaster. His death occurred April 14, 1890, and he is buried at Schuylkill Haven. His widow, Mrs. Rebecca (Deibert) Drumbheller, has continued the mercantile business at Landingville to the present time. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Drumbheller, namely: Elizabeth married Thomas Haesler; Henrietta married James Flemming; Albert is mentioned below; Mary married Dr. David Shultz; Laura married Charles Lee; Sallie is at home; Martha married Howard W. Fehr; Rosa, twin of Martha, died young; William married Mabel Roeder.

George Deibert, grandfather of Mrs. Rebecca (Deibert) Drumbheller, lived in North Manheim township. He married Mary Faust, a daughter of Daniel Faust, and their children were: Daniel, Joseph, William, Susan and Sallie. Of these, William, who married Henrietta Kolp, was the father of Mrs. Drumbheller.

Albert Drumbheller, son of Benjamin, was born at Landingville, and during the greater part of his business life was associated with the shoe industry at that point. He carried on the manufacture of shoes for ten years on his own account, later engaging with H. S. Albright, with whom he continued until failing health necessitated his retirement. His death occurred in November, 1903, and he is buried at Orwigsburg. His wife, whose maiden name was Annie Kern, survived until March, 1913, and is buried at Orwigsburg. They were the parents of three children: Philip K., who lives at Schuylkill Haven; Bert E., and Charles A., the last named deceased.

Peter Kern, great-grandfather of Mrs. Albert Drumbheller, was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., where he lived and died. His sons settled at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., where they engaged in the iron business and became prominent men of their day. Daniel Kern, son of Peter, was a leading merchant of Hamburg, and owned valuable property there. He married Lydia Seigfried, of York county, Pa., and their children were: Fidelia, Henry S., Sarah and Daniel. Of these, Henry S. Kern came to North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and purchased a valuable farm of 156 acres near Orwigsburg, where he died Jan. 7, 1907. He married Catherine Mayer, daughter of the late Rev. Philip Mayer, and their family consisted of eight children: Henrietta, George, Lucian, Olivia, Nellie, Annie (Mrs. Albert Drumbheller), Elizabeth and Philip.

Bert E. Drumbheller was born Oct. 16, 1883, and obtained a good education in the public schools of the home locality. For twelve years he was in the employ of the Adams Shoe Company, at Adamsdale, thus learning the business thoroughly, and after severing his connection with this concern was employed for a year by the Bickley & Walborn Shoe Company, at Orwigsburg. At the end of that time he became a member of the firm, retaining the association until 1913, when upon the establishment of the Orwigsburg Shoe Company he became treasurer of the new organization. His fellow officers are: Charles P. Alspach, president; C. C. Snayberger, vice president; Edward O. Mantz, secretary. The output consists of children's and infants' turns and

McKay shoes. The plant, located on Long's avenue, is thoroughly up-to-date in equipment and facilities, and twenty-five hands are given steady employment. Though the business has barely started a good market has already been found for the product, which recommends itself wherever handled.

In 1913 Mr. Drumheller built a fine residence on South Liberty street, Orwigsburg, which he now occupies. He married Lydia L. Kolbe, daughter of Henry Kolbe, a prosperous farmer of North Manheim township, mentioned elsewhere. Mr. Drumheller is a member of the Reformed Church, and in social connection belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

GETHING JENKINS, who has recently assumed the position of general superintendent with the Ellsworth Coal Mining Company, of Newcastle, Schuylkill county, was until a few months ago engaged at the Pine Hill colliery, near the borough of Minersville, in a responsible capacity. He was employed there for a number of years, and has been a mine worker practically all his life. Long experience and intelligent comprehension of the business of coal mining makes him a most valuable man in this connection, and he is equally well esteemed in all the other relations of life. Like so many of the miners hereabouts he is a native of Wales, born March 15, 1861, son of Jenkin Jenkins. The father was also born in Wales, came to America alone in 1865, and settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he made a permanent home. He died here in 1886. Throughout his active years he was engaged as a miner. He married Ann Smith, who was also from Wales, and she followed him to America in 1866 with their two sons, George and Gething. The former is a miner and makes his home at Minersville.

Gething Jenkins was born March 15, 1861, came to America with his mother in 1866, and received a common school education at Minersville. When a boy he began work as a slate picker, and he worked up through the various stages, driving mules, loading coal and taking charge of the inside repair work, until he became a full fledged miner. For nineteen years he was inside foreman of the Pine Hill colliery, near Minersville, where his reliability and high character made him highly regarded. In May, 1915, he resigned that position, and immediately thereafter was chosen as general superintendent of the Ellsworth Coal Mining Company, situated at Newcastle, of which George M. Keiser is president and C. D. Norton, of Philadelphia, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Jenkins is a director of the Union National Bank of Minersville, and ranks among the substantial citizens of the borough. In fraternal connection he is a Mason, belonging to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. and A. M., and to Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M., also at Minersville. In his earlier manhood Mr. Jenkins had considerable reputation in this section as a ball player, playing as a professional with the Mount Carmel and Minersville teams.

Mr. Jenkins married Sarah Evans, daughter of John and Mary (Jones) Evans, who came from Wales and made their home at Minersville, Pa., where Mr. Evans died in 1886, when fifty-nine years old. Mrs. Evans is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Jenkins, and is almost ninety-five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have no children of their own, but they have reared a daughter, Margaret Lewis Jenkins, who continues to reside with them. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELMER F. SCHLASEMAN is an up-to-date merchant of Pottsville and ranks among the progressive residents of the city where he has spent most of

his life. He is a native of Berks county, Pa., a member of an old family of that section, of German origin. His grandfather, William Schlaseman, for many years owner and proprietor of the well known "Schlaseman Hotel" in Bethel township, Berks county, was born in that township in 1798, and died at Millersburg, Berks county, in 1873. His wife, who was born in 1800 in Bethel township, died in 1890. Among their children were: William, Jonathan, Jacob A., Mrs. Ellen Seltzer (living at Millersburg, Berks county), Catherine (who married Daniel Gessler), Mrs. Rebecca Berger, Mrs. Amelia Wunderlick, and Permilla (who married John Wilhelm, proprietor of the "Schlaseman Hotel" after her father's death).

Jacob A. Schlaseman was born in Berks county, where he was reared. When sixteen years old he came to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and became a clerk in the employ of Jacob Huntzinger, later forming a partnership with Henry Huntzinger, in the flour and feed business. They were located at Pottsville, on Railroad street. Some time later Mr. Schlaseman went to Gordon, Schuylkill county, where he enlisted in 1862 in Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. William Thompson, for three years. After the war he located in Berks county, remaining there until 1872, when he returned to Pottsville for the remainder of his life, dying in 1880. In 1856 he married Sarah J. Mann, a member of the well known Mann family of Pottsville and daughter of Samuel Mann, proprietor of the "Pottsville House," which at that time was located at the northeast corner of Centre and Mahantongo streets. Mrs. Schlaseman survived her husband several years, dying in 1888. They are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. They were the parents of sixteen children, but only three lived to maturity: Mary, who married A. L. Wildermuth; Stanley, who died at Pottsville, leaving two children; and Elmer F.

Elmer F. Schlaseman was born Aug. 18, 1867, at Schubert, in Bethel township, Berks county, and was brought to Schuylkill county in 1872. Here he received a public school education, but he was only a small boy when he began to clerk for Samuel Morgan. He has been in the grocery business all his life. After leaving Mr. Morgan he worked for J. R. Wood, and then for the George H. Reed estate, in whose employ he rose to the position of manager. In April, 1898, Mr. Schlaseman engaged in the business on his own account, and he now has a commodious and well stocked store at No. 304 North Centre street, carrying a large variety of groceries and provisions, also dealing in flour, fruits, vegetables, seeds, etc. Mr. Schlaseman has never spared any pains to familiarize himself with the wants of his customers and the demands of the local market, and he has always endeavored to see that his patrons are supplied with first-class goods, and that his store furnishes as good advantages as any for satisfactory marketing. He has a well earned reputation for honorable transactions and trustworthiness, which accounts for the steady trade that comes to his establishment.

Mr. Schlaseman married Lydia E. Faust, daughter of Solomon Faust of Orwigsburg, Pa., member of an old Schuylkill county family. They have three children: Lester E. and Guy A., who are now associated with their father in the business; and Willis C., who graduated from the Pottsville high school in 1914 and is now employed as civil and mining engineer by the Maderia Hill Coal Company.

Mr. Schlaseman is a member of long standing in various local fraternal bodies, having belonged to the Knights of the Golden Eagle for twenty-seven years, to the I. O. O. F. lodge for twenty-four years, and to the Royal Arcanum

for eighteen years. His religious membership is with Trinity Reformed Church.

CHARLES SHUSTER BENSINGER, of New Ringgold, has spent most of his life in occupations bringing him into daily contact with his fellow citizens, and he is one of the most popularly known residents in his section of Schuylkill county. With a record of over thirty years of successful work as an educator in the county, and eleven years' efficient service as postmaster at New Ringgold, as well as other associations, he has filled a creditable place in the community and done his part in bringing about some desirable changes in the regulation of local affairs. He is a native of East Brunswick township, this county, born May 14, 1852, and the family has been established there from an early day.

Frederick Bensinger, the progenitor of many of the name in this locality, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and settled in East Brunswick township before the Revolution. When the war broke out he was engaged in farming there, and he left his private interests to go to the assistance of the Colonies. In his later years he received a pension for his services. He married Mary Weiman, and had a family of eight children, one of whom, Jacob, married Hannah Dreher, and was the ancestor of another branch of the family in East Brunswick township.

Michael Bensinger, son of Frederick, was a farmer in East Brunswick township, where he owned about seventy-five acres of land. He cleared that tract, erected a log house and barn, and carried on general farming the greater part of his life. He had the following children: Edward married Sarah Heiser, and both are deceased; William, deceased, married a Miss Fister; Franklin B. is next in the family; Benneville married Caroline Fahl, and both are deceased; Fred married a Miss Bock, and they reside at McKeansburg; Priscilla married Thomas Hartung, and both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township. He was a Whig in politics.

Franklin B. Bensinger was born in East Brunswick township in March, 1822, educated in the schools of the local district, and spent his youth and early manhood assisting his father on the farm. After his father's death he bought out the other heirs to the homestead place, which he operated all his life. His wife, Catherine (Shuster), born in September, 1821, died in March, 1899, was a daughter of Martin and Magdalena (Koons) Shuster. Mr. Bensinger died in March, 1898. They had the following children: John went West, and is now deceased; Howard, a farmer in West Brunswick township, married Emma Leiby; Charles S. married Ida Baer; Frank L. married Ida Albright, and resides on the homestead farm; Harry, who is a foreman in a silk mill at Tamaqua, married Cora Albright; Thomas, deceased, married Elmira Horn, who resides at McKeansburg; Dora married W. S. Miller, of East Brunswick township; Mary married W. H. Yost, of Reading; Susan is the widow of James Shoener, and lives at Hamburg; Lizzie is the widow of Oscar Kimmel, and makes her home at Port Carbon; Kate married J. A. Shellhammer, of Port Carbon; Carrie married J. A. Yost, of Ringtown, this county. Politically Mr. Bensinger was a Republican. He was an earnest member of the Church of God and very active in its work, serving as trustee and in other capacities. His wife was also a member. They are buried in the Steigerwalt cemetery in East Brunswick township.

Charles S. Bensinger had the advantages afforded in the township schools,

and later studied for two terms at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., where he prepared himself to teach. His professional experience covered a period of thirty-one years, seventeen in East Brunswick township, one at McKeansburg, four in West Brunswick township, three in Blythe township, three in West Penn township, and the remainder as teacher in the New Ringgold grammar school. His devotion to duty wherever his work called him, a high sense of its responsibilities from every standpoint, and conscientious efforts to maintain his efficiency at the highest standard, commanded the unqualified respect of his pupils and co-workers.

During President Theodore Roosevelt's term of office Mr. Bensinger was appointed postmaster at New Ringgold, in which office he is still serving. He is a Republican in political affiliation. He has been a member of the borough council twenty-one years, and has been acting as secretary since his election to that body; and is president of the borough school board, having been elected in 1911, to serve six years. Two such important connections with the administration of government in the borough present many opportunities for valuable service, and it is characteristic of Mr. Bensinger that he turns them to the best account. Fraternally he is a prominent Odd Fellow (having belonged to the order for thirty years), a member and past grand of East Brunswick Lodge, No. 802, and present secretary of that organization, having served in that office continuously for twenty-seven years. He has attended six Grand Lodge Communications as a member of the State body. Mr. Bensinger has been a member since 1883 of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of which he is a past president and the present financial secretary, having served continuously for twenty-seven years in the latter capacity. He has been a member of the Loyal Protective Association of Boston for the last nine years. In religion he adheres to the Reformed denomination, holding membership in the Frieden's Church at New Ringgold, in whose councils he has been active. He is serving at present as deacon and choir leader in the Sunday school.

Mr. Bensinger married Ida Baer, who was born Oct. 7, 1866, in West Penn township, this county, and received her education there. They have had three children; Alice S., born June 15, 1877, married Hardie Hain, a bank clerk in Philadelphia; Harvey Daniel, born Dec. 26, 1878, is a United States wireless operator between San Francisco and Manila; Ralph Charles, born Jan. 11, 1898, now living at home, is learning telegraph operating with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

The late Reuben Baer, Mrs. Bensinger's father, was a farmer in West Penn township, where he owned a small tract and carried on general farming all his life. He married Susanna Zimmerman, a daughter of John and Polly (Shoemaker) Zimmerman, natives of West Penn township, and they had children as follows: Frank, of Tamaqua, married Clara Kleckner; Ida married Charles S. Bensinger; Charles married Minnie Miller, and they reside in Reading, Pa.; Pierce married Alice Houser, and they reside at Steinsville, Pa.; Amandus married Cora Bachert, and their home is in East Brunswick township; Kate married Frank Hafer, of Reading, Pa. Mr. Baer died at the age of fifty-five years. He was a Democrat, a member of Washington Camp No. 100, P. O. S. of A., of New Ringgold, and had religious connection with Zion's Reformed Church in West Penn township.

JEREMIAH MADENFORD, carriage and wagon builder, has been engaged in that line of business at Pottsville from young manhood, and several

years ago began it on his own account, being in partnership with John A. Hartman, under the firm name of Hartman & Madenford. Mr. Madenford was born April 2, 1861, in Schuylkill county, where the family has been settled for many years. His grandfather, Nicholas Von Madenford, was a native of Holland, and coming to America when seventeen years old settled at Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Later in life he became engaged in distilling there and also at Panther Valley, Schuylkill county, and he lived to advanced age. He and his wife Christian (Fehr) are buried at Summit Hill, this county. They had the following children: Daniel, James, Lucetta, Nellie, Henry, Susanna and Edward.

Edward Madenford, son of Nicholas, was born March 17, 1825, near the Blue Mountain, in Schuylkill county, and is now living retired at Pottsville, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Geissler. In young manhood he learned the trade of blacksmith, and after following it for a few years engaged in farming in this county. For eight years he resided in Juniata county, where he also farmed, at the same time carrying on his trade. After returning to Schuylkill county he continued farming, until his retirement in 1904. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, for one year, and served to the close of the conflict. He is a member of the United Brethren denomination, belonging to the church at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county. Mr. Madenford married Sarah A. Yerger, daughter of Amos and Sophia (Buchert) Yerger, who had two other daughters, Lydia and Esther. Mrs. Madenford died in June, 1904, the mother of the following children: Charles lived in Washington township, Schuylkill county; Rosie A. married Lewis E. Lutz, of that township; Alvin A. also lived in Washington township; Erma married William H. Berger, of Pottsville; Mary E., who is unmarried, is living in Reading, Pa.; Jeremiah is next in the family; Clara M. is the wife of Charles F. Geissler, of Pottsville; Milton J. is a resident of Wayne township, Schuylkill county; Sadie S. married W. W. Ney, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Madenford obtained his education in the public schools of Schuylkill county. Up to the age of eighteen years he worked upon a farm, and then learned carriagemaking. For a few weeks he was employed at Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa., and at other places in the State, settling at Pottsville, in 1887. For the twenty-one years succeeding he was in the employ of Daniel Matthews. Subsequently he spent two years with Mr. Yaissle, and on March 1, 1911, formed his present association with Joseph A. Hartman, under the style of Hartman & Madenford, taking over the business formerly conducted by Mr. Buchholz. Their specialty is carriage and wagon building, and they have facilities for doing all kinds of repairing in that line at their well equipped shop, which is located at the corner of Railroad and Sanderson streets. They have also made a specialty of automobile trimming, and the automobile business has become an important part of their operations. They are men of up-to-date ideas in business methods and well prepared as tradesmen for the skillful handling of any work which comes into their establishment.

Mr. Madenford is well known in his connection with the United Evangelical Church at Pottsville, in which he is a zealous worker, at present serving as trustee. Socially he belongs to the P. O. S. of A. In politics he does not confine himself to any party, voting as he sees fit. Mr. Madenford married Sallie Fausset, daughter of William S. Fausset, and sister of the well known attorney William M. Fausset, of Pottsville. They have had six children.

namely: Charlotte F., Olive, Edward, Mary, Donald and Stewart. The family reside at No. 521 East Arch street, Pottsville.

SAMUEL BUEHLER, proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" at Schuylkill Haven, has been an active citizen of that borough in the public service as well as in business, having been a borough official for about three years. Mr. Buehler was born on a farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, June 9, 1866, son of Peter and Catherine (Groetzing) Buehler, natives of Germany, who came to America from Wurtemberg in the year 1850 and first located at Philadelphia, Pa. In 1852 they removed to Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, and for several years thereafter Peter Buehler was employed on public construction work, on the canal, etc. In 1859 he bought the farm in North Manheim township where he made his home, dying there in March, 1867. His wife survived him many years, her death occurring Feb. 26, 1898. They had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: John married Rose Geiger, of Tamaqua (he is a freight conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad); George was drowned in the Raritan canal, at Trenton, N. J., in 1873; Daniel is married and lives at Altoona, Pa. (he is a conductor on the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad); Samuel is mentioned below; Christine married Samuel Berger, of Schuylkill Haven; Mary married John Christ, also of Schuylkill Haven, formerly of Tremont, this county; Louisa married Jacob Berger, of Schuylkill Haven.

Samuel Buehler attended public school until he reached the age of sixteen. For several years afterwards he was variously employed until he commenced railroad work, in the spring of 1889. His first position was as brakeman on the Mine Hill road (now part of the Philadelphia & Reading), at Mine Hill crossing, and he held it until 1891. Then for four years he was employed as a carpenter, in 1892 joining Company F, 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, with which he served until July 30, 1895, when he met with the accident which caused him to lose his foot. He was taken to the Pottsville hospital, where he was the third patient admitted after the opening of the institution. From 1892 to 1895 he was also engaged at the carpenter's trade. Meantime, in 1893, he had begun his career in the public service, as a member of the school board of North Manheim township, serving five years on that body, during two years of which time he was secretary. Having been appointed carpenter at the county almshouse, in 1897, he was thus engaged for the next two years, in March, 1899, moving to Schuylkill Haven, and commencing the hotel business in which he has since been engaged. For some years he had the "Keystone Hotel" at Spring Garden, removing thence to his present location on Main street, in 1907. Here he bought the "Eagle Hotel," which he is still conducting, having the leading place of its kind in Schuylkill Haven. In his line of business Mr. Buehler has naturally become widely acquainted, and he has also been well and favorably known in his association with the administration of public affairs. In 1904 he was appointed councilman to fill an unexpired term, at the end of which, in February, 1905, he was elected for a full term, serving until November, 1907, when he removed from his ward, thus vacating his office. At the same time he was acting as jury commissioner, having been elected to that position Nov. 6, 1906, for three years. So satisfactory were his services that he was honored with reelection in 1909, and continued to hold that position until January, 1914. Mr. Buehler's close attention to the demands of his public positions has entitled him to the general support he has received from his

fellow citizens. He has always been a Republican in political association, and has done considerable work in his party's cause.

Mr. Buehler has numerous fraternal connections in Schuylkill Haven, being a member of Carroll Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand; of Pecos Tribe, No. 327, I. O. R. M., of which he is a past sachem; of Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and of the Owls. He also belongs to the Fish and Game Protective Association of Pottsville. His religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church of Schuylkill Haven.

On Dec. 13, 1898, Mr. Buehler was married to Ida Sheaffer, daughter of George and Susanna (Deibert) Sheaffer, of Schuylkill Haven, who had a family of three children: Ida; Nora, wife of Alden Mayberry; and George, who married a Hirleman. Mr. Sheaffer died in 1911. Mrs. Ida Buehler died Oct. 5, 1903. In May, 1909, Mr. Buehler married (second) Susan Bernheisel. There were no children by either marriage.

JOHN GEORGE STRIEGEL, M. D., one of the younger physicians in practice at Pottsville, was born Aug. 27, 1885, at Shenandoah, Schuylkill county. He belongs to a respected family of German origin, which has been resident in Schuylkill county since settling in America.

Charles A. Striegel, his father, was a native of Baden, Germany. He was twenty-eight years of age when he and his wife came to America, and they made a home in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., at which place he engaged in the bakery business. Later they moved to Shenandoah, where he was in the same line for several years, eventually returning to Pottsville, where he is now living in retirement. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Hirschelman, was born in Bavaria, Germany. Of the children born to their union three are living: George, who is practicing law at Pottsville, a successful professional man; Catherine, widow of James A. Fadden; and John George.

Dr. Striegel acquired his early education in the public schools at Pottsville, graduating from the high school in that borough in 1902. Then he took his medical course, in the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the year 1910, since when he has been in practice at Pottsville. During his college course he was active in the fraternities and other life of the university, being a member of Alpha Tau Delta and Omega Upsilon Phi, the latter a medical society. For one year he was a member of the college basketball team. Since beginning practice he has become associated with the various professional organizations, belonging to the Pottsville Medical Club, the Schuylkill County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he holds membership in the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the German-American Alliance. By his earnest devotion to his professional work, his thorough preparation and a sincere desire to give his patients the best attention possible, he has already laid the foundation for a successful practice. As a citizen he has the zeal and public spirit essential to useful life in every community.

Dr. Striegel married Neva Amanda Kuhn, daughter of Stephen H. and Florence A. (Larrison) Kuhn, of Olean, N. Y., and they have one child, John Garison, born July 30, 1914. Their home is at No. 326 East Norwegian street, Pottsville, where the Doctor also has his office.

ROBERT J. HOFFMAN is one of a group of wide-awake business men who have developed one line of industry at Schuylkill Haven until the borough



has become noted as a center for the manufacture of knitted goods in Pennsylvania. It has benefited the town directly by providing wholesome and desirable employment for a large number of people, whose income is disbursed as well as acquired in the locality, thus creating brisk trade conditions which are apparent in the thriving mercantile establishments of the borough.

The Hoffman family has been settled in Schuylkill county from the time of Robert J. Hoffman's grandfather, Amos Hoffman, who was a native of Berks county, Pa., whence he removed to this region in the first half of the last century. He lived at Landingville, following agricultural pursuits and hotelkeeping, and spent the remainder of his days there. All his children were born to his first marriage, to Mary Reed, whose father was a large landowner in the neighborhood of Schuylkill Haven; his second wife was Leah Achey. The family consisted of the following: Jonathan, who died at Schuylkill Haven, married Abbie Kitner; Sarah married David Warmkessel; James married Mary Deibert; Amos R. is mentioned below; Thomas married Emma Krammes; Rebecca married Michael McCann, and is now living in Philadelphia; George, who lives at Jersey City, married Alice Wagner.

Amos R. Hoffman was born in 1848 at Landingville, in South Manheim township, Schuylkill county, and grew to manhood there. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a boatbuilder for many years, later finding employment as carpenter in the Philadelphia & Reading shops at Schuylkill Haven for about twenty years. He then became janitor of the school building at Schuylkill Haven, holding that position about eighteen years, and in all his associations he discharged his duties with intelligence and conscientious promptness, winning a well deserved reputation for reliability. His death occurred Feb. 21, 1912, and he is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven, where his parents are also interred. Mr. Hoffman married Abba Wagner, daughter of Tobias and Mary (Knittle) Wagner, who lived at Landingville, Mr. Wagner being employed on the canal for some years and later as lock tender. He died at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife living to be eighty-two. They were the parents of children as follows: Amelia married Moses Betz; Catherine married Daniel Sheridan; Daniel married Elizabeth Shollenberger; Rebecca married George Reber; Priscilla married William Weber; Abba married Amos R. Hoffman; Susan married John Rhoad; Alice married George Hoffman, a brother of Amos R. Mrs. Amos R. Hoffman's grandfather Wagner was a well known resident of Hamburg, Berks county, where he died.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos R. Hoffman were the parents of the following children: Robert J. is mentioned below; Cecelia married Jeremiah Harner and lives at Schuylkill Haven; Lulu married Edward Shellenberger, and lives at Schuylkill Haven; Raymond S., of Pottsville, this county, married Martha Emerich; Reuben, of Schuylkill Haven, married Elsie Gerhart; Newton resides with his mother; Blanche married Frederick Hildebrand and died at Pottsville; Elsie died in infancy.

Robert J. Hoffman was born Oct. 29, 1873, at Landingville, Schuylkill county, attended public school at Schuylkill Haven, and in his boyhood was employed in a knitting mill for a time. He then learned the business of house painting, which he followed for a period of four years, and again worked in a knitting mill, from 1895 to 1900. By this time he had acquired sufficient familiarity with its details to feel confident he could make a success as a manufacturer, and in company with Harry A. Dohner began to operate a factory,

the firm of Hoffman & Dohner lasting five years. In 1905 Mr. Hoffman purchased his partner's interest. Then followed a limited partnership with Dr. P. C. Detwiler, Charles Keller and C. F. Schumacher, the firm being known as the Eureka Knitting Company, Limited, who did business until their plant was struck by lightning in September, 1906, and totally destroyed in the fire which followed. Mr. Hoffman has since been in the business alone. He erected a fine brick building 26 by 100 feet in dimensions, two stories high, and thoroughly up to date in equipment and appointments for its purpose, the manufacture of ladies' union suits, for which he finds a wide market. His force consists of from thirty-five to forty hands, and the business ability he has displayed in the building up and maintenance of the business entitles him to a distinct place among the progressive and influential men of the borough.

Mr. Hoffman married Carrie Spindler, daughter of August H. Spindler, who was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and they have a family of three children: Catherine, Isabelle and William A.

At present Mr. Hoffman is serving his fellow citizens in the position of councilman, to which office he was elected in January, 1914. For nine and a half years he was a member of the school board, and secretary of that body during six and a half years of the time. Politically he is associated with the Republican party, and has been a member of the local election board. In fraternal connection Mr. Hoffman is a member of the Heptasophs, in religion a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

JACOB F. HIME, who is now spending his advanced age in retirement at Pottsville, was throughout his active years one of the foremost citizens of Branch township, Schuylkill county. For sixty years and more he was closely associated with the administration of public affairs there, and as an active participant in religious enterprises and the work of social betterment generally has been a representative member of a family noted for vigorous moral character.

Paul Heim (as the name was originally spelled), grandfather of Jacob F. Hime, came to this section when the Indians were still plentiful here, but his intercourse with them was always friendly and they never molested him. They often came to his cabin, and it is said that it was his custom to set a dish of bread and milk before each Indian that visited him. Paul Heim was a native of Germany and came to America when eighteen years old. For a time he lived in Berks county, Pa., in 1747 crossing the Blue mountains, and settling at what is now Auburn, Schuylkill county, in the earliest days of its settlement. He cleared land and engaged in farming and assisted in all the other work of shaping a thriving community. He was especially remembered for his zeal in the organization of Zion's Church there, and assisted in erecting its house of worship, known as the old Red Church, some of his fellow workers being: Peter Schmetgert, Peter Neyman, Jacob Schaeffer, Michael Deibert, Gottfried Beyer, Paul Heim, Philip Pausman, Christian Schabet, Casper Prag and George Huntzinger. The original membership of this famous old church comprised about one hundred, scattered over a large territory, as it was the only organization at that time north of the Blue mountains. The church building was begun in 1765 and completed in 1770. Mr. Heim served the congregation faithfully as one of its officials, and both he and his wife were laid to rest in the burial ground of this church.

Jacob Heim, son of Paul, above, was born and reared on the old homestead

in Schuylkill county. During his young manhood he followed the carpenter's trade for a short time, in 1809 settling in Norwegian (now Branch) township, this county, being the first to locate where the village of Llewellyn now stands. Here he engaged in farming the rest of his days, dying upon his home place. Mr. Heim prospered by industry and he was one of the most intelligent citizens of his day, encouraging and aiding every movement which promised to benefit the locality. The first township election was held in his home in 1837, and on that occasion he and John Moore were chosen the first supervisors of the township. Like his father he was a zealous church worker, one of the founders of the well known Frieden's Church in Branch township, where he was one of the first trustees. It is a Union Church, German Lutheran and Reformed. Mr. Heim married Elizabeth Faust, who died July 23, 1827, and they are both buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery, in Branch township. Their children were as follows: Hannah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rebecca, Esther, Jacob F. and Catherine.

Jacob F. Hime, son of Jacob, above, was born Sept. 28, 1825, at his father's old home in Norwegian (now Branch) township. Reared in a home where diligence, self-reliance and honesty were the guiding principles of everyday life, he has lived up to the best traditions of an honored race. In his early manhood he learned his father's trade, that of carpenter, and he continued to follow it for over forty years in and around Llewellyn, where many evidences of his industry still remain. In 1856 he built the present Frieden's Church and much of his work was in building breakers at the collieries. For fourteen years he was engaged at repair work in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. Mr. Hime retired from his trade in 1884. However, he continued his activities in other directions for many years longer. With an intelligent comprehension of the needs of his community and no disposition to shirk responsibilities, he is called upon to perform many services for his fellow citizens, and has been faithful to every trust. Branch township felt that it was giving up one of its best citizens when he concluded to withdraw after many years of participation in public affairs, and spend his days in retirement at Pottsville. He had filled numerous township offices, serving as assessor (for six years), auditor (one term), treasurer, tax collector and member of the school board (two terms), and for forty years continuously he acted as justice of the peace, to which position he was first elected in 1856. So well satisfied were his fellow citizens with his services in this capacity that he finally had to refuse to be a candidate for the office in order to unburden himself of its duties. He was inspector of elections and in fact cooperated with his townsmen in conserving the best interests of the township in every way. The name of "Squire" Hime was a household word in Branch for many years. His wife dying in the fall of 1912, he had one of his grandchildren stay with him until the next spring, when he sold out and came to Pottsville to make his home with his son Allen J. Hime, with whom he has resided since Feb. 8, 1913. He has followed the custom of his family in his interest in church work, always doing his share to promote the welfare of the Lutheran Church, of which he was a faithful member and a devoted official. In May, 1846, he joined the Minersville Artillery, of which he was a member for seven years.

Mr. Hime married Angeline Heim, daughter of Benjamin Heim (not related, though of the same name). Her father died in Iowa. Mrs. Hime passed away Sept. 23, 1912, at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Jacob F. Hime, namely: Charles, Allen J., John B. and David L. The only survivor is Allen J., who is a pattern maker with the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Pottsville. He married Clara V. Gabel, and they have one child, Amy, now the wife of J. H. Rabenoe.

PETER J. SCHNEIDER, late of Pottsville, though a resident of that borough for only a few years, identified himself with municipal affairs as well as business, and showed his capable qualities in various associations. He was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, which at the time of his birth belonged to France, and was a son of Joseph Schneider, who came to America and settled at Pottsville, Pa., during the first half of the last century. He was a soldier in the Mexican war and won a medal for bravery. Soon after coming to America he bought a few acres of ground at Germantown, Philadelphia, but he subsequently lived among his children. He died in Pottsville, at the home of his son John, corner of Market and Centre streets. His wife Mary died at Locustdale, Schuylkill county. They had the following children: Joseph, August, George, John and Peter J.

Peter J. Schneider was reared in his native land, coming to America with his mother when twenty years old. For a few years he was employed at the Silver Creek mines, Schuylkill county, and later spent a few years at St. Clair, where he was in the saloon business. He then removed to Pittsburgh, where he was employed at the mines, remaining there about two years, after which he located at Ashland, Schuylkill county, in 1862, and embarked in the hotel business. His residence there covered a period of twelve years, after which he located at Pottsville, in 1874, continuing in the same line as proprietor of what was known as the old "Washington House," at the corner of Coal and Nicholas streets. It was the only hotel in that part of the city, and was very successful under Mr. Schneider's management. He operated the place until his death, May 26, 1886, and is buried at Pottsville. Mr. Schneider was a Democrat and active in politics, and at the time of his death was a member of the borough council, in which he had served four years. He was a charter member of the Good Will Fire Company, and belonged to St. John's Society, being a member of the Catholic Church. He made many friends during his active life by his genial manners and readiness to oblige whenever possible.

In 1859 Mr. Schneider married Catharine Schlotman, and ten children were born to this marriage, namely: Mary married Peter Glaub, and they reside in Philadelphia; Katie married Charles A. Wretman, and (second) George W. Bernhard, who has succeeded his mother-in-law, Mrs. Schneider, in the hotel business (by her first marriage Mrs. Bernhard had one son, Carl A., now at Harrisburg, in the employ of the State Highway Department; he married Anastatia Keefer, of Harrisburg); Charles is a resident of Pottsville; Helen married Merrill Walker and lives at Harrisburg; Henry, John, Joseph, Louis, Frank and Theodore are deceased.

After Mr. Schneider's death Mrs. Schneider and her daughter Mrs. Bernhard continued the hotel business, carrying on the house with the same policy which made it so popular under Mr. Schneider's management. In 1905 Mr. Bernhard, son-in-law of Mrs. Schneider, took charge of the business, and the house is now conducted under the name of the "Bernhard Hotel," the present proprietor keeping up the standard which has always characterized this house.

Joseph Schlotman, Mrs. Schneider's father, was born in Westphalia, Germany, and came to America when a young man. For many years he was en-

gaged as a mine boss for the Sillymans of Pottsville. He married Louisa Osterman.

OLIVER A. BITTLE, the well known undertaker, and associated with his brother, David M. Bittle, as furniture dealers at Schuylkill Haven, was born at Cressona, Schuylkill county, Aug. 30, 1882, son of Albert O. Bittle. He is a grandson of Jacob Bittle and great-grandson of Jacob Bittle, and traces his line of descent from a German ancestor who was one of the emigrants who came to America in 1753.

Christopher Bittle is known to have landed on the soil of the New World Sept. 24, 1753, when he was but a youth, and he soon after located at Quakertown, near Philadelphia. For a time he worked on a farm. Later he married a Miss Neiman and settled on a farm near Pottstown, Pa. Selling out, he came to Schuylkill county and bought the farm now owned by the Henney and Reber families, near Schuylkill Haven. After a time he sold this farm and bought another along the road from Schuylkill Haven to Cressona, later known as the Bartolette farm. He also sold this place, and finally settled on a tract near Minersville, where his death occurred. This place was later known as the James farm. Besides farming he was a lumberman, cutting and selling timber and operating a sawmill. Christopher Bittle had these children: John, Jacob, Henry, Jonathan, Mrs. Maria Strauch, Mrs. Molly Pott, Mrs. Kate Weaver, Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver, Mrs. Rebecca Reed, Mrs. Sarah Jennings and Mrs. Eva Warner.

Jacob Bittle, son of Christopher, was born in North Manheim township and attended different schools in the various places to which his father removed as the years passed. Pursuing the vocation of farmer on the many places his father possessed at different periods, he finally bought a farm of his own in Long Run valley, North Manheim township, cleared off the timber, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying at the age of eighty-eight. His wife, who was a member of the well known Clouser family of Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, had passed away some time previous. They both lie in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. They had the following children: William; Jacob, mentioned below; John, who died on the homestead; Andrew, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Maria; who married (first) a Mr. Zerbe and (second) a Mr. Berger; Katie, wife of Isaac Berger; Tina, wife of Gabriel Groan; and Sallie, wife of Isaac Ely.

Jacob Bittle, son of Jacob, was born in Schuylkill county and lived for a time at Long Run, later removing to Cressona, where he was an employee of the Mine Hill Railroad Company. He then bought a farm in North Manheim township, west of Cressona, and followed farming until his death. He was united in marriage to Catherine DeLong, and their children were: William, Amanda, George W., Robert L., Albert O., Alice, Peter C., David M. and Isaac E.

Albert O. Bittle was born at Cressona, Pa., and reared upon the farm, attending the country schools. Having an inclination for railroading, he followed that occupation for many years. Finally he gave up this strenuous work and settled down to carpentering and contracting at Cressona, which he still follows. He married Mary Coover, daughter of George W. Coover, and they have had children as follows: George C.; Jacob W., a merchant of Cressona; Bertha, wife of Calvin Huntzinger; Sadie, wife of Clayton Ginder; Oliver A., men-

tioned below; David M., partner of Oliver A.; Arthur J.; Bessie, wife of Newton Blecker; and Mary, wife of Stanley Kulp.

Oliver A. Bittle attended the public schools and when a youth began his life work with W. F. Weber, the well known undertaker of Pottsville, Pa., continuing in his employ for a period of six years. He then accepted a position with D. M. Wagner, furniture dealer of Schuylkill Haven, remaining with him from Aug. 4, 1912, until April 1, 1914, at which time he and his brother took over the business by purchase from Mr. Wagner, operating under the name of Bittle Brothers. They now carry one of the largest stocks in the county, and have the only store of its kind in the town of Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Bittle was married to Anetta Huntzinger, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Shurey) Huntzinger, of Hegins, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Grace L. Mr. Bittle is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Schuylkill Haven.

ZACCUR P. MADARA, of Pottsville, is a descendant of a family which has been identified with the history of the borough for over a century, and its members in the present generation may well be proud of the substantial evidences the town has of their skill as workmen and general trustworthiness.

The Madara family is of French extraction, and the name is found variously spelled—Maddeira, Madery, etc. Sebastian Madery, the ancestor of the family in Berks county, where it was originally settled on coming to this country, died at Reading in 1775. It is not known how many children were in his family, but we have record of Michael, Casper, Samuel and Nicholas. All of these but Samuel served in the Revolutionary war. Michael, who was in Captain Will's Company, died in 1823. He was the ancestor of Zaccur P. Madara.

Nicholas Casper Madara, grandfather of Zaccur P. Madara, was born and reared in Berks county, Pa. He was a stonemason by trade. Coming to Schuylkill county in 1806, he was one of the early residents of Pottsville, and much of the most important construction work was intrusted to him in his day: the buildings he erected included the Episcopal church and the old Parvin mill, which later was torn down. He died in Pottsville when fifty-seven years old. Mr. Madara married Mary Dreher, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Jacob, Charles, James, Nicholas, George, Maria, Elizabeth and Catherine Eliza. Of this family Charles built the stone wall as well as all the mason work, including the chapel, at the Charles Baber cemetery, Pottsville, a notably fine sample of masonry.

Jacob Madara, son of Nicholas Casper Madara, followed the business of stonemason and plasterer, and like his father was regarded as one of the leading men of the day in the borough and county. The construction work of the Henry Clay monument, of which the community is justly proud, was awarded to him, and stands as a monument to his conscientious and efficient workmanship. He died in March, 1884, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a Republican on political questions and a Lutheran in religious connection. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Hart, also lived to the age of seventy-six years. Zaccur P. is now the only survivor of their six children, namely: William George; Zaccur P.; Maria, wife of Frank Schulze; Nicholas; and Georgiana and Henrietta, both of whom died young.

Zaccur P. Madara was born March 27, 1840, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county. He received a public school education and learned the trade of brick

and stone mason with his father, being first employed in that line of work. Later he went to work in the rolling mills as a roller, and remained there for about fifteen years, after which for about ten years he was engaged as section boss on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. In 1885 he became a member of the police force of Pottsville, with which he was connected for twenty-five years, retiring from the service at the end of that period. Meantime, in 1907, he had been elected a member of the council of the borough, in which he served two terms (six years). Since 1910 Mr. Madara has conducted a grocery store at No. 329 North George street, where he also resides. His various business and official associations have brought him into contact with an unusually large number of his fellow citizens, by whom he is well and favorably known. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Grand Army of the Republic, having served one year during the Civil war as a member of Company G, 202d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Politically he is a Republican.

On Feb. 8, 1860, Mr. Madara married Harriet E. Dobbins, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Dobbins, of Minersville, this county, the former of whom died when his daughter was but five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Madara became the parents of the following children: William George is deceased; Laura L. married Edgar Wilson, a brother of Kimbel Wilson, of Pottsville; Ida E. married John Murray; Katie married Robert Rogers; Walter Paul, a resident of Pottsville, married Irene Mader; Nellie is deceased; Abbie L. married William Woodward; Annie E. is deceased; Matilda, twin of Annie, died young; Harriet E. married Fred Schulze; Zaccur P. is located in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bessie died young; Bessie (2) married Weston Bruner (his first wife was her sister Annie E.). Mr. and Mrs. Madara are members of the Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM F. DOHERTY, of Schuylkill Haven, is a business man who has shown considerable enterprise in taking advantage of local conditions. For over a quarter of a century he has carried on the manufacture of paper boxes, and with the development of various industries in the borough has made a substantial increase in his business by catering to the manufacturers who have become established here, suiting his products to their needs so that they have not been obliged to go elsewhere. Moreover, he has been wide-awake and ingenious about learning their special wants, and has made his factory a convenient adjunct to the plants of his patrons in this section.

Mr. Doherty is of Irish descent, but the family has long been settled in America, his great-grandfather having come to this country from Ireland and settled at Columbus, Ohio, where he died. His son John, the grandfather of William F. Doherty, also lived and died at Columbus, Ohio, and John Doherty, the father of William F., was born there. He removed to Schuylkill Haven, Pa., where he became engaged as a coal operator, having two collieries at Mine Hill Gap. His partner was Charles Montgomery Hill. This business he followed most all of his active life, died in 1866, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He married Mary Heiser, a daughter of George and Catherine (Koenig) Heiser, the former a pioneer at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Heiser was a prominent contractor, and assisted in building the Schuylkill canal in 1816. His residence was on the site where the Bryant homestead is now located on Main street, Schuylkill Haven. His children were: Dr. Edward, Joshua, Mary, Margaret, Abigail and Elizabeth. John Doherty and his wife

had these children: Amanda, Margaret, Ellen, Caroline, Elizabeth, George, Charles, William F. and Frank.

William F. Doherty was born at Schuylkill Haven in 1859 and attended the public schools there. In his early life he followed farming, but when a young man learned telegraphy, at which he was engaged for some time, in the employ of the Reading Company. For a while he was located at Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa. In 1888 he engaged in his present business, which he has been successfully conducting without interruption since. The product of his factory, which is equipped with thoroughly modern machinery, is stiff paper boxes, for which there is a large local demand. From twelve to fifteen hands are steadily employed. Mr. Doherty has made a definite place for himself in the business circles of the borough by his admirable management of the factory and the establishing of a profitable trade.

Mr. Doherty is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. He is unmarried, but he has adopted the four children of George H. Roeder and his wife Bertha (Clemens), namely: Helen Roeder, Dora Roeder, Esther Roeder and Harry Roeder.

ADOLPH W. SCHALCK, late of Pottsville, for many years held a position among the most energetic members of the legal profession in Schuylkill county. His ability and the qualifications of leadership which became apparent early in his career brought him into influential association with the Democratic party which continued for many years, and his work as such has a distinct place in the history of the county. A man of high mental attainments, he had a broad outlook, which brought him into sympathy with all classes; and his thorough understanding of all his fellow citizens in the county made possible a degree of usefulness of which only one of his keen intellect and deep insight could be capable. Mr. Schalck was a German by birth. All his ancestors were natives of Germany, and his parents were the first members of the family to come to this country.

George Schalck, father of Adolph W. Schalck, was born at Wiesbaden in 1820. He was a son of Christian Schalck, a well-to-do millwright, whose flourmill was located near there, the business having been founded by his ancestors who, for generations before him, were men of influence and standing in that part of Germany. He married Dorothea Hartz. Their son, George, acquired a thorough education in the schools of his native land and, in his early life, learned the trades of locksmith and gunsmith, during several campaigns serving as armorer in the German army. Coming to the United States in 1854, at the request of old friends who had preceded him here, he located at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he made his permanent home. His great and versatile mechanical genius and his skill as a marksman were appreciated wherever he was known. His handmade rifles had a national reputation, and his violins, also made entirely by hand, were well known and prized in advanced musical circles. He won many valuable medals and other rewards as a sharpshooter at target, in America and abroad, and made the cannon, with checks for the gun carriage, and ammunition, for the local 96th Pennsylvania Regiment, Volunteers, to take with them to the Civil war in 1861. He was also an expert engraver, wood carver and wrought iron worker—in fact, a past master in every conceivable branch of mechanical work. As a citizen and mechanical genius, he was much esteemed in the place of his adoption.

Mr. Schalck's wife, Sophia Windisch, was also born in Wiesbaden in





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1820. She was a woman of great mental attainments, particularly well read in Biblical lore, universal history, astronomy and German literature. It was her custom to sit by the hour in her husband's workshop, reading aloud to him from the newspapers or educational literature or fiction, her fingers meanwhile busy with her knitting needles, his hands skillfully occupied with his work while listening to his wife's reading. He died in 1893. She survived him eighteen years, passing away in 1911, when nearly six months over ninety years old, in full possession of all her faculties almost to the end, her wonderfully bright mind never failing her. She was a daughter of David Windisch and his wife Antoinette Thorn. The former's father was Conrad von Windisch, who, while still a university student in Austria, for political reasons renounced his rights as heir to his father's princely title and estates and, with a younger brother, came to Wiesbaden, where he secured employment as an artistic china decorator in a nearby porcelain factory. He married the only child of the owner of the factory, and he and his young wife, Catrina Brüll, then opened the first china store in Wiesbaden, the latter continuing the business after the death of her husband, in 1809.

Adolph W. Schalck, only child of George and Sophia (Windisch) Schalck, was born at Wiesbaden, Jan. 16, 1845, and spent the first nine years of his life there. He began his education in the well conducted schools of his native city, learning English as well as German. In his later years he continued his German studies, using his native language fluently and acquiring a wide familiarity with German history and literature as well as American and general universal history and Biblical history and mythology, having inherited his mother's disposition and studious inclinations. When the family settled in Pottsville he attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1857, with honors; it was then conducted in the old Bunker Hill school-house. He then pursued his studies at the Pottsville Academy (held in what is now the Henry C. Russell homestead). His first inclination was for mechanics, the line in which his father had proved so successful; and he worked for a year in his father's shop after leaving the academy. His father, however, feeling that the boy did not have the genius for great success in that work, advised him to change his occupation and, in 1860, he went to Philadelphia, becoming a salesman and clerk in a wholesale glass and china importing house, with which he remained about two years. Feeling that his prospects there were not all he could desire, and having determined upon a professional career, he returned to Pottsville, where he became a reporter for the *Schuykill Demokrat*, at that time the German organ of the Democratic party in the county. He also learned the rudiments of printing in this connection.

Mr. Schalck's entrance into political and public affairs probably had its inception here, in his opportunity for acquaintance with public men and events. During the campaign of 1862 he had his first political experience. That year, Franklin B. Gowen, Esq., was elected district attorney of Schuykill county, and Mr. Schalck, who had become acquainted with him during the campaign, became a clerk in his law office, where he soon began the study of law. After his admission to the bar, on March 16, 1866, when but twenty-one years of age, he became Mr. Gowen's principal assistant, and when the latter left Pottsville in 1868 to open an office in Philadelphia Mr. Schalck remained in charge of the Pottsville office, in association with the late George DeB. Keim, an old personal friend and law student of Mr. Gowen's, who

afterwards succeeded him as president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

In 1870, having decided to branch out on his own responsibility, Mr. Schalck severed this association, with its very evident advantages, in order to give all his time to building up an independent practice. It is noteworthy that within a few years he had drawn a clientele which compared with the patronage commanded by the older and best lawyers in the county. His large and varied practice made him one of the leading members of the junior set in the legal fraternity at that time. His active association with the legal profession continued until his death, and his prestige increased from year to year with legal victories and skillful attention to the interests of his many clients. His fidelity and zeal in following up everything concerning a case entrusted to him, his industry in research and his ability to make the most of every favorable circumstance, won him the absolute confidence of all who came to him for legal advice. His opinion was sought in nearly every important case in the county, he being a thorough lawyer in every way, as a counselor, as a pleader and in argument. His knowledge of the law was most comprehensive, and he was always ready to meet successfully every legal point an opponent could present. Though ever modest and unassuming, he was always master of his subject and of himself.

A few years after entering the legal profession Mr. Schalck, as a zealous member of the Democratic party, was drawn into political activity, and from about 1871 until his death was closely associated with public affairs. His experience as a public speaker, the popularity he gained in that capacity, his reliable judgment and comprehensive grasp of the needs of the situation, made him a campaign worker of recognized ability and value; and he had an equally high reputation in his party as an organizer, though he never allowed his Democracy to become blind partisanship or to interfere with matters most deeply affecting the public good.

In 1876 he became county chairman, and from that time until his death served repeatedly as chairman or treasurer of the Democratic County committee; and, when not associated with that organization as such, carried on his activities in other relations, having also been secretary, treasurer and chairman of the executive committees—all without recompense and, it should be said, often at great personal sacrifice. When serving as chairman in 1890, at the time of Governor Pattison's second campaign, the county gave Mr. Pattison a majority of over 4,100, the largest it ever gave to any candidate. His last service as county chairman was in 1907.

The public positions filled by Mr. Schalck were all in the line of his profession. From 1875 to 1878 he was solicitor for the directors of the poor of the county. In 1877 he was elected district attorney, his term from 1878 to 1881 covering the latter part of the period of the Molly Maguire troubles. From 1881 to 1884 he was attorney to the county commissioners, later on serving as attorney to various other county officers and lastly as county solicitor, from 1906 to 1908. In all of these positions he showed himself to be thoroughly public-spirited, a fearless opponent of corruption and graft in the administration of all public offices, and at various times quite prominent in the investigations and exposures of faithless officials, his most prominent case in this line being, as counsel for the county auditors, in uncovering the big graft in the erection of the new courthouse at Pottsville, when he recovered \$65,000 for the county treasury, refusing offers of large sums from interested parties who desired him to withdraw from the case.

During the Civil war he enlisted twice, in 1862 and in 1863, serving in the 6th and 27th Pennsylvania Regiments, emergency troops, raised to protect the State and drive the Confederates back across the Potomac. He attempted to enlist at the beginning of the war, but was rejected on account of his youth and because he lacked a robust constitution. In his later years he was an active worker in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Gowen Post, No. 23, which he served as quartermaster (treasurer) for twenty-seven years, up to the time of his death. His chief other social connection was with the German Order of Harugari, which he served as State president, the local branch of which disbanded some years ago because death had reduced the membership to a very few. He was president of the Schuylkill Branch of the German-American Alliance at the time of his death.

Mr. Schalck took a sincere interest in the history of his county and collaborated with the late Capt. D. C. Henning, a former prominent member of the same bar, in editing and compiling the History of Schuylkill County published by the State Historical Association in 1907, also being one of the organizers of and active members in the local Historical Society. Mr. Schalck was actively associated with all important local movements, among others having been an officer in the local Soldiers' Monument Association, Civic Society, the old Board of Trade, Old Home Week Association, and anti-new county movement. His last active participation in public affairs was in July, 1911, when he was one of the Fourth of July orators and a member of the committee of arrangements for the local Schuylkill County Centennial celebration.

Brought up in the Lutheran faith, he was a prominent member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Pottsville and one of the earnest workers of that congregation all his adult life, serving many years as trustee, for over forty years as member of the council, and many years as superintendent of the Sunday school, in which he continued to teach after resigning that position. He was kind-hearted and charitable, no worthy person ever appealing to him in vain for help. His public as well as private life always commanded the implicit confidence and respect of all who knew him. His death, which occurred Oct. 26, 1911, deprived the community of one of its best beloved citizens. He is buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

In 1870 Mr. Schalck married Emma R. Haeseler, daughter of Dr. Charles Haeseler; and of the two children born to their union, Sophie died in infancy. Louise G. was her father's efficient assistant until her marriage to Dr. W. F. Doyle, of Pottsville, Pa. They have one son, Francis Schalck Doyle. Mrs. Schalck continues to occupy the homestead at No. 320 West Market street, Pottsville.

DR. CHARLES HAESELER, father of Mrs. Schalck, was the eldest son of Henry Frederick Haeseler and his wife Amalia (Schumacher), and was born in 1810 at Nordheim, in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany. He was a graduate of the University of Goettingen, Germany, completing his course of medical study there. In 1834 he came to America and became one of the pioneers in the medical profession in this section of Pennsylvania. He and Drs. Constantin Herring and B. Becker were the first to practice homœopathy here. He was an active church worker, a man of literary ability and highly gifted as a writer of poetry, many of his compositions having been published

in various church publications, especially in the "Evangelischer Botschafter," from 1838 to 1850.

From his mother, Amalia Schumacher, Dr. Haeseler inherited, as her eldest son, the family Bible of her ancestors which had descended to her because her parents had no male issue. Up to that time it had been handed down from father to son. This Bible is the oldest known in Pennsylvania, having been printed in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1555, with copious illustrations, and having been handed down as a family heirloom from generation to generation, from the time of its purchase by a member of the family soon after it was published, being treasured by them and often saved from destruction by fire and flood.

Dr. Charles Haeseler died in 1870, after a long and successful professional career. His wife, Louisa H. Ruhe, also descended from an old Nordheim family, had died in 1865. Two of their sons followed in their father's footsteps professionally: Dr. Henry, a graduate of Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, who located in Iowa, on account of poor health, and practiced there until his death in 1855; and

DR. CHARLES HERMAN HAESELER, their eldest son, who was born in 1830 at Nordheim and was three years old when brought by his parents to this country. After brief periods of residence in various other parts of Pennsylvania the family settled at Pottsville, and there young Charles obtained his early education. He began his medical course at Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, and then took a further course of study at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. Soon after graduating he practiced his profession for two years in New York City, returning to Pottsville in 1857 to assist his father professionally, his knowledge and skill soon gaining him a large practice and a high reputation.

While still a medical student, he enlisted in the army of our country and served in the Mexican war. During the Civil war he served with the militia under two enlistments and entered the service a third time after the battle of Gettysburg, being with the 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry, a six months' regiment, as assistant surgeon. At the expiration of this term, he was presented a sword in special recognition of his successful control and suppression of an epidemic of diphtheria which had broken out in the regiment. He spent most of the year 1867 in Europe, visiting the hospitals and medical institutions of many of the great cities, including London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Heidelberg, Rome, etc. Upon his return to America, he published an account of his travels abroad in the book "Across the Atlantic," issued by the Petersons of Philadelphia.

In 1871, having been elected to the chair of Pathology and Practice of Medicine by the faculty of Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, he removed to that city to enter upon the duties of his new position. There, as in Pottsville, he was soon overwhelmed with the professional work of his private practice, which attained such proportions that he could not carry on both that and his professorship. He therefore resigned the latter to give all his attention to general practice.

In 1877, his health having become impaired, he removed from Philadelphia to Pottsville, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1903. He was deservedly honored as one of the most distinguished physicians of the county. Despite the pressure of his medical work, he found time, as opportunity offered, to indulge his taste for literary work, and he contributed largely to

the medical and literary periodicals of the country. He and his father have been two of the most prominent physicians to carry on their work in Schuylkill county, Mrs. Schalck's son-in-law, Dr. William Francis Doyle, worthily representing the third generation of homeopathic physicians in the family.

JAMES J. BELL, of Shenandoah, is an attorney of the Schuylkill county bar whose record in the legal profession has added to its prestige. Though he has not yet reached his prime he has a long list of successes to his credit, and throughout a busy career has carried the responsibilities of a constantly increasing practice with undiminished vigor and enthusiasm.

Mr. Bell is a native of Shenandoah, born March 18, 1876, of Irish ancestry, a son of James Bell and grandson of John Bell. The grandfather was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and in his early years learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed all his life. He married in Ireland, and lived at Upperrhills until he set out for America with his family, May 1, 1841. For a short time they lived in Canada, near Niagara Falls, thence moving to Carbondale, Pa., and from there to Greenberry, in the Heckscherville valley in Schuylkill county, Pa. His death was caused by pneumonia, on Jan. 23, 1888, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, Catherine (Jackson), a native of County Kilkenny, died May 19, 1883, aged eighty-two years, and is buried with Mr. Bell in the St. Vincent de Paul cemetery at Minersville, this county. Mr. and Mrs. John Bell had nine sons and two daughters, of whom Samuel met an accidental death (he was unmarried); James was the father of James J. Bell; Joseph, now deceased, married Ellen Brennan; William, who served in the Civil war, was killed in the mines; Richard married Mary Nolan and lives in Philadelphia, Pa.; Edward is a resident of Heckscherville; Catherine and the other daughter died young.

James Bell, father of James J. Bell, was born Sept. 29, 1838, in Kilkenny, Ireland, and was two and a half years old when the family came to America. His education was acquired at Heckscherville, where he lived until his removal to Shenandoah in 1873. At the former place he began work as a slate picker, and for a few years he was engaged in driving gangways at the William Penn colliery. When he gave up mining he went into business, and from this time he was intimately connected with various important activities in the borough, filling a large place in its life. He was the first president of the Citizens' National Bank, continuing to hold that office until his death; for over twenty years he was president of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association; and he was treasurer of the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Association up to the time of his death. He was a member of the Shenandoah board of school directors, and served as tax collector and treasurer of West Mahanoy township. For two years he was superintendent of the borough water works. For a time he was secretary of the Miners' Union in Shenandoah, and a number of other local organizations had his encouragement and loyal support. He was a very active member of the T. A. B. Society, which he served as treasurer, and he was president and treasurer of the temperance board of the C. T. A. U., connected with the T. A. B. Society. He became a member of St. Patrick's Society in its early history. Mr. Bell is buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Annunciation. When a boy he was thrown from a pole swing and received injuries which were probably the cause of his death, though he reached a good age, passing away May 17, 1911.

Mr. Bell was married at Heckscherville, in St. Kyran's Church, to Margaret Conville, who was born in February, 1846, daughter of Patrick and

Catherine (Hughes) Conville. A large family was born to this union: John William, who died Jan. 22, 1915, when about fifty years old, was engaged as a stationary engineer; he married Margaret Kelly. Patrick W., now of Philadelphia, where he is engaged as a plumber, married Margaret Loftus. Joseph W. is engaged as a superintendent of building construction in Albany, N. Y. Thomas Francis, who died in Shenandoah at the age of thirty-three years, was a graduate of Lehigh University, from which he held the degree of mechanical engineer, and had attained quite a reputation as a naval architect, having designed the battleship "Maine." Four children died in infancy or youth. James J. is next in the family. Margaret M. and Mary M. are living at home. Richard Alfonse received injuries which caused his death April 30, 1905, at the age of twenty-two years, when he was just about to graduate from the normal school at East Stroudsburg, Pa., where he had been pursuing a preparatory course. William Francis, a graduate of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, is now practicing law at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; he married Marie Ryan.

Patrick Conville, the grandfather of Mrs. Margaret (Conville) Bell, was a native of Queen's County, Ireland, and after his death, his wife, Margaret (Delaney), also a native of Queen's County, came to America with her son Patrick and other children, and settled at Heckscherville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where she died at the age of eighty years.

Patrick Conville, son of Patrick and Margaret (Delaney) Conville, was born in Queen's County, Ireland, and was a child when he accompanied his mother to America. For a number of years he lived at Heckscherville, and there began mine work, which he continued to follow most of his life. Eventually he settled at Shenandoah, where he spent the latter part of his life in retirement, and he died there. He married Catherine Hughes, who was born in Queen's County, Ireland, daughter of Richard and Catherine (Bergen) Hughes, farming people, both of whom died in Ireland. Their children were Patrick, Edward, Catherine (Mrs. Conville) and Mary (who married Martin Brennan). Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Conville: Mary married Michael Hughes, and both are deceased; Mortimer married Mary Brophy, and both are deceased; Margaret, Mrs. James Bell, is the only survivor of the family; Julia married William Doyle, and both are deceased.

James J. Bell matriculated in the law department of the University of Michigan, and graduated in 1898, with the degree of LL. 'B., and in the same year was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of Michigan. He then returned to his native city, where he opened an office. In 1901 he successfully defended James Horrox, who was charged with the murder of Edward Ball, and the same year represented the prosecution in the case of John Fronk, charged with the murder of Edward Hoffman, at Minersville. In the following year he was retained for the defense of Charles Shealer and George Stinitis, who were accused of brutally beating and leaving for dead Frank Bloom, and secured their acquittal. In May, 1902, he was of counsel for the defense in the case in which Matt. Stiavinsky and John and Charles Margavage, charged with the murder of John Litwinavage, were acquitted. He was of counsel for the State in the case of Arthur Wadsworth, the soldier who shot and killed William Durham in the strike of 1902, and it was Mr. Bell who set in motion the process of law that forced the surrender of Wadsworth to the civil authorities by the military power, the Supreme court sitting in extraordinary session as committing magistrates to hear the case. Mr. Bell defended



Joseph Paliewicz for the murder of Joseph Beddall. This was one of the most closely contested cases ever tried in Schuylkill county. The prosecution was represented by District Attorney McLaughlin, M. M. Burke, J. F. Whalen and E. W. Bechtel, all lawyers of recognized ability. The accused was acquitted.

Mr. Bell is a close student of the law and a keen follower of events in general. He devotes much time to the study of the United States constitution, its history and interpretation. He takes an academic interest in many much neglected but important questions, and is affiliated with national societies whose object is the study of such matters. He takes a public-spirited stand in all matters concerning the welfare of Shenandoah and enthusiastically identifies himself with every movement in that direction. Mr. Bell has, without exception, consistently refused to represent the libellant in divorce cases upon the ground that divorces result in confusion and are therefore uneconomic. He further contends that divorces render the home unstable and will, in time, affect the stability of the nation. In every case where he has thus far appeared for the defense in divorce cases, he has succeeded in defeating the divorce.

On Feb. 21, 1906, Mr. Bell married Mary Catherine Bender, daughter of the late Lawrence and Anna Bender, of Ashland, and this union has been blessed with a son, Laurence Justin, who was born on June 23, 1907. Mrs. Bell is one of a family of eight children. Englebert C., one of her brothers, is a Philadelphia physician of great promise, who has spent eight years in college and hospital work, the last eighteen months of that time in Vienna, Austria, where he was appointed to a place on the hospital staff of the University of Vienna. Frank, another brother, is a division engineer for the P. & R. C. & I. Company at Shenandoah. William is a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy. Louis E. is in business at Ashland. Anna is at home and J. Harry is a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM HENRY DIEFENDERFER (deceased), of Auburn, was one of the foremost men of his generation in Schuylkill county. Possessed of unusual business ability, he was remarkably successful in the direction of his private undertakings and equally effective in advancing the welfare of his borough, being intimately associated with public affairs in spite of the demands of his large business interests. Born May 29, 1854, near Auburn, he was a son of John Henry Diefenderfer and grandson of John Diefenderfer.

John Diefenderfer was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., and spent his later years with his son, John Henry, near Auburn, Schuylkill county, where he died at the age of seventy-three years; he is buried at Auburn. His wife, also from Lehigh county, is buried at Kimmel's Church in West Brunswick township. Their children were: John Henry; Christian, who died in West Brunswick township; Maria, who died unmarried at the age of eighty years and is buried at Auburn; Elizabeth, Mrs. Lloyd, who died at Pottsville, Pa.; and Susanna, Mrs. Samuel Moyer, who died at Orwigsburg, and is buried at Auburn.

John Henry Diefenderfer was born in 1824 in Lehigh county, Pa., and remained there until after he had served his apprenticeship to the trade of stone and brick mason. Moving to Schuylkill county, he made his home in West Brunswick township, followed his trade, and soon after his arrival here bought a farm in the township, which he operated for about twelve years.

Selling that place, he had property below Auburn, on which he was engaged in farming for seven years. At the end of that period he moved into the borough, where he worked with his son in the factory for a short time, subsequently living retired until his death, April 28, 1903, in his seventy-ninth year. He is buried at Auburn. Mr. Diefenderfer married Martha A. Wagner, who was born in West Brunswick township, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Neff) Wagner, and she still resides at Auburn, being now (1915) in her eighty-fifth year. Children as follows were born to this union: Francis Daniel died when five and a half years old; Allen died when three and a half years old; Walter B., M. D., is now stationed at Altoona, as physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at that point; Horace G., of Auburn, is R. F. D. mail carrier.

William Henry Diefenderfer spent his youth assisting his father with the farm work. During the early part of his independent business career he was engaged in the manufacture of brooms for a time, and subsequently in the manufacture of hosiery, which he carried on until 1895. That year he embarked in the manufacture of underwear, ladies' and children's union suits, ribbed vests and drawers, and this was afterward his main business until his death. He became associated in that line with W. G. Faust, under the name of W. H. Diefenderfer & Company, and the plant was known as the Auburn Knitting Mills. When Mr. Faust died Mr. Diefenderfer purchased his interest, and was afterwards sole owner. Through his energy and wise business policy the business grew until from sixty to seventy hands were given constant employment at the plant, which is 40 by 120 feet in dimensions, two stories and basement.

Mr. Diefenderfer was never limited in his operations by narrow vision, his active mind enabling him to see the possibilities of modern public utilities and the benefit to be derived from the introduction of new enterprises into the community. Thus he was one of the promoters of the Auburn Electric Light & Power Company; was president of the Renovo Fire Brick & Clay Manufacturing Company; an organizer of the First National Bank of Auburn, of which he became president, filling that position most creditably until his death. He was never too busy for participation in the local government affairs, was particularly zealous on the subject of public education, and served twenty-one years as president of the borough council. Religious enterprises also had his support, and he was one of the active members of the Church of God, serving as trustee and as teacher in the Sunday school. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Page Lodge, No. 270. Mr. Diefenderfer's sudden death occurred in his home at Auburn, Jan. 24, 1914, and was not only a loss to the domestic circle, but deeply felt by his associates in every relation of life. His widow, Sebilla Faust (Moyer), daughter of Abraham and Mary (Faust) Moyer, continues to reside on the homestead at Auburn. They had a family of ten children, namely: Jennie; Winfield; Hermie, who married Harry F. Drumheller and resides at Allentown, Pa.; Iva, who married Earle Fegley and resides in Philadelphia; Elsie, Mrs. John Dreher, living at Hudson, N. Y.; Arbie, married to Ira Bartlett, living at Hudson, N. Y.; Earnestine, at home; Guy H.; Blanche, married to Augustus McGovern, residing at Cressona, Pa.; and Iwilla, at home.

GUY H. DIEFENDERFER was born Aug. 16, 1889, at Auburn, Pa., where he grew up, obtaining his early education in the local schools. He graduated from the Pottsville high school with the class of 1908, in 1909 finishing a course in

the Peirce business college, at Philadelphia, and subsequently studied in the Perkiomen Seminary, at Pottsville, graduating from that institution in 1910. He was preparing for a course at Lehigh College, but instead entered his father's factory in the fall of 1910 and fortunately had several years' experience under his father's able guidance, qualifying him to take over the business when the latter died. He has managed the plant for the estate ever since, and gives promise of being a worthy successor to one whose name had a prominent place in the history of business development of Auburn, and, indeed, all over Schuylkill county. His fellow citizens paid him a high compliment when they appointed him a member of the council to succeed his father. For some time Mr. Diefenderfer was a director of the Auburn Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, resigning in 1913. Fraternally he holds membership in Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., of Orwigsburg. Mr. Diefenderfer resides at home with his mother.

JACOB KILGUS, of Pottsville, has many substantial pieces of construction work to show for the quarter of a century he has been doing business in this part of Schuylkill county. The variety of his operations has made it possible for him to acquire liberal experience, of which his patrons have received the benefit. Mr. Kilgus has kept steady pace with the improvements which have taken place in the building trade in his day. He is one of the thrifty German citizens of Schuylkill county who have contributed an appreciable share to the upbuilding of the town.

Mr. Kilgus was born Oct. 31, 1863, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and his father, Jacob Kilgus, was a contractor and builder in that country. He lived and died there. His son came to America in early boyhood, first locating at Mahanoy City, Pa. He learned the carpenter's trade with Solomon Faust, with whom he remained about one year, after which he was at Tremont, Schuylkill county, for about two years, until he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as a carpenter. During the six years he was in the service of that company he was stationed at different points, and was subsequently employed in the planing mill of Weed & Saylor, until their business was closed out. In 1890 he engaged in the contracting and building business on his own account, and among the structures of notable importance for which he has had the contracts we may mention the schoolhouse at Mount Carbon, the Greek church at Brockton, Schuylkill county, a chapel at Mechanicsville, all houses at the Lytle colliery in Cass township—about eighty, all buildings at the Buck Run colliery in Foster township, Schuylkill county, and many residences in Pottsville. Mr. Kilgus is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Loyal Order of Moose, and his religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church. Personally he is respected everywhere for his honesty and trustworthiness.

Mr. Kilgus married Christina Spath, who was born in Germany, and they have the following children: Rosa, wife of Fred Zimmerman, residing at Schuylkill Haven; Fred; William; Barbara; Charles; Harry Lawrence; Edith, and Jacob. The family home is at No. 414 East Norwegian street, Pottsville.

MICHAEL HENRY HEINE is one of the leading business men of Orwigsburg in his line and his popularity is based solely upon his reliability, of which there are many substantial evidences in and around the borough. He was born May 16, 1869, in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, son of Solomon Heine.

Solomon Heine, the father, was born about 1847 in the borough of Tamaqua, this county, and there received his education. Before he attained his majority he had served an apprenticeship to the plasterer's trade, becoming a journeyman, and he followed that calling principally in West Brunswick township. About fifteen years before his death he bought a farm in South Manheim township, and devoted the remainder of his life to its cultivation. He was a citizen interested in local affairs, serving a number of terms as school director, and was active in the interest of the Republican party, acting as judge of election. He was a member of the Evangelical Church of Orwigsburg, of which he was a regular attendant for many years. He married Mary Hendricks, daughter of Michael Hendricks, and she survives him, being now (1915) seventy years old. Mr. Heine died at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried in the Evangelical cemetery at Orwigsburg. We have the following record of their children: Francis W., a farmer in West Brunswick township, married Fannie Moyer; Charles H., an underwear manufacturer in Girardville, married Rose Miller; Carolina died aged twenty-two years; Michael H. is next in the family; Amanda married Charles Potts, a plasterer, of Orwigsburg; Kate married John Deibert, a shoemaker, of Orwigsburg; James, a farmer in West Brunswick township, married Mamie Heiser.

Michael Henry Heine was educated in the public schools at Orwigsburg, and served his apprenticeship to the plasterer's trade with his father. When he had worked as a journeyman plasterer for several years he took over his father's business in that line, the older man having given up his trade to go farming. During the first six years Michael Henry Heine conducted the business for his father, afterwards carrying it on for himself, and he has added general cement work to the original line, now commanding the principal patronage in Orwigsburg and vicinity. He is a man of the most estimable character, with a keen sense of responsibility, and in all the relations of life is thoroughly respected for his actual worth. Fraternaly he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 86, P. O. S. of A., at Orwigsburg; and Orwigsburg Council, No. 437, Jr. O. U. A. M. Like his father he is a Republican in politics, and he gives his support to the Evangelical Church, although he is not a member.

Mr. Heine married Celia Berger, who was born Jan. 16, 1871, in Auburn, Schuylkill county, and received her education in the schools of that borough, attending the high school. Two children have been born to this marriage: Edna Marian, on Jan. 7, 1892; and Florence Elizabeth, Dec. 2, 1893, the latter residing at home. The elder daughter is the wife of Ammon Berkheiser, a cigarmaker, son of John Berkheiser, of Orwigsburg, and they have one child, Leroy Warren, born Dec. 30, 1914.

William Berger, father of Mrs. Heine, was an engineer on the Schuylkill & Susquehanna railroad for many years, and his death was the result of an accident on the road. He is buried at Auburn, where he was a member of the Reformed Church and of the Odd Fellows lodge. Politically he was a Republican. He married Mary Fahl, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Wiltermuth) Fahl, and they had a family of five children: Kate married Jacob Graham, a stenographer in Harrisburg; David, a railroader, of Auburn, married Annie Sowers; Celia is Mrs. Michael H. Heine; Bertha married William Fritz, a shoemaker of Adamsdale; Charles, a farmer in South Manheim township, married Clemmie Gouger. The mother resides with her son Charles in South Manheim township. Her father, Henry Fahl, was a farmer in that township, where he owned a large tract of land, which he operated until his death. He

and his wife Elizabeth (Wiltermuth) were members of the Church of God at Auburn, and they are buried at that place. They had the following children: Joseph married a Miss Mengel, and both are deceased; Henry lives in the West; John is deceased; Mary married William Berger; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Heim; Sarah is the widow of Francis Wiltermuth; Kate married Manton Shaller; Susanna married Seth Mengel, and both are deceased.

Michael Hendricks, maternal grandfather of Michael H. Heine, followed the trade of plasterer all his life. He was located at Eckville, in Albany township, Berks county, and he and his wife were buried there. They lived to old age. Her maiden name was Loy, and they had six children: Rebecca, Mrs. James Schrader; Sophia, Mrs. Peter Heckman, deceased; Hannah, Mrs. Charles Settelmoyer; Elizabeth, Mrs. Aaron Bailer, deceased; Emma, Mrs. John Berk; and Mary, Mrs. Solomon Heine.

HENRY KOLBE is an extensive landowner in North Manheim township, where he has a valuable farm. He settled on his present place, a large tract near the Second mountain, in 1913, and is engaged in general farming and trucking, being a well known trader in the Pottsville markets, where much of his produce is disposed of. Mr. Kolbe is a German by birth, and his father, Jacob Kolbe, had a large estate in Germany and was a prominent man of his neighborhood. His wife, whose maiden name was Wilhelmina Miller, died upon their property there. Their family consisted of the following children: Otto, who was a farmer; Jacob, who was a sea captain, stationed on a German training ship (he died of yellow fever, and was buried in Germany); Mary Theresa; Bertha; Clara; Selma; Anna; Frances; and Henry.

Henry Kolbe was born in 1837 in Prussia. He was reared upon the paternal farm, and was thoroughly educated in his native town. He served three years in the German army as a cavalryman, under old Emperor William. After his marriage he remained on the home place until he came to America, in the year 1884, settling at once at Yorkville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he lived for a year. Then for five years he resided on the well known Shellenberger farm, near Minersville, this county, thence removing to North Manheim township, where he had bought the Martin Sheaffer farm of eighty-nine acres. Later he purchased the Kinney farm of 184 acres, located near the Second mountain, and he has lived on the latter place since 1913. The farm is now owned by his son. Vast improvements have been made on both these properties since they came into his ownership. He is as systematic and thorough in his work as the members of his race generally, looking after the cultivation of his land according to the most approved and modern ideas, as its thrifty appearance testifies. As a citizen he is highly regarded among his neighbors in North Manheim township, where his many substantial qualities, and his intelligent management of his property, have been valuable in maintaining high standards among agriculturists. Mr. Kolbe is an educated musician, and even at his advanced age a skillful performer on the piano. Since settling in this country he has made two trips to the old world.

On July 31, 1865, Mr. Kolbe was married in Germany to Anna Heilman, and they are the parents of the following children: Emil is a farmer; Henry, a contractor and builder, is now settled in California; Otto is a contractor and builder in Philadelphia, Pa.; Armo Oscar is a farmer in North Manheim township; Frederick lives at home; Annie is the wife of Albert Geiger; Frieda married George L. Sommers; Pauline lives at home, caring for her aged parents;

Rosa married Ray Rumble; Lydia married Bert Drumbheller. The family are Lutherans in religious faith.

WILLIAM W. BROWN, of Pottsville, is one of the most widely known citizens of Schuylkill county, his various business, fraternal and official associations having brought him into contact with an unusually large proportion of his fellow citizens. He is at present giving his attention principally to the hotel business as proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Pottsville.

Mr. Brown was born in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, July 16, 1850, son of Henry Brown and grandson of Valentine Brown. His father was also a native of Wayne township, where he owned a tract of ninety-two acres and followed farming very successfully. He died there at the age of seventy-one years, and is buried at St. Mark's Church. By his marriage to Leah Machmer, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Wert) Machmer, he had four children, namely: William W.; Lewis J., deceased, who was a well known man of his day, serving as county commissioner and almshouse steward in Schuylkill county; Sarah J., who is the wife of George Boyer, and resides at Cressona; and Susan, Mrs. Frank Graby, living at Pottsville.

William W. Brown obtained his early education in the public schools, and later studied at the Myerstown College. In his young manhood he taught school four years in Wayne township, and two years in Washington township, Schuylkill county. Later he bought the old homestead farm, which now contains ninety acres, St. Mark's Lutheran and Reformed Church having obtained two acres of this tract for a building site. Besides farming, Mr. Brown was engaged for about six years in the lumber business. In 1888 he took charge of the "Northwestern" Hotel, now known as the "Park" Hotel, in Pottsville, subsequently conducting a hotel in Manheim township, this county, and later was proprietor of the "Newtown" Hotel in Reilly Tp., this county. Selling out his interest there, he returned to Pottsville, where he held the position of court crier for eleven years, under Judge P. M. Dunn, of the Orphans' court. On Nov. 10, 1913, he took charge of the well known "Central" Hotel, located at No. 310 North Centre street, Pottsville, and has since given the principal part of his attention to its management. The hotel has thirty-two rooms and is a popular stopping place in this part of the State. Mr. Brown's reputation and his capable management have brought a steady increase of patronage to the house.

Mr. Brown has been associated with the administration of public affairs in the county in different capacities. For six years he was constable of Washington township, and also served as tax collector. While a resident of Port Clinton he was a member of the school board. In 1885 he was elected poor director of the county, and served continuously until 1888. Politically he has always given his support to the Democratic party.

For fifteen years Mr. Brown belonged to the Brown Cornet Band, which he organized, and he built a hall upon his farm which that organization used, and which is still in existence. Fraternally he belongs to Farmers' Lodge, No. 649, I. O. O. F., of Summit Hill, Schuylkill county; to Washington Camp, No. 264, P. O. S. of A., of Friedensburg; to the Independent Americans, Lodge No. 263, of Pottsville; to Schuylkill Commandery, No 202, Knights of Malta, of Pottsville (the charter of this lodge is in his name), and to the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Brown has been a prominent member of the Reformed

Church, of Wayne township, and assisted in the construction of its present house of worship.

Mr. Brown married Catharine Ferree, daughter of James Ferree, and they had the following children: Harry has been prospecting in Alaska for the last twenty years; Harvey W. is a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Elmer W. is doing teaming and contract work; William H. died when eighteen months old; Lottie M. died at the age of twenty-eight years; Ida I. married Jacob Schwartz, and they reside at Minersville, Pa.; Mabel O. is the wife of Edwin J. May; Florence G., who is a graduate at the Keystone State Normal School of Kutztown, class of 1913 (having graduated when eighteen years old), is now a public school teacher at Pottsville, Pa. The mother of this family died when fifty-seven years old.

ELIAS F. SHAPPELL, a farmer of North Manheim township, is one of the substantial citizens of that section, and the residents of this vicinity feel that they owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has accomplished in his long service as road supervisor. His efficient work in the establishing and maintaining of good roads can be appreciated at its true value by those who have been in a position to observe the notable improvements which have been made during his membership on the board, and his influence in bringing them about should not be underestimated.

Jacob Shappell, father of Elias F. Shappell, was a native of France. Coming to America when a young man he first settled in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., later removing to Schuylkill county, where he lived at Ringtown. He did day's work there. Afterwards he made his home for a time near Adamsdale, this county, and then bought the farm near the Second mountain in North Manheim township, giving most of his time to the cultivation of his land; he was also employed as a timber sawyer. He died upon this farm Oct. 27, 1880. Mr. Shappell married Catherine Fisher, daughter of John Fisher, and they had a large family: Henry; Albert; Abraham; Elias F.; Mary, Mrs. William Dress; Susanna, Mrs. Louis Reed; Rebecca, deceased, who married Jacob Sheriff and (second) Gottleib Messinger; Sarah, wife of William Seifert; Elizabeth, Mrs. Elmer Wentzel; Louisa, Mrs. William Fisher; Elvina, Mrs. John Wissner; and John and Washington, both of whom died young.

Elias F. Shappell was born in the old log house which the family occupied near Adamsdale, this county, Nov. 24, 1854, and obtained his early education in the local schools, near the family home. Later he took a course in the State normal school at Kutztown, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1881, after which he taught school for eight years, all in North Manheim township, four terms in the graded school. His work as an educator was highly successful, and he made an excellent reputation in the profession. Having decided to make farming his life work, he purchased his place in North Manheim township, near the Second mountain, having seventy-six acres of valuable land, which under his intelligent cultivation is in excellent condition. It is well watered and fertile, and he has made the most of its good points, his property being in creditable shape in every respect. For twenty-eight years Mr. Shappell has been associated with the administration of public affairs, in his position as secretary of the board of supervisors, and ten years as supervisor, his long experience qualifying him to dispose of his duties most satisfactorily. His work in the construction and improvement of roads will be of permanent value to this section of Schuylkill county. Mr. Shappell is a Republican in politics.

With his family he attends the Evangelical Church, and there is no citizen in the borough more highly respected for sterling worth.

Mr. Shappell married Catherine Zettelmoyer, daughter of Samuel Zettelmoyer, of Lenhartsville, Berks Co., Pa. Nine children have been born to this marriage: Laura is the wife of William Reichert; Walter married Ellen Smith; Mamie Elvina married William Young; William E. married Celia Fisher; Marion married Thomas Riegel; Ada married Elmer Riegel; Calvin, Edna and Ruth are at home.

SAMUEL A. RIEGEL, an old-time official of Orwigsburg and still serving the community as member of the borough council, has been a resident of the place for fifty years. For a number of years he was engaged in business as a contractor, and in that capacity was intrusted with the construction of some of the most substantial buildings of the day.

Mr. Riegel is a native of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, born May 5, 1845, son of Jacob Riegel. The family was founded in this country by three brothers, who came from Germany and served in the American Revolution from Philadelphia. They were at Valley Forge, where they were discharged. One of the brothers came to what is now Schuylkill county, settling about a mile and a half north of Orwigsburg. Another located in Northampton county, at Riegelsville (now in Bucks county), and the third brother in Berks county, Pa. The first named was the great-grandfather of Samuel A. Riegel. By occupation he was a farmer. He died here, and is buried in the cemetery of the White Church at Orwigsburg. His son, the grandfather of Samuel A. Riegel, took the homestead property in West Brunswick township, and lived and died there. He is buried in the old Reformed Church cemetery at Orwigsburg. His family consisted of seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Daniel, Michael, John, Jacob, Maggie (who married Peter Fisher), Mrs. Bell and another daughter. Of these, Jacob was the father of Samuel A. Riegel, and Daniel and Maggie (Mrs. Peter Fisher) also remained in Pennsylvania. We have the following record of their families. Daniel married Magdalene Fisher, and they had these children: Daniel, Jr., who married in the West; Lydia, who married Jacob Shell; Passila and Catharine, both of whom married Elias Smith; Matilda, who married Jacob Herman; Joshua, who was twice married, to Amanda and Hannah Potts; Elias, who married Catharine Bachert; John, who never married; Reuben, who married Tine Shopbell; Susanna, who married William Deibert; Lewis, who married Sylletta Smith; and Elizabeth, who married John Gerber. To Peter and Maggie (Riegel) Fisher were born the following children: William, Peter, Levi, Susanna, Sarah and Amanda, none of whom married; Emma, wife of John Seibert; and Mary, wife of William Leimaster.

Jacob Riegel, father of Samuel A. Riegel, was born on the homestead farm. He learned the trade of carpenter and followed that calling in connection with farming in East Brunswick township. There he died at the age of twenty-nine years, and is buried at Bethel Church, in West Brunswick township. He married Catherine Steigerwalt, daughter of John Steigerwalt, of West Brunswick township, and five children were born to them: George, who served in the Civil war and died in 1876; Samuel A.; Susan, Mrs. James Gerber; Sarah, Mrs. Fred M. Thomas; and Josephine, Mrs. Charles H. Heitz.

Samuel A. Riegel remained on the home farm up to the age of eighteen years, meantime receiving his education in the neighboring schools. He then



commenced to learn the carpenter's trade at Orwigsburg, and after following it for some time engaged in contracting and building on his own account, establishing a most creditable reputation. Mr. Riegel is not only a good mechanic, but he was able to make all his own drawings for his construction work, and he drew the plans for the present Red Church building in West Brunswick township, erected in 1883. Among the many buildings which he put up while engaged in contracting are the residences of H. S. Albright and George C. Dieffenderfer, the Albright Shoe factory, and the factory of the A. E. Brown Shoe Company. In 1900 Mr. Riegel gave up contracting, and his occupation since has been the cultivation of the sixteen-acre tract which he owns in the borough of Orwigsburg. It is a valuable piece of property and has increased very materially in worth under his diligent care. Since 1869, when first elected a member of the borough council, Mr. Riegel has been connected with the administration of public affairs. He has been chosen a member of the council many times since, and is at present serving in that capacity. He also acts as tax collector and is treasurer of the school board. His close connection with the borough affairs covering so long a period has given him a familiarity with local conditions which makes his advice and opinions invaluable.

Mr. Riegel married Phebe Moyer, daughter of William K. Moyer, and they have five children: Carrie, Oscar B. (lawyer, now located at Snyder, Okla.), Howell, Theodore and George, the last named deceased. The family are associated with the Evangelical Church.

HENRY H. DORNBACH is one of the most energetic residents of Minersville, a fact easily borne out by this brief outline of his various activities. He is a business man who holds his own with the most reliable of the borough. True to his German origin, he had extensive preparation for his chosen work, a fact which is apparent in the substantial business buildings and residences of his construction which may be found in all parts of the town. His business ability, combined with honorable traits of character and the social tendency which has brought him into a number of associations, has made him one of the most highly regarded citizens of the community in which his life has been passed. Mr. Dornbach is a native of Minersville, born Dec. 29, 1857, son of William J. Dornbach.

William J. Dornbach was born near Berlin, Germany, and spent his early life in that country, learning the trades of stone and brick mason and serving his allotted period in the army. In 1842 he came to America, and settling at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., followed his trade here the remainder of his life, with the exception of the one and a half years which he spent in Wisconsin. As he did not like the country there he returned to his first location, and his death occurred at Minersville, when he was fifty-three years old. He married Henrietta Petry, and they had children as follows: Caroline, deceased; Henry H.; William; Amelia, who married F. W. Sheaffer; Charles A.; Sarah, unmarried; Edwin; and Lucy H., who married C. B. Hughes, of Pottsville.

Henry H. Dornbach attended the local schools and received a good common school education. He has had training in almost all of the branches of the building business. After spending three years at work in a brickyard he was employed with his father at masonry for about two years, and then at the carpenter's trade with Gideon Wagner, with whom he also spent three years. Then for three and a half years he was with Alexander Morwitz in the marble

cutting business, after which he resumed work at carpentry, following his trade at a colliery, where he was engaged for about six years. He then returned to work at marble cutting, after which he was with William Sherman as foreman on contracting work for a short time. In 1889 he engaged in contracting on his own account, and erected many stores and residences, including the homes of Dr. Straub and Charles F. Kear, the Lithuanian parsonage, and the Levan residence. At times he kept from twelve to twenty carpenters busy.

Socially Mr. Dornbach is widely known. For twenty-one years he played in the old cornet band of Minersville. He belongs to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; to Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M., of which he is a past officer; to Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville; and to Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, the Red Men and the Royal Arcanum, and active in all those orders, having been secretary of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association and member of the Three Links Club, as well as treasurer of the Red Men. He also belongs to the Mountaineer Hose Company. He has been an active church worker, being a member of the German Reformed congregation, which he has served as treasurer, and he has been honored by his fellow citizens with election to the town council.

Mr. Dornbach was married in September, 1884, to Elizabeth Ludwig, daughter of Theodore Ludwig, who came from Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Dornbach have had one child, Edith May, who is married to Edward H. Quinter, son of Harry A. Quinter, of Pottsville, employed as steam engineer with the Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat & Power Company, Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Quinter have one child, Arline Elizabeth.

ARTHUR J. BERKHEISER, M. D., one of the leading representatives of the medical fraternity in Schuylkill county, is also accounted one of the really helpful citizens of Shenandoah. He was born June 9, 1881, near Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., a son of Aaron W. and Isabella Rebecca (Reed) Berkheiser.

Jonathan Berkheiser, the grandfather of Dr. Berkheiser, was born in South Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He had eight children: Franklin, Harry, George, Jonathan, Aaron W., Caroline, Lucy and Sarah. Aaron W. Berkheiser was born in South Manheim, and has passed his entire life in that vicinity, being engaged at this time in the implement business at Jefferson. He is a well known figure in commercial circles, is popular with a wide acquaintance, and has gained the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens through a display of many sterling qualities. He married Isabella Rebecca Reed, a sister of Sherman Reed, of Cressona, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: William D.; George A.; Arthur J.; Bessie; Mabel; Charles, deceased; and Dora.

Arthur J. Berkheiser studied in the public schools of South Manheim township in his youth and supplemented this education by attendance at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa. His independent career was commenced as a teacher in South Manheim township, but after two years thus spent he entered, in 1902, Jefferson Medical College, there continuing to study one year. In June, 1906, he was graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College at Philadelphia, and became an interne at the Fountain Springs Hospital, Ashland, Pa., under Dr. J. C. Biddle, continuing to act in that capacity until 1908, when he came to Shenandoah and began general practice. He has

attracted a profitable clientele, his professional business having grown from the start. On Jan. 1, 1916, Dr. Berkheiser was appointed surgeon for the P. & R. C. & I. Company, under the new compensation law.

Dr. Berkheiser was married to Viola Purnell, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Withers) Purnell, her father being a contract miner of Frackville, Pa. Mrs. Berkheiser has two sisters, Mary and Martha, and two brothers, Levi and Samuel. She and the Doctor have two children: Jonathan and Viola Purnell. Dr. Berkheiser is affiliated with Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Griscorn Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M.; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, K. T., of Ashland; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa.; the Ptolemy Society of Philadelphia; the J. C. Biddle Surgical Society; the Schuylkill County Medical Society; the Pennsylvania Medical Society; the American Medical Association, and the Shenandoah Medical Society. His well appointed offices are maintained in his residence at No. 126 South Jardin street, where he has a large and valuable medical library, and a stock of modern medical and surgical appliances.

CHARLES C. WAGNER, late of Frackville, was one of the substantial merchants of that borough for more than a quarter of a century, founding the business now carried on by his sons, who control the largest retail meat trade in their section of Schuylkill county. Moreover, his success was not limited to business operations, for his busy career took in the broader interests affecting the general welfare, and he was frequently chosen for important public service, where competent advice and well balanced judgment could benefit all. Of unimpeachable character, and holding wise ideas on progress based on experience and a keen understanding of local conditions, he was well fitted to represent the interests of his fellow citizens in legislative and administrative bodies, and never abused their confidence. His name has a permanent place in the history of Frackville.

Mr. Wagner was of German descent, and a native of Alsace-Lorraine, which at the time of his birth was French territory. His father, Henry Wagner, was born July 27, 1807, in Furstenhausen, near Saarbrücken, the latter a city in the Rhine Province, just across the border of the Province of Lorraine. An old German family Bible, printed in 1739, now in the possession of the widow of Charles C. Wagner, of Frackville, Pa., has the following entry made by Henry Wagner: "I inherited this book from my father and he inherited it from his mother. She was a Swobe. I was born July 27, 1807, in Furstenhausen, near Saarbrücken, and on March 1, 1879, I would wish that some of mine would remember Henry Wagner. This is written at Frackville and got this Bible rebound and cost \$8.00." In 1843 he removed to St. Avoir, France, where he was superintendent of a distillery for about six years, in 1849 returning to Prussia. There he and his brother-in-law, Jacob Snyder, operated the stone quarry from which was taken the stone of the building of the now famous bridge over the Saar river, at Saarbrücken. He was so engaged until the fall of 1850, when he brought his family to America, settling at Tumbling Run, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mr. Wagner was engaged in superintending that part of the Schuylkill Valley railroad between Middleport and Tuscarora until 1872, and in the meantime had purchased a tract of seventy-two acres at Tumbling Run, which his children cultivated while he was occupied with railroad work. In 1872 he removed to Frackville, where he spent the rest of his life, dying there Sept. 18, 1890, at the age of eighty-three years. He purchased a number of town lots, which he improved with substantial

buildings, and by good management made the investment pay well. He was a Lutheran in religious belief and a zealous worker in the church of which he was a member, filling all the executive offices at different periods and assisting in all the activities of the congregation. By his first wife, Margaret (Kline), daughter of Conrad Kline, of Guettingen, Germany, he had two children, both born in Prussia: Catherine, who married the late Engelbert Sanner (she lives at Minersville, Pa.); and Henry C., who is deceased. The mother died in 1843, when twenty-seven years old, and Mr. Wagner subsequently married her sister, Sophia, born Sept. 4, 1821, who survived him a few months, passing away July 18, 1891. To this union were born five children: Karl (Charles) C.; William C., born May 1, 1848, who married Anna Blackwell; Carolina, who married John Patterson; Reinhart A., born at Tumbling Run, now of Reading, Pa., who married Amanda Hoffman; and Augustus, born Sept. 20, 1860, who died April 18, 1876.

Charles C. Wagner was born Aug. 2, 1845, at St. Avoir, Alsace-Lorraine, and was five years old when brought to America. He received a public school education, and began work early. When thirteen years old he had the misfortune to have his left hand injured while employed about the mines, causing the loss of three fingers. Later he learned the tailor's trade, serving his apprenticeship of three and a half years with Charles Bensinger, of Middleport. When the Civil war broke out his sympathies were with the Union, and on Sept. 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 19th Pennsylvania Militia, which was mustered in Sept. 15th, and he was honorably discharged Sept. 27th. On June 19, 1863, he was again mustered in, as a private in Company E, 27th Pennsylvania Militia, being discharged July 30, 1863. On Feb. 22, 1864, he became a private in Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge at Harrisburg June 30, 1865. He took part in many severe engagements, including the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, White Oak Swamp, Petersburg and the siege of Petersburg. On April 2, 1865, he was wounded in the right leg at Fort Hell.

Upon his return home from the army Mr. Wagner resumed work at his trade, at Mahanoy City, this county, continuing in that line there until 1876. For the next two years he was in partnership with his brother William C. Wagner, conducting a butcher shop at Gilberton, Schuylkill county. The business had been started at Frackville in 1871, by Henry C. and William C. Wagner, under the firm name of Wagner & Bro. In 1878 William C. Wagner transferred his interest to his brother Henry, who conducted the original business until his death in 1881, William C. and Charles C. Wagner removing from Gilberton to Mahanoy City, doing business there until 1881. That year they established themselves at Frackville, with their brother Reinhart, under the firm name of Wagner Brothers, who carried on a retail meat business until 1891, after which William C. and Charles C. Wagner took charge, so continuing until 1894. Then the business was reorganized, the brothers remaining together, however, until 1898, when Charles C. Wagner became sole proprietor. He handled the trade with steadily increasing success until September, 1906, when his sons took it over, and they have continued it ever since, under the name of Wagner Brothers. They not only have the most extensive local trade, but the largest in the county outside of Pottsville, keeping five teams constantly employed and busy. They slaughter beef, veal and pork. The Wagner meat shop at Spring and Balliet streets, Frackville, is thoroughly

up-to-date in all its appointments, and a credit to the community it serves as well as to the enterprising men at the head of the business. The Gilberton market was discontinued in 1891.

As he prospered in his butchering business Mr. Wagner branched out into other interests, giving his influence and substantial support to various enterprises which promised to broaden local operations and made home investments attractive. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Frackville, and served on the board of directors. He also had valuable interests in South Carolina, being a stockholder in the Pennsylvania Lumber Company of South Carolina, the Scott Lumber Company of Bennettsville, that State, and the Bennettsville and Cheraw Railroad Company. Mr. Wagner died at his home in Frackville, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery there. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, and his family also belonged to that church.

On Feb. 22, 1870, Mr. Wagner married Susanna Oerther, who was born Sept. 19, 1849, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oerther, of Minersville, Schuylkill county, the former a native of Alsace-Lorraine, the latter of Schuylkill county, Pa. Seven children were born to this union: Claude Stanton, born Jan. 11, 1871, died Sept. 13, 1871; Edith Kline, born Feb. 24, 1872, is at home; Henry August is next in the family; Appoline Carolina, born Aug. 30, 1881, is at home; William Charles, born May 1, 1884, is in partnership with his brother Henry in the butcher business; Mary Louisa, born July 11, 1886, is married to Frank G. Deitrich, and they live in Frackville; Karl Herman, born June 30, 1890, lives at home. The mother continues to make her home at Frackville.

John Oerther, father of Mrs. Susanna Wagner, was born in France July 18, 1812, and though he came to America when a young man, saw service in the French army. Locating at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he became engaged in the livery business, and he remained there until his death, July 19, 1893. He is buried at Minersville. His wife, Appoline (Hauner), of Mahantongo Valley, Schuylkill Co., Pa., was born Feb. 4, 1820, and died May 17, 1893. They had children as follows: Charles died young; George died young; Susanna is the widow of Charles C. Wagner; Rebecca married William Miles, of Pottsville, who is deceased; Mary is married to William Geanslen, of Minersville; Franklin, who lives on the old homestead at Minersville, and operates a livery, married Kate Weiser; William died young; Emma married C. G. Clappier, and they are living at Minersville; John, deceased, married Laura Spatts.

HENRY AUGUST WAGNER was born Oct. 17, 1877, at Gilberton, Schuylkill county. Moving to Frackville with his parents in 1881, he received a good education there in the grammar and high schools. From the age of eleven years he helped his father, working Saturdays, looked after the Gilberton shop when a mere boy, and has always been engaged in the same line. He was in his father's employ until he and his brother William took the business, in 1906, and they have operated it since under the name of Wagner Brothers. In 1909 he was elected a director of the First National Bank of Frackville, and he has acquired creditable standing among the reliable business men of the borough. He is well known in local Masonic circles, belonging to Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M.; Griscom Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M.; Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 39, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of

Reading. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church, and in politics he supports the Republican party.

Mr. Wagner married Susan Gilfert, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Dalius) Gilfert, and they have two children: Helen I. and Charles C.

JACOB BOLTZ is now conducting two thriving industrial plants in Pottsville, and the fact that fifty people are afforded employment thereby gives his operations an important relation to the domestic economy of the borough. He has made good in both lines by systematic attention to every detail of manufacture and marketing, and his steady success has been laid on a solid foundation which has demonstrated his shrewd judgment and given him prestige among the most substantial citizens of the town.

Mr. Boltz's great-great-grandfather came to this country from Germany and settled in the Tulpehocken valley in Berks county, Pa. Peter Boltz, the great-grandfather, was born in the Tulpehocken valley, where the family had settled in pioneer days. He followed farming there, and died at the age of eighty-one years at Fredericksburg, in Bethel township, that county. He married Margaret Klahr, of Strausstown, Berks county, and their children were Benjamin, Jacob, William, Sarah, Daniel, Elizabeth and Catherine, all now deceased.

Benjamin Boltz, grandfather of Jacob Boltz, was also born in the Tulpehocken valley, and like his ancestors engaged in farming, settling near the Blue mountains in Berks county. His family consisted of the following children: Isaiah; Jeremiah, who lives in Berks county; James, deceased; Simon, a resident of Berks county; and Rebecca, deceased.

Isaiah Boltz, father of Jacob, was born in Bethel township, Berks county, and while he lived there was engaged as a huckster. In 1875 he moved to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he followed contracting, he and his uncle William doing the excavating and taking the contract for laying the foundation of the new courthouse of the borough. He died in 1897, and is buried at Pottsville. To him and his wife Sarah (Ditzler) were born three children, Jacob, Mary J. and Sarah.

Jacob Boltz was born July 7, 1865, in Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Pottsville with his parents in boyhood. His education was obtained in the public schools. For some time he worked for his father and then for six years was engaged in delivering mine timber to the York Farm colliery. After that, for a period, he ran the York Farm brickyard. In 1901 Mr. Boltz began the manufacture of paper boxes, his first location being at Tenth and Market streets. As the expansion of the business made larger and more convenient quarters necessary, he built his present plant at Ninth and Grant streets, in 1907. There are three floors, 32 by 80, 20 by 40 and 14 by 24 feet in dimensions, respectively, and the equipment is up-to-date in every particular. The product is high-grade and in steady demand. Between thirty-five and forty people are employed in the factory. In 1913 Mr. Boltz opened what is known as the Jacob Boltz Knitting Mills, where from fifteen to twenty employees are engaged in the manufacture of ladies' underwear. Though this business has been in existence for a comparatively short period a profitable trade has already been established, with prospects of steady increase as the product becomes known in the market. For the success of both lines Mr. Boltz deserves much credit, and he is properly ranked among the manufacturers whose establishments have proved a distinct benefit to the borough.

Mr. Boltz married Maude Reed, daughter of Samuel Reed, of Schuylkill Haven, this county, and their children are: George, Benjamin and Paul. Mr. Boltz is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and socially he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men.

CYRUS MOORE, late of Minersville, was a highly regarded citizen of that place for over fifty years, and practically throughout that period an active business man. Aside from his association with the firm of Phillips & Moore he had interests which showed his faith in the stability of local enterprises, and as an official of the county and borough he evidenced public spirit which made his record one of able, intelligent and conscientious service, thoroughly consistent with his reputation.

The Moore family has been settled in Pennsylvania for several generations. Adam Moore, grandfather of Cyrus Moore, was a native of Lancaster county, this State. When a young man he settled in Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1839, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a cooper, and followed farming to some extent in addition to working at his trade. He was one of the most respected citizens of Schaefferstown in his day, an earnest member of the German Lutheran Church, in whose work he took an active part, serving faithfully in its various official positions. Politically he was a Democrat of the Jacksonian type. At Schaefferstown Mr. Moore married when quite young Barbara Balman, of that place, and their family consisted of four children: Henry, Michael, William and Sarah, all of whom grew to maturity.

Michael Moore, father of Cyrus Moore, was born in Schaefferstown, and passed all his life there, dying in the year 1828. In his early life he learned the trade of carpenter, and followed it for a number of years. He married Rebecca Groombach, of the same place, and they had two children, Cyrus and Anna, the latter, Mrs. Reisenbach, settling in Lebanon county. Michael Moore was an earnest member of the German Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in politics.

Cyrus Moore was born Nov. 30, 1826, at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, and was only one year and ten months old when his father died. He was taken to the home of his grandfather, who brought him up, giving him such educational advantages as the time and place afforded, and a thorough training for the practical work of life. He learned the trade of tinsmith, which he followed at Schaefferstown until 1846, that year coming to Pottsville, Pa., where he was employed by William Hill as a tinner. He was so engaged until April, 1847, when he moved to Minersville and found work with Hill & Williams, whose interest he and Solomon A. Phillips bought on Sept. 4, 1887, continuing the business under the name of Phillips & Moore. Mr. Moore held his interest in the business until his death, which occurred Aug. 11, 1903, and meantime the business grew to large proportions under the progressive management of himself and partner. He also took a great interest in everything which promised to promote the welfare of the borough, being connected with the Minersville Water Company, of which he was a director for ten years; was one of the organizers of the Minersville Home Fire Insurance Company in 1873, a director from the time of its organization, and became president in 1891; and served eighteen years as a member of the borough council and one term as treasurer of Schuylkill county, to which office he was elected in 1876, on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Moore showed his strength of character

in his relations with all his associates, as well as in his successful business operations. All his transactions were above reproach, and his keen sense of responsibility towards his fellow men was exemplified in all his dealings with them.

Socially Mr. Moore was well known, belonging for many years to Minersville Lodge, No. 222, F. & A. M., which he served as treasurer for a long period. He also held membership in Social Lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., of which he was a past noble grand, and served as treasurer for many years. He was a member of the Grand Lodge from 1850.

On March 17, 1850, Mr. Moore married Catherine Hiller, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hiller, of Pottsville, and she passed away several years before him, dying Aug. 29, 1894. Five children were born to this union, two sons and three daughters, namely: Annie, widow of John Straub, lived at Minersville; Stephen A. D. was drowned when twelve years old at Long Run dam, Minersville; Elizabeth M., unmarried, is a resident of Minersville; Catherine, widow of John Prosser, former train dispatcher for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Hazleton, Pa., lives at Minersville (she has two children, Cyrus and Rodger); Harvey, who lives at Minersville, married Dasie Russel and has two children, Cyrus and Elizabeth. All of the Moore family are associated with the English Lutheran Church at Minersville.

Mr. Moore is buried in the Union cemetery, at Minersville.

ROBERT J. ZIMMERMAN, of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, one of the popular residents of his section, is a representative of one of the estimable old families of the locality, being a grandson of Henry Zimmerman, the founder of the name here. The Zimmermans are of German extraction. John Zimmerman, great-grandfather of Robert J. Zimmerman, lived and died in Lebanon county, Pa., where he followed farming. His children were: Jacob, Kate, Margaret and Henry.

Henry Zimmerman was born in Lebanon county, where he spent his early life. When a young man he came to Schuylkill county, first locating in Pine Grove, where he worked by the day and in time became a carpenter. Later he removed to Tremont, this county, and still later to what was then known as Fox Valley, where the town of Branch Dale is now situated. He lived to be eighty-four years old, dying at the home of his eldest son, John, at Clouser's Mills, in Branch township, Schuylkill county. His wife, Julia (Stahr), daughter of Piter Stahr, of Branch township, died at the age of seventy-one years, and they are buried in the Clouser's Church cemetery. They had a large family, viz.: John, who was a carpenter, died at Clouser's Mills; William died young; Elizabeth married Peter Rhoads, and both are deceased; Joseph H. is the father of Robert J. Zimmerman; Jacob died at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Susan married Aaron Yoder, and both died in Columbia county, Pa.; Henry is buried in the State of Illinois; Frank is a resident of Hyde Park, Scranton, Pa.; William H. lives in Arkansas; Charles is a resident of Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county.

Joseph H. Zimmerman, now living in retirement at Pottsville, spent sixty-three years of his life in mine work. Born April 18, 1835, at Branch Dale, Schuylkill county, he began picking slate when but seven and a half years old, at what is now Branch Dale, then called Muddy Branch. After two years at that work he was given other employment about the mines, acting as driving boy inside, loading coal, etc., until he reached the age of fourteen.



when he began to cut coal, at Muddy Branch. He was actively engaged at the mines until seventy years old, for a number of years holding responsible positions at various collieries. For some time he was employed as a boss by Col. J. C. White; was assistant inside foreman; boss at the York Farm colliery, for the Lehigh Company; and then a boss for the Albright Coal Company, at Silverton, for three years. His last work of the kind was at Eagle Hill, for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. After living in retirement for one year Mr. Zimmerman became gate watchman at the Schuylkill county almshouse, where he continued for fourteen months. Again he had a year's leisure, and then for three years was night watchman at the courthouse. His home is at No. 623 Fairview street, Pottsville, and he and his family are highly respected in that city.

Mr. Zimmerman is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861 in Company K, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, among the first ninety-days men. He received his discharge at Harrisburg July 24, 1861. Mr. Zimmerman was formerly a member of the G. A. R. post at Tremont, changing his membership to Mahanoy City. He has been a Republican since 1856, and in his earlier years took considerable interest in local public affairs, serving ten years as school director of Gilberton, and five years as tax collector in Reilly township. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, and socially he belongs to Washington Camp No. 284, P. O. S. of A., of Gilberton, and to Social Lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., of Minersville.

On May 26, 1856, Mr. Zimmerman married Janetta McClay, daughter of Robert McClay, and eight children were born to this union, viz.: William H., who is now living at Shenandoah, this county; Joseph, who died in infancy; Robert J.; Jacob, of Gilberton, this county; Jeanette, who married John Gorey; John, of Springfield, Ill.; James, of St. Clair, this county; and Mary, twin of James, who died young. The mother died Sept. 20, 1871, and is buried in Clouser's graveyard. On May 1, 1872, Mr. Zimmerman married (second) Mrs. Ellen (Finley) Stewart, whose father, Robert Finley, was a native of Ireland. She was first married Oct. 14, 1864, to John Stewart, who died Aug. 4, 1871, and by that marriage had three children: Eliza (Mrs. Charles Knoll), Robert and Ellen. To her union with Mr. Zimmerman have been born the following: Joseph, a resident of Shenandoah; Henry, of Schuylkill Haven; Franklin, of Pottsville; Annie, who died young; Hugh, who died young; Charles, who died young; and Alexander, who is living in Palo Alto, this county.

Robert J. Zimmerman, son of Joseph H. and Janetta (McClay) Zimmerman, was born Feb. 29, 1860, at Branch Dale, Schuylkill county. His education was obtained in the public schools of Reilly township and Gilberton borough, where he moved in 1873. He began work as his father did, as a slate picker, being first employed at the Swatara colliery, in time became a full-fledged miner, and for eighteen years was stationed at the Draper colliery, where he acted as assistant inside foreman. In November, 1901, Mr. Zimmerman moved to St. Clair, where he engaged in the hotel business, carrying it on successfully until 1906, when he sold his interests in that line. He has valuable property holdings in the borough, to whose management he devotes the principal share of his attention. Public matters have also occupied much of his time. During his residence at Gilberton he served six years in the borough council, giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned by his fidelity to the interests of his fellow citizens, and he has been a member of the St.

Clair borough council for a similar period. The public spirit which characterized his service in both bodies has gained him the confidence and esteem of a large number of the best citizens all over the county, and at this writing he is Republican candidate for the office of county commissioner. His previous record is sufficient assurance that he will do his duty faithfully and intelligently in any position to which he may be chosen. In fraternal connection Mr. Zimmerman is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Mr. Zimmerman is married to Emma J. Davis, and they have two children, Raymond and Sarah.

EPHRAIM BARLOW, one of the oldest residents of Mahanoy City, has been one of the most valuable of his day, identified with the social progress as well as the commercial expansion of the borough. He has been president of the Mahanoy City board of health since it was established, twenty-two years ago. His principal business interests have been in the coal fields, and he is still operating in the soft coal region in West Virginia, where he and his son have investments.

Mr. Barlow is of English descent. His paternal grandfather, the first of the line to settle in America, came to this country from England and made his home in Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived and died. In partnership with a man named Evans he owned the land upon which the borough of New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county, now stands, at that time a wilderness and known as the Barlow & Evans tract. They bought it at an early day.

Nathan Barlow, father of Ephraim Barlow, was born Jan. 17, 1795, in Limerick township, Montgomery county. Coming to Schuylkill county he settled at the site of New Philadelphia about 1824, being the pioneer at that place and for many years the leading citizen of the town and vicinity. His was one of the two houses there in 1831, after which the village developed, and he continued to live there until 1866. In 1868 it was incorporated as a borough. He was one of the early justices of the township, holding the office for twenty-five years. During the earlier part of his residence here he taught school at Lewistown, this county, during the winter months, walking to that point from his home at New Philadelphia. Later he became a merchant at New Philadelphia. The first services of the Primitive Methodist congregation, organized at Tucker's Hill, were held in Squire Barlow's store. When he retired in 1866 he came to make his home at Mahanoy City, where his son lived, and died there Feb. 28, 1870. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. Mr. Barlow was twice married, the first time June 1, 1817, to Anna Brooks, of Montgomery county, daughter of John Brooks. She died May 1, 1818, at the age of twenty-five years, leaving a son, John Barlow, born that day; he grew to maturity and died at Pottstown, Pa., leaving a family. On March 10, 1824, Mr. Barlow married (second) Esther Kulp, who was born Sept. 6, 1804, of Germery county, daughter of Henry Kulp, and died March 15, 1883. Eleven children were born to this marriage: William H., born Sept. 4, 1825, died Dec. 27, 1903, in Los Angeles, Cal.; Phoebe, born June 16, 1827, was the first wife of the late Andrew Robertson, the pioneer coal operator, and died Jan. 12, 1859, in Pottsville; Nathan, Jr., born Nov. 24, 1829, died in Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1856, and Andrew Robertson married his widow for his third wife; Hiram, born Aug. 23, 1831, died at Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1856; Daniel, born Jan. 22, 1835, was a merchant and engaged in the lumber

business at Mahanoy City, where he died Aug. 12, 1883; Ephraim is next in the family; Alfred, born March 13, 1841, died at Roanoke, Va., in December, 1893 (he was a coal operator in West Virginia); Malinda, born Nov. 4, 1813, was the second wife of the late Andrew Robertson, and died March 24, 1867; Esther, born Feb. 21, 1846, was the wife of Joseph Beddall, and died at Shenandoah, this county, May 1, 1882; Harriet, born Nov. 2, 1848, died Nov. 2, 1851; George W., born May 17, 1851, died June 2, 1851.

Ephraim Barlow was born Aug. 17, 1837, at New Philadelphia, where he attended public school. In the year 1854 he went to Dayton, Ohio, to learn the trade of wheelwright, and remained there about two years. Returning home, he worked at his trade a short time at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county. In 1857 he went to California, where his brother Daniel had gone in 1855, and he took up mining claims and joined the search for gold. The brothers were in partnership in mining and lumbering and were very successful. Ephraim Barlow spent five years in California, coming back to Schuylkill county in 1862, when he settled at Mahanoy City. Until about 1878 he was engaged in the mercantile business. Meantime he also became interested in the development of soft coal property in West Virginia and Kentucky, and he is now president of the Elk Horn Coal & Coke Company, which is engaged in large operations in Mingo county, W. Va.; he is also president of the Burnwell Coal and Coke Company, whose mine is on the line of West Virginia and Kentucky, lying partly in each State. Mr. Barlow has been notably successful in his mining ventures. He has always been public-spirited in lending his influence to local projects which promise to benefit the community. When the borough board of health was organized he was made president, and he has held the position ever since, giving the greatest satisfaction to his fellow citizens. He is a member of St. John's English Lutheran Church and one of its prominent workers, being at present one of the church council; he has also served as elder.

In 1863 Mr. Barlow married Joanna M. Beddall, daughter of the late Thomas Beddall, of Schuylkill county, and his wife Mary (Shakespear). Children as follows have been born to this union: Wallace died in infancy July 26, 1864; Thomas B. died in infancy March 30, 1866; George W., born Dec. 3, 1866, is the only survivor of the family. He has been engaged with his father in the lumber business and is now interested with him in the soft coal business. He is a director of the Union National Bank of Mahanoy City. By his first marriage, to Ida Beddall, daughter of Benjamin Beddall, George W. Barlow had one child, Ephraim, Jr., who died in his seventeenth year. He married for his second wife Annie Skeath, daughter of John and Catherine Skeath, of Mahanoy City, and they have had five children: Ida, Catherine, Esther, Marie and George Wilbur.

JAMES D. SCHLEGEL, of Tamaqua, holds a foremost place among local builders and contractors. In the borough and vicinity are many examples of the skill and competence by which he has gained a large patronage, and he has as excellent a reputation for trustworthiness in all transactions as in honest construction. His contributions to the material development of Tamaqua are noteworthy and fully up to the best standards of modern building.

Mr. Schlegel is a native of Northumberland county, Pa., born in the Mahantongo valley, near the Schuylkill county line, in 1870, son of Daniel H. Schlegel and grandson of Charles Schlegel, who also lived in that valley. The name is an old one in Pennsylvania. John Christian Schlegel, the first Amer-

ican ancestor and progenitor of this family, was a native of Germany, and undoubtedly was the Johannis Schlegel who emigrated on the ship "Bilander Townsend," which landed (qualified) at Philadelphia Oct. 5, 1737. On Aug. 16, 1738, and Nov. 7, 1754, he obtained proprietary warrants for land situated in Berks county, Pa. In 1759 he paid six pounds tax in Richmond township, where he had lived since coming to the New World. He was a farmer and owned more than three hundred acres of land, and in 1797 built a stone house which is still standing and in good condition, owned and used by his great-grandson, Abraham, and his children and grandchildren. John Christian Schlegel and his wife Esther had a number of children, among whom were: Peter; Wilhelm; Christian, born March 25, 1765; Elizabeth, born April 9, 1767; Johannes, born Sept. 7, 1768, and Heinrich, born July 15, 1779. Peter and Wilhelm left that section, traveling on horseback across the Blue mountains, and settled in the Mahantongo valley in what is now Schuylkill county, then a part of Berks county. They visited their brother Heinrich at the old home every two, three or four years, coming on horseback and remaining for a week or two. One of the sons of John Christian Schlegel lived with the Indians, liking their mode of life. He was greatly admired by them, because of his courage, strength and marksmanship, and when he was quite an aged man he and some of his adopted brethren of the forest came to visit his old home near Fleetwood. Because of the great journey on which they came, and the effects of his strenuous life with the Redmen, he became exhausted at Dreibelhis spring, and he died soon thereafter, and fills an unknown grave. This account is based on tradition, and the family papers give brief accounts of it.

There were two brothers, Wilhelm and Peter Schlegel, of Berks county, who settled in Northumberland county at an early date and who, according to the inscription on Peter's tombstone, in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, were sons of Johann Christian and Anna Barbara Schlegel. Wilhelm Schlegel was born in Richmond township, Berks county, on the original Schlegel homestead near Fleetwood, May 26, 1782. He came to Northumberland county after his marriage, and farmed until his death, Jan. 14, 1856. He and his wife Elizabeth (Wentzel) had fourteen children, all of whom grew to maturity and survived the parents.

Peter Schlegel, brother of Wilhelm, was born Oct. 12, 1786; came to Northumberland county from Berks county; and died Feb. 1, 1864. His wife was Elizabeth (Rettinger), born Sept. 11, 1789, died July 16, 1866. They are buried at the Herb (Salem) Church. They had sons Peter, David, and another. Of these, Peter had five children, Joel, Milton, ———, Elizabeth, and another daughter. David's children were Samuel, Peter, ——— and Charles.

Charles Schlegel, son of David, was the grandfather of James D. Schlegel.

Daniel H. Schlegel, father of James D. Schlegel, was a carpenter by occupation. For many years he lived in the Mahantongo valley, later removing to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he died in 1914. He had the following children: Nathan, who is superintendent of the Burnside colliery, at Shamokin, Pa.; James D.; Lydia; Catherine; Helen; and Rose.

James D. Schlegel lived on the farm at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, until nineteen years old, when he went to Shamokin and at once commenced an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with Aucker, Slayman & Co., who are now operating as the Shamokin Lumber & Manufacturing Com-

pany. After two years there he removed to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and entered the employ of the late Lewis Medlar, who gave him full charge of the erection of the residence of John Zerby. He was ambitious to vary his experience as much as possible, and from Pottsville he changed to Reading, where he was engaged at interior finishing on such important structures as the Fifth Street Memorial church, being similarly employed at the Keystone State normal school (at Kutztown) and the State sanatorium at Wernersville. Returning to Shamokin, he took a position as carpenter with the Shamokin Lumber & Manufacturing Company, with whom he continued until his removal to Tamaqua seventeen years ago. There he has won a place among the most reliable builders in that section of Schuylkill county. For a few years he worked for the late Daniel Weaver, head of the firm of Daniel Weaver & Son, and for J. A. Schilbe, and since 1902 he has been doing business on his own account as an architect and builder. His first contract was for the fine modern dwelling of Nels Nelsen, the West End florist, which he designed and constructed, and many other beautiful residences in and around the borough testify to his taste and skill. He has also remodeled and modernized a number of the older homes, notably that of M. A. Gerber, and he designed and built a six-apartment dwelling and office structure for Dr. George A. Wilford; the beautiful home of Mrs. F. P. Spiess, on West Broad street; the Presbyterian parsonage; a double block adjoining the property of W. A. Pugh on West Broad street; the Evangelical parsonage; residences of John F. Wagner, Samuel P. Wagner and Clarence Schultz; eight tenement houses for B. H. Seltzer; twelve for Dr. Kate Freudenberger; remodeled the D. F. B. Shepp, W. R. Jones and John Roberts properties on West Broad street; in 1914 built the George Kelner apartment and business block on West Broad street, and a bungalow for Harry Kramer on Cottage avenue. His own residence, at the corner of Lehigh street and Cottage avenue, he erected in 1912. As architect he planned the remodeling of the *Courier* building, the Trinity Reformed church, and many equally creditable undertakings. His exceptional mechanical ability, combined with executive talent well developed in his wide experience, has made him a substantial contributor to the material betterment of the borough, where his work has justly received much appreciation. Mr. Schlegel is well known socially, belonging to Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, F. & A. M., and to Vigilance Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Schlegel was united in marriage with Mana Belder, daughter of Charles Belder, of Shamokin, Pa., and the following children have been born to them: George J., Verna, Erye, Nelson, Pauline, James and Daniel. The family are of the Reformed faith in religion.

SAMUEL DEEBEL, who is extensively engaged in farming in East Union township, has a finely improved property and beautiful home there. The home place has been owned in the family for almost three-quarters of a century, Mr. Deebel's father having bought and settled there in 1841.

The Deebels are of German origin, and John F. Deebel, the father of Samuel Deebel, was the first of the line to come to this country. The grandfather was a farmer in Baden, owning a small tract of land. He followed his son to America with the intention of remaining here, but as he did not like his new surroundings returned to the old country. Later, however, he became dissatisfied there and decided to try the United States again, and he was frozen to death while traveling through the forest, on his way to take

passage. He and his wife are buried in Baden. They had two children of whom we have record, Andrew and John F. The grandfather was a Lutheran in religion.

John F. Deebel was born July 28, 1808, in Baden, Germany, and was reared and educated in that country. He served an apprenticeship at the cooper's trade, and about the time he completed his term underwent the customary test of skill in that vocation. The apprentice had to construct a keg without hoop or band that would hold water, and if successful was considered a good mechanic, and had the privilege of presenting himself for employment as a finished tradesman. John F. Deebel followed coopering as long as he remained in his native land. When a little over thirty years old he decided to come to America, but not having the money for the journey he borrowed one hundred dollars from two friends, with the understanding that after he had established himself here he would find positions for them, so that they would have employment ready for them when they arrived. He settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he worked at carpentry, and in due time he kept his agreement and sent for his friends, one a Mr. Thatch, for whom he secured work as a carpenter at Tamaqua. There is no record of the other, except that it is known Mr. Deebel fulfilled his obligation. Mr. Deebel did carpenter work around the breakers, etc., at Tamaqua, working at first for fifty cents a day, was married there, and soon afterwards turned to the agricultural opportunities the surrounding country afforded, which seemed to him to promise very well. In 1841 he moved to the place in East Union township, Schuylkill county, now owned by his son Samuel, having bought a tract of four hundred acres from Samuel Knaube. Six acres were clear, the rest in timber. Mr. Deebel cleared a great deal of it in his lifetime, some forty acres being placed under profitable cultivation through his labors, assisted by his children as they became old enough. When he came to the property a log house and log barn stood there, and he used both. As he prospered he bought more land, his industry and thrift being very well rewarded. In 1874 he sold out to his son Samuel and a new house was built, the parents living with Samuel until they died. The father passed away at his home place May 11, 1894, aged eighty-five years, nine months, thirteen days. He was interested in politics and local affairs, supporting the Democratic party, and for nine years he held the office of tax collector. In religion he was a Lutheran, belonging to St. Paul's Church in East Union township, which he served as elder and deacon.

Mr. Deebel married Mrs. Rebecca (Zehner) Kreitz, who was born Feb. 28, 1808, at Zehner's Mill, in West Penn township, daughter of David Zehner, a miller of West Penn township, this county, Zehner's mill standing there to this day, operated by one of his descendants, Jacob Zehner; it is near Zehner's station, on the Philadelphia & Reading road. Rebecca Zehner was first married to David Kreitz, by whom she had two sons, David and William, the latter now eighty-six years old. To her marriage with Mr. Deebel were born the following children: Samuel; Louisa, widow of Robert Fehr, living in Mahanoy City; Rebecca, who married Henry Betzenberger, of Walnutport, Pa.; Elizabeth, who died young; John, of East Union township, who married Hannah Lorah; Abraham, deceased, who went West and married there; Henry, who married Anna Herring; and a son who died young. The mother of this family died June 20, 1894, aged eighty-six years, three months, twenty-two days. Both parents are buried at St. Paul's Church.

Samuel Deebel was born Aug. 19, 1842, on the farm in East Union township which he now owns and occupies. He grew to manhood there, during his boyhood attending the Lorah school, and received his training for his life work under his father's tuition, continuing to work for him after he attained his majority. When his father was no longer able to do his share of the farm work he cared for him dutifully, looking after both his parents in their old age. In 1874 he was given a deed to the home property by his father, in consideration of the wages due him for his work after he was twenty-one years old. He has added to the original tract by two purchases, one of thirty-five acres, the other of seventy acres, of which sixteen acres are cleared. He works all three tracts, carrying on general farming, in which he has been very successful, being looked upon as one of the substantial men of his township. Besides improving his land he built the present dwelling there, and has recently made a number of changes in the house and grounds, having cement walks and walls for his garden, and up-to-date appointments in his house. All three places are equipped with hot and cold water and bathroom. As he and his wife are great lovers of flowers they have beautified their yard with unusual care, having one of the most attractive homes in the vicinity.

Mr. Deebel prizes all the possessions which have come down to him from his ancestors, especially his mother's china, which includes some very fine old specimens. He has been offered good prices for some pieces, but would never consent to part with them. He has several fine carriage robes, one specially fine piece of work, made of coonskins from animals he trapped himself. He has another made from the skins of groundhogs which he caught, and a fine black bearskin from a bear which he shot in Centre county, this State.

Like his father Mr. Deebel has been a prominent member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of which he is now elder, having held that office for twenty years. He has also been deacon, and he is a regular attendant at Sunday school services. Politically he is a Democrat, and though never an office seeker he served as tax collector in 1885. He was a charter member of Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Ringtown, and for twenty-two years has held stock in the Mahanoy City Bank.

Mr. Deebel married Mrs. Rachel (Zimmerman) Eisenhauer, widow of Samuel Eisenhauer. They have one child, Rebecca, born April 20, 1902, who is attending school in the home township.

Mrs. Deebel was born Feb. 2, 1856, in Union township, this county, near Ringtown, where the "Hotel Slitzer" now stands, and was ten years old when the family moved to Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa. She was married in Ringtown to Samuel Eisenhauer, who was born near that place, son of Jacob and Sarah (Kramer) Eisenhauer, and they first lived in Union township, where he rented a farm, later moving to East Union township, where he died. He was a Democrat, and his religious connection was with the Old White Reformed Church in Union township, at which church he is buried. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhauer had the following family: Mina Jane, who is deceased; Sarah Ann, deceased; Benjamin Franklin, who married Lillie Donahoe; David Jacob, who married Helen Miller; Catherine, deceased; Lizzie May, deceased; Ira, who married Mary Nungesser; Eva, wife of Charles Scott; William Roy, who married Margaret Klopp; Ida Pearl, wife of Harvey Barker; and Arthur John, unmarried, who lives at home. Mrs. Deebel is a member of the Reformed congregation of St. Paul's Church, and belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society.

John Zimmerman, Mrs. Deebel's grandfather, was born in Union township, this county, and followed farming, owning seventy acres. He had two children, Emanuel and David, and died when the latter was young. In religion he adhered to the German Reformed faith, belonging to the Old White Church, and he and his wife are buried there. Politically he was a Democrat.

David Zimmerman was born in Union township, and being quite young when his father died was reared by his grandfather, John Zimmerman. He became a farmer, and some time after his marriage, which took place in Union township, bought his father-in-law's farm in Roaring Creek township, Columbia Co., Pa., consisting of over one hundred acres, upon which he made a permanent settlement. He died there. Mr. Zimmerman married Mrs. Mina (Miller) Lindermuth, daughter of Daniel and ————, (Kline) Miller and widow of Michael Lindermuth, by whom she had four children: Frank and his wife Priscilla are both deceased; Anne is the widow of Samuel Dresher and lives at Ringtown, Pa.; Nathaniel married Sarah Snyder, and they live in Centre county, Pa.; Michael married Sarah Ulshafer, and they live in East Union township. To Mr. and Mrs. David Zimmerman were born the following children: John married Caroline Maurer; Daniel, deceased, married Susan Maurer, who lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Lena is deceased; Rudolph married Margaret Leiby, and they live in Roaring Creek; Polly, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Rupert, of Ringtown, Pa.; Lewis, deceased, married Sarah Leiby, who lives in Roaring Creek; Rachel is the wife of Samuel Deebel; Isaac, deceased, married Emma Leiby, who lives at Elysburg, Pa.; Andrew married Ellen Berger, and they live near Elysburg, Pa.; Catherine is deceased.

Mr. Zimmerman was a member of the German Reformed Church of Numidia, Columbia county, where he and his wife are buried. He was a Democrat on political questions.

FREDERICK RICK WAGNER, D. D. S., is one of the successful dental practitioners in Schuylkill county, having his office at Mahanoy City, where this Wagner family has been established for over forty years. His father, Franklin B. Wagner, was a merchant of high standing in the borough for more than a quarter of a century, and most of his children are still living there and taking their part in the life of the community as substantial citizens.

Earlier generations of the Wagner family were in Berks county, Pa., where George Wagner and his wife, the Doctor's great-grandparents, lived and died. He was born March 3, 1776, and died Aug. 21, 1857; she was born May 5, 1777, and died aged forty-four years, nine months, three days. They lived at the old Wagner homestead about five miles west of Hamburg, where he followed farming. He was married three times and we have the following record of his children: Solomon died in September, 1868, aged ninety years, nine months; Daniel, born July 1, 1801, died July 12, 1882; Mrs. Salem died Sept. 7, 1889, aged eighty-six years, ten months, five days; Benjamin, born Aug. 29, 1804, died Jan. 3, 1892; Samuel, born Oct. 11, 1809, died in April, 1887, aged seventy-seven years, five months, twenty-five days; William, born Oct. 14, 1811, died March 27, 1888; George, born May 10, 1816, died June 10, 1896; Elias was born Jan. 25, 1820.

William Wagner, son of George, was born in Upper Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 14, 1811, and died March 27, 1888, at Hamburg, that county,



where he was engaged in farming. His wife was born May 18, 1814, and died July 23, 1886. Their children were: Charles died May 18, 1899, aged sixty-three years, eight months, twenty-seven days; William died May 28, 1879, aged thirty-nine years, three months, ten days; Franklin B. died March 26, 1904, aged sixty years, one month, five days; Catherine died Nov. 1, 1889, aged forty-four years, six months, sixteen days; Sarah died April 19, 1901, aged fifty-four years, twenty-seven days; Adam, born May 25, 1850, died June 1, 1876; Fayette died Dec. 5, 1891, aged thirty-seven years, ten months, sixteen days; Jonathan died Nov. 28, 1891, aged thirty-four years, seven months, seventeen days; Amelia, born Dec. 27, 1848, died March 1, 1857; Henrietta, born Aug. 3, 1855, died May 2, 1861.

Franklin B. Wagner, son of William, and father of Dr. Frederick Rick Wagner, was born at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., and was reared and educated there. He came to Mahanoy City about 1873, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he carried on successfully the rest of his active life, becoming widely known and making an enviable reputation both in business and for personal integrity. He retired about two years before his death, which occurred March 26, 1904, at the age of sixty years, one month, five days. He is buried at Hamburg, Pa. Mr. Wagner married Caroline K. Rick, a daughter of George Rick and his wife, Caroline (Kauffman), both members of old families of Berks county, Pa. Mrs. Wagner still resides at Mahanoy City. Children as follows were born to this union: Alice R., now the wife of Dr. C. D. Miller, of Pottsville, Pa.; Jovina R., wife of Frank Kemery, living at Mahanoy City; Milton R., who now has charge of the C. R. Wagner store at Mahanoy City; Catherine R., living at home; Frederick R.; Carrie, the wife of Harry F. Newhard; and Frank R., a mining engineer, living at home.

Frederick Rick Wagner was born Nov. 20, 1876, at Mahanoy City, and in his boyhood had the advantages afforded by the public schools of the borough. Later he attended Mercersburg (Pa.) College, and prepared for his profession in the dental school of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, graduating in 1900. Dr. Wagner began independent work in his profession at Watertown, N. Y., where he continued practice for seven years, at the end of that period returning to his native place, where he has found an excellent field of labor. Beginning on the prestige of his personal worth, he has built up a large practice by conscientious service to all patrons alike, and their number has increased steadily in the years of his location here. His office is in the Dipper building. Dr. Wagner is a Mason in good standing, affiliated with Mahanoy City Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; with Mizpah Chapter, No. 252, R. A. M. (past high priest); and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T. He also belongs to the Woodmen and the P. O. S. of A. In religious matters he is active as one of the efficient workers in the St. Paul's Reformed Church. In every association he enjoys the unstinted regard of his townsmen.

Dr. Wagner married May E. Ross, of Watertown, N. Y., and they have one child, Doris.

LOY & MINNIG, owners and publishers of *The Call*, Schuylkill Haven. This firm is composed of two young men born and raised in Schuylkill Haven, who in December, 1910, purchased outright the town's newspaper, *The Call*, and the job printing department connected with it, and immediately began upon a plan to improve and enlarge the scope of the publication. In the five years

the paper has grown from a four-page, six-column, three-quarter advertisement and boiler plate construction, to a six-page, seven-column, all home print publication, containing the news of the town and surrounding communities, in addition to many special features which are carried only by the larger metropolitan dailies. A large modern and complete job printing department is conducted in connection with the newspaper publication.

HARRY F. LOY, the business manager of the firm, son of Frank and Mary Loy, the second eldest in a family of five children, was born in Schuylkill Haven on Jan. 28, 1886, and with the exception of a few years in Philadelphia has spent his entire life in this town. Mr. Loy is the married member of this firm. He is a member of the First Reformed Church and a member of the board of church officials of this denomination. Fraternally he is connected with Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M., the Royal Arcanum, and is a past grand of Carrol Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Schuylkill Haven. He is the president of the Sigma Club, composed of the town's most prominent and representative young men. His many years' experience in large printing houses and on several newspapers, and his careful study of the printing art, make him capably fitted for the business management and superintendence of the mechanical and printing department of *The Call* printing office.

FLOYD H. MINNIG is the single member of this firm. He is twenty-nine years of age, having been born May 6, 1886. He is a son of John and Emma Minnig, the former being the well known Schuylkill Haven coal dealer for many years. He received his education in the public schools of the borough and later took a thorough course in the Pottsville Business College. He secured a position as clerk with a shoe manufacturing firm in Schuylkill Haven, which position he held for six years, resigning to embark in the newspaper and printing business. Mr. Minnig is the editor of *The Call*. His knowledge of the newspaper game and experience in this line of work was gained through his years of service on the Pottsville *Journal* as a local correspondent, and his training received from the editorial staff of this publication. He is a violinist of no mean ability and a clever and exacting trap drummer. Fraternally he is connected with the F. & A. M. of his town, and the Improved Order of Hep-tasophs of Schuylkill Haven. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. He is secretary of the Sigma Club, and for the past six years, as at present, has held the position of secretary of the town council of his borough.

JOHN E. BUBECK, for many years a well known resident of Schuylkill Haven, and an honored veteran of the great Civil war in his adopted country, was born at Esslingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America and the United States in boyhood. He landed at the port of New York and from there made his way to Philadelphia. With German thrift he accepted the first job of honest work that came his way, and followed butchering for a short time before coming on to Schuylkill Haven. Here, while the Schuylkill Haven docks were being built, he worked in the stone quarry. On March 31, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company B, 48th Pennsylvania Infantry, commanded by Capt. Thomas B. Williams, and saw very hard service before his honorable discharge, June 26, 1865, at the close of the war. He participated in the following battles: Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, siege of Petersburg and the mine explosion, Poplar Spring's Church, and Hatcher's Run, at the last named, in February, 1865, being captured by the enemy. He was incarcerated for three months in the

Salisbury prison and afterwards had to be cared for in a hospital at Baltimore.

After his military service had been so faithfully performed Mr. Bubeck returned to Schuylkill Haven and for a time followed butchering, and then was employed on the canal at Landing No. 1, under John B. Striker, where he continued for four years. Mr. Bubeck then accepted a position as shipper for the Reading Railway Company, and continued in that relation until the completion of the canal, after which he was employed in the storage yards until he retired from active service, a few years before his death. He was an honest, upright, industrious man, one who commanded respect from employers and associates. In his religious belief he was of the Lutheran faith. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. In politics he was a Democrat, and fraternally was a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain; he belonged also to Jere. Helms Post, No. 26, G. A. R., at Schuylkill Haven.

John E. Bubeck was united in marriage with Mary Eiler, a daughter of John Eiler, and the following children were born to them: John E., of Cressona, Pa.; Minnie, wife of John McCanna; William; Frank; George; Charles H.; Anna, wife of Daniel Shappell; Marietta, deceased; Clayton W.; and four who died in infancy.

CHARLES H. BUBECK, son of John E. and Mary Bubeck, a well known business man at Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough Dec. 10, 1868. He attended the public schools in North Manheim township and afterwards, for two years, was employed on the Schuylkill canal, and for two years more was located at the Schuylkill Haven landing. Mr. Bubeck was then employed by the Reading Railway Company in its repair department for one year, following which he was a brakeman on the Mine Hill railroad for nine years. He then left the railroad for a time and went to Philadelphia, entering the employ of the Hagens boatyard people, but remained only a short time, and after coming back to Schuylkill Haven returned to the Reading Railway Company. Until June 12, 1901, he was engaged in several capacities, and then he went into the car shops, where he continued until June, 1913. At that time he bought the stock of L. M. Reichert, an established grocer, at No. 164 Dock street, and has built up a very satisfactory grocery and green goods business.

Charles H. Bubeck was married to Anetta L. Williams, a daughter of Charles Williams, who now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Bubeck. Formerly he was a substantial farmer in Berks county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bubeck: Harry, who married Millie Schwilk, and has two sons, Charles A. and Paul; and Mattie, Paul and Mary, all three deceased. Mr. Bubeck is a member of Christ Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is identified with the O. U. A. M. and with the Red Men, both at Schuylkill Haven.

CLAYTON W. BUBECK, proprietor of the popular "Spring Garden Hotel," at Schuylkill Haven, was born in that borough April 30, 1876, son of John E. and Mary Bubeck. He attended the schools of Schuylkill Haven until he was seventeen years of age, and then learned the painting and paper hanging business, which he followed until 1899. In that year he began work in the car shops of the Reading Railway Company at Schuylkill Haven, in the painting and stenciling department, and continued there until April, 1913, when he became interested in his present business enterprise. Mr. Bubeck conducts a first-class, modern hotel, and his twenty-six guest rooms are always in demand, the traveling public having learned to appreciate the comforts he provides, while the excellence of the cuisine attracts much additional local trade. He and his brother stand high in the public esteem as good citizens. Politically he is

a sound Democrat, and for nine years served as committeeman. His connection with fraternal organizations includes membership in the Sons of America, the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Red Men, the Heptasophs, and the Rainbow Hose Company.

Mr. Bubeck married Martha Keip, a daughter of Lewis Keip, and they have three children: Leon, Ruth and Russell. The family belong to the First Reformed Church.

JEREMIAH D. GEIGER, of Pottsville, for a number of years foreman in the shoe factory of Dengler Brothers, is now conducting a similar business on his own account in the city. Experience and long training have proved their value in the prosperity which has attended his venture from the outset. Though but recently established, his plant is in excellent working order, and the product has been promptly taken up in the market on its own merits.

Mr. Geiger is a native of Schuylkill county, descended from an old family of Berks county, Pa., located there before the erection of the county, in 1752. Philip Geiger was born Nov. 20, 1765, and died Aug. 13, 1831. His wife, Anna Maria Stichter, was born Jan. 18, 1769, and died Nov. 1, 1791. They are both buried in the east side of the old cemetery at Amityville Church. With them is buried Maria Geiger (1793-1823), probably a daughter, and wife of Philip Mathias. Another daughter married a Moyer. The number of children of this old pioneer couple cannot be definitely stated. There was a son, Jacob, mentioned below; and tradition tells of another son. Philip Geiger lived in Amity township before 1806, as in that year his name appears on the tax lists.

Jacob Geiger, son of Philip, was born Aug. 20, 1795, and died in Amity Sept. 6, 1868. He was a farmer and owned a tract of 160 acres about three quarters of a mile south of Amityville. He married Elizabeth Harner, born Aug. 21, 1798, died Sept. 17, 1870, and their children were: Jacob H., Mary Ann, John, Mahlon, Elizabeth (married Alfred Fritz), and Leah Ann.

Jacob Geiger, grandfather of Jeremiah D. Geiger, was born in Berks county, whence he removed to Schuylkill county at an early date and located in North Manheim township. There he carried on the business of wheelwright and remained until his death. His children were: William, Hannah, Kate, Lydia and Jacob, the last named dying young.

William Geiger, son of Jacob, learned his father's trade and also followed carpentry, becoming well known all over his section of Schuylkill county. He resided on the old homestead in North Manheim township and died there in 1893. By his marriage to Sophia Schnauffer he had the following children: John P., Frank B., Jeremiah D., Albert, Joanna and Amelia.

Jeremiah D. Geiger was born June 28, 1869, near Orwigsburg, in North Manheim township, and there grew to manhood, beginning his education in the public schools of the home locality. Later he went to a private school taught by Prof. John Bohman. He taught school one year at Tumbling Run, in North Manheim township, and then commenced to learn the shoe manufacturing business with the old Orwigsburg Shoe Company. He followed his experience there with employment at different factories in Orwigsburg, and also worked at Harrisburg and Rochester, and on his return to Schuylkill county located at Pottsville, where he became foreman for Dengler Brothers. He

remained with them until ready to engage in business on his own account. His factory is at No. 118 South Sixth street. Mr. Geiger keeps twenty hands steadily employed in the production of children's shoes, for which he has found a good market. His thorough experience has qualified him well for the manufacturing end of the business, and his success was anticipated by all familiar with his thorough energy and comprehensive disposition. Mr. Geiger's religious connection is with the English Lutheran Church.

Mr. Geiger married Lydia Keefer, daughter of Joseph Keefer, of New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, and they have three children, namely: Effie, Eva and Florence.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN LAUDIG is farming in Union township on the place where he was born, and he is a typical member of a family whose name has been among the most respected in this part of Schuylkill county for several generations. Peter Laudig, his great-grandfather, was born Jan. 28, 1760, was a Revolutionary soldier, and died Aug. 6, 1837. On May 16, 1780, he married Catherine Lantzer, who was born in Philadelphia June 12, 1760, and died Oct. 6, 1835. They are buried at the Old White Church near Ringtown, Schuylkill county.

Jacob Laudig, son of Peter, was born Sept. 28, 1786, and died July 17, 1863. The greater part of his active life was spent in Union township, whither he moved from Middleport, this county, and he was engaged in farming and milling, having a tract of about forty-eight acres and a gristmill where T. W. Rumbel now lives. This mill and farm he sold to John Maurer and then bought the place where W. H. Rumbel is now located, remaining there until his death. He was a Democrat in political faith, and his religious connection was with the German Reformed congregation of the Old White Church near Ringtown, in whose cemetery he and his wife are buried. Mr. Laudig married Elizabeth Wetstone, who was born Jan. 13, 1794, and died Sept. 26, 1863. Their children were: Solomon married Susan Zimmerman; William married Rebecca Rumbel; Frank died in young manhood; Jacob married Rachel Stauffer; Leah married John Zimmerman.

William Laudig, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wetstone) Laudig, was born in April, 1828, probably near Middleport, Schuylkill county, and lived to the age of fifty-nine years, five months. During his youth and early manhood he assisted his father in the operation of the farm and mill, being the eldest son, and after his father's death he conducted the mill for the estate. Later he sold the mill property and moved to the farm now occupied by William H. Rumbel, buying that place, upon which he remained for a few years. Then he sold it to his brother Jacob and moved to the property near Ringtown now owned by his son William, buying thirty-six acres from the Leshner tract, then still in the ownership of the Leshner family, who received it as a grant from the Commonwealth. This place was all timbered at the time Mr. Laudig purchased it, and he built himself a log house and settled in the forest, which he proceeded to clear. Thirty-three acres of that tract were placed under cultivation by him. Later he bought forty acres about a quarter of a mile from his home, of Michael Thornton, eleven acres of which were cleared, and he cleared most of the remainder, leaving six acres in timber. He continued to improve his home place, building a new dwelling in 1876, and before then he had erected a new barn; the sheds attached to it were put up in 1873. Mr. Laudig followed general farming there very successfully all his life, dying on that place, and he is

buried with his wife at the German Reformed (Old White) Church near Ringtown. He was a liberal supporter of that church and one of its leading workers, holding the offices of elder and deacon. Politically he adhered to the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Laudig married Rebecca Rumbel, daughter of Henry and Salome (Andrews) Rumbel, and she died aged seventy-nine years, eight months, twenty-eight days. Seven children were born to this marriage: Benjamin Henry, who is farming part of his father's property in Union township, married Emma Miller; William Franklin is next in the order of birth; Susanna married William Hartman, and both are deceased; Lucy married Pierce Fry, and after his death became the wife of Joseph Wagner, of Ringtown, Pa.; Caroline married Abraham Beaver, of Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa.; Mary is the wife of Henry M. Eister, of Sunbury, Pa.; Katie died young.

William Franklin Laudig was born Sept. 12, 1861, and obtained his education in Union township. Until seventeen years old he worked on the home place, and then went to learn butchering with Thomas Jones, in Union township, with whom he remained three months. For another three months he was with Albert H. Rumbel, in the same township, and followed with six months at Sunbury, where he was employed by Jacob Dindore in the same line. Because of his father's illness he returned home for six months, after which he was with Nicholas Timmis, in Excelsior, for four months. After a month at home he returned to Shenandoah to work for James B. Lessig, with whom he continued thirteen months, until his father's death called him home again. Then he rented the home tract, his brother Benjamin renting the Michael Thornton place, and after their mother's death they became the respective purchasers of these farms, which they have continued to cultivate to the present time. William F. Laudig follows general farming, but he makes a specialty of truck raising, going to the Shenandoah market all the year round. His products have a reputation which creates a steady demand for them, and his business-like methods have been found very satisfactory by all his customers. Since 1894 he has also been doing a very successful business as a dealer in all kind of farming implements and fertilizers.

Mr. Laudig has taken a keen interest in all local affairs. He has just completed a term as tax collector, has held a position on the board of school directors for three terms (nine years), and has served as election inspector, working with the Democratic party. He is a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A., originally affiliated with Washington Camp No. 112, of Shenandoah, now with Camp No. 265, at Ringtown, of which he is a past president, and he gave many years' service as recording secretary; he also holds membership in Shenandoah Commandery, No. 14, P. O. S. of A.; and in Ringtown Lodge, No. 287, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. In all these bodies he has done valuable work, and his cooperation has been highly appreciated. The Reformed Church of Ringtown is his religious home; he has been chosen to the offices of elder and deacon, formerly taught in the Sunday school, is a member of the Home Missionary Society, and was for a long time at the head of the latter organization.

On Nov. 27, 1884, Mr. Laudig married Mary Jane Bare, who was born July 6, 1863, in Rush township, this county, and when very young moved into East Union township, where she received her education. She remained at home until her marriage. Mrs. Laudig has been an energetic worker in the Reformed Church at Ringtown, for many years having charge of the infant

department of the Sunday school, and she was also a member of the Home Missionary Society. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Laudig, all of whom have attended the public schools of Union township: Alice Gertrude, born Feb. 4, 1886, is the wife of Charles F. Hart, a farmer of Union township, and they have had children, Grace Alvina, Neta Yolanda, Ada Priscilla, Evelyn Mary (deceased), Samuel Franklin and Sadie May. Neta Estella, born March 24, 1888, is married to James Zimmerman, a carpenter of Ringtown, and their children are Sarah Catherine, Marian Rebecca, Blanche Mary and Emma May. Sarah Rebecca, born April 1, 1890, is the wife of Charles Stauffer, a farmer in Union township, and their children are William Henry, Samuel Franklin and Paul Laudig. Emma Priscilla, born July 29, 1892, is at home. Mary Jane, born March 2, 1896, is a graduate of the Ringtown high school, and is now living at home.

Mrs. Laudig's grandfather Bare was a native of Berks county, Pa., where he and his wife are buried. His children were: Joshua, William, Mrs. Fryer (of Boyertown, Pa.) and Sarah (who went West).

William Bare, Mrs. Laudig's father, was born in Berks county Sept. 21, 1827, and there received his education. He was but a small child when his father died. When a young man he came to Rush township, Schuylkill county, where he worked as a teamster for a number of years, and when he married bought a small tract of land in that township, which he operated for a while. He then rented it out and moved to East Union township, where he drove team for Brandon Reagan for a number of years, and later bought a farm in that township from William Reagan, containing nearly eighty acres, a great portion of which he cleared. He followed general farming there. Later he bought another tract, of twenty-five acres, in the same township, upon which he settled, and there he died June 24, 1894. It was mostly covered with brush when he bought it. He is buried at the Old White Church. Mr. Bare was a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed denomination, belonging to the Old White Church, towards whose support he was a liberal contributor; he held the offices of elder and deacon. His wife, Priscilla (Faust), was born July 27, 1836, in Rush township, this county. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bare: Sarah Malinda, who lives with her mother in East Union township; John, of East Union township, who married Angeline Stauffer; Franklin Pierce, of Cammal, Lycoming Co., Pa., who married Ada Hostrander; Mrs. William F. Laudig; Alice Catherine, who died young; William Henry, who was killed in a powder mill at Summeytown, Montgomery county; Jacob Allen, Calvin Obediah and Charles Edward, all three of whom died young.

Henry Faust, father of Mrs. Priscilla (Faust) Bare, was born probably in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and became a resident of Rush township, where he owned a farm of 110 acres which he operated in addition to his carpenter business. He followed contracting all his life, and built all the covered bridges in this section of the county. He and his wife, Salome (Klingerman), probably born in West Penn township, are buried at the Reformed Church in Rush township, of which he was a member. Politically he was a Democrat. We have the following record of his family: Priscilla married William Bare; Edward married Polly Herring, who survives him; Leah is the widow of Nathan Neifert; Lydia is the wife of Frank Wentz; Caroline is unmarried; Mary is the widow of Gottlieb Skeath; Jacob, deceased,

married a Messersmith; Charles married Bertha Skeath; Lewis is deceased; Henry is unmarried; Frank married Caroline Wentz, who is deceased.

WILLIAM BASLER, late of Middleport, was a prosperous merchant there for forty years and had the distinction of being a truly self-made man, having reached a most honorable position entirely through his own efforts. The store he carried on so long became one of the leading mercantile establishments of this section of Schuylkill county, and is still conducted by his widow, who has maintained its popularity by upholding the policy her husband found so successful, that of obliging service to every patron. Though Mr. Basler took no direct part in public affairs his influence as a good man was properly appreciated by his townsmen, who felt that the borough suffered a distinct loss in his death.

Mr. Basler was a native of Germany, born March 7, 1842, in Fitchbach, son of Christian and Louisa (Herman) Basler. The family came to America when he was about four years old and first located near Pottsville, Pa., shortly afterwards removing to Brushy Tract, Schuylkill county, where they remained a number of years. Thence Christian Basler went to Frackville, this county, and eventually to Port Carbon, at which place he lived practically retired until his death, which occurred in 1877. He had been thoroughly trained in the trade of tinsmith, and always had plenty of employment. To his marriage with Louisa Herman were born ten children, three sons and seven daughters, namely: Catherine, Carolina, Louisa, Lena, Elizabeth, Mary, Mollie, Peter, Christian and William. The father was a devout Catholic in religious connection. He voted the Democratic ticket.

William Basler had meagre advantages during his boyhood, going to work at the breaker when but eight years old. He began as a slate picker, and continued to work about the mines for eighteen years. But though the life was arduous it did not impair his ambition, and he tried to keep up his studies, by diligent application acquiring a very fair education, which he found valuable when he entered business life on his own account, though the perseverance he displayed in acquiring it was equally notable. By frugal habits he saved enough to commence modestly in business, and he became a merchant at Middleport in 1866, establishing the store which was his chief interest during the remainder of his life. From the very beginning Mr. Basler showed those qualities which attract customers, and conservatively but surely he added to the scope of his trade until he was one of the foremost dealers in the borough, enlarging his quarters as necessary, and always operating his business for the accommodation of his patrons. He had their friendship and confidence in an unusual degree, and always proved himself deserving of it. For a number of years Mr. Basler was also a coal operator, and did well in that line, his early experience being a great help in matters of judgment. His death occurred Aug. 21, 1906, at his home in Middleport, and he is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Tamaqua. He was a member of Middleport Lodge, No. 474, I. O. O. F. In political sentiment Mr. Basler was a Republican, but in local matters he voted independently, looking to the good of the community rather than to party supremacy.

On Feb. 28, 1864, Mr. Basler married Mary Catherine Miller, who was born Dec. 14, 1844, in Blythe township, Schuylkill county, daughter of Eli T. and Jane (Evans) Miller. We have the following record of the fifteen children born to this union: J. Allen is deceased; Mary J. is the wife of



Levi Ruch, a contractor and builder of Middleport (they have one son, Charles Willmon B.); Sarah E. married Moses Purnell, formerly of Tamaqua, who was killed at Middleport in 1914 by a team (his widow resides at Middleport); William J., now a merchant at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., married Catherine Hopkins; Laura S. is the wife of Richard Purnell, a laborer, and they live at Tamaqua; John T., who has a hotel at Middleport, married Mary Neison; Ida M. is the wife of John Calaway, and they live in Orwigsburg, Pa.; Charles E., who clerks in the store for his mother, married Bessie Sherman; J. Nelson is manager in the store for his mother (he is unmarried); Eli R., who married Minerva Bausher, is engaged in the hotel business at Palmerton, Pa.; Eva Pearl is the wife of John Kline, a wholesale liquor dealer at Middleport; Carrie E. is married to Harry Eberts, who is a telegrapher at Quakake, Schuylkill county; C. G. Roy, who clerks for his mother, married Freda Krantz; Carrie Della died when four months old; one son died in infancy.

FREDERICK REISIG, who now lives retired after a life of honorable industry, is one of the respected residents of Rush township, Schuylkill county, making his home on a small tract of land near Lakeside. His active years were spent in various pursuits, for he is a mechanic skilled in several lines, and he has also followed agriculture, merchandising and hotelkeeping, besides finding time for public service and participation in other local affairs.

Mr. Reisig is a native of Saxony, Germany, born Jan. 17, 1842, son of John Reisig. The father was also born in Saxony, where he lived and died, but the mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Leitenberger, came to America and died at Brandonville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. John Reisig followed farming and also had a pipe factory. His family consisted of five children: Frederick, George, Bertha, Sophia and Casper. The last named was an officer in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war and is again serving as an officer in the present conflict.

Frederick Reisig came to this country when fourteen years old, and first settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed blacksmithing and huckstering. He made his home there and at Glen Carbon, this county, until twenty-five years old. Then for about fifteen years he was established at Mahanoy City, where he worked at his trade and had a marble yard. His next location was in Ryon township, where he followed farming and for a period of eleven years also conducted a store and hotel, thence in 1903 removing to Rush township, where he has since remained. Here he did considerable contract work, putting in building foundations, in fact he laid all the walls for the houses at Maryd, but he withdrew from arduous work some time ago, and now occupies a small tract which he owns, near Lakeside. During the course of his active life he accumulated some valuable property, owning yet 221 acres of farming and timber lands in Ryon and Rush townships, including his home property of one acre, with house and barn.

Mr. Reisig has always been a good citizen, ready to bear his share of the responsibilities of government, and intelligent in understanding the needs of the community. He was a school director of Ryon township for seven years and secretary of the board; and for a similar period filled the office of township clerk there. Church work has also interested him and had his warm support. He is a prominent member of the German Lutheran denomination in his locality, was Sunday school superintendent for sixteen years, and is still an officer of the church, serving as trustee. During the Civil war he

enlisted from Minersville in the Pennsylvania State Militia, serving under Colonel Chest and Capt. Jacob Lawrence, and was orderly sergeant. His company was engaged in guarding the capitol at Harrisburg, did guard duty at Philadelphia and Hagerstown, and moved the army wagons at Philadelphia under John Arnold.

Mr. Reisig married Mary Hornberger, of Minersville, who died in August, 1908, and is buried at St. Peter's Church in Ryon township. They had a large family, viz.: Emma, who became a physician, practicing in Philadelphia, where she died when forty-two years old; Hettie, deceased; Wilfred, who died young; Frederick, who is now keeping a hotel in Ryon township; John, deceased; Willis Florence, deceased; Elmer G.; Charles, who is a farmer in Rush township; Edward, deceased; Gertrude, Mrs. Krebs, who formerly had a hotel at Mount Carmel, which she sold recently, now living in Philadelphia; Maude, Mrs. Freudenberger, of Tamaqua (she and her husband are in the hotel business); and Joseph, a farmer in Ryon township.

HON. JAMES E. BRENNAN, for over sixty years a resident of Cass township, has been one of the leading figures in public life in his section of Schuylkill county, having held many offices of honor and trust within the gift of his fellow citizens. Mr. Brennan is a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, born in June, 1844, son of Patrick and Mary (Maley) Brennan. The family came from Ireland to the United States in 1852, and soon after their arrival in this country settled at Forestville, in Cass township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The father, being a coal miner, soon found employment in the local mines, where he worked until his death, which occurred in 1865. Of his family of ten children, six were born in Ireland.

James E. Brennan lived in Schuylkill county until shortly after his marriage, when he removed to Williamstown, Dauphin Co., Pa. There he was engaged in driving gangways, but he lost his position because of his connection with the Workingmen's Benevolent Association, of which he was president for a time, and very prominent in promoting its interests. Returning to his old home at Forestville, he continued to live there for many years, being one of the best known men in Cass township. He began his public service when a young man. In 1875 he was elected school director, and the following year became secretary of the board. The next year he was made tax collector, still continuing his connection with the school board, of which body he became treasurer in 1881. He collected both State and county taxes. In 1882 Mr. Brennan was the Democratic candidate for representative of the Second district in the State Legislature, was elected, and served two years. He has always been a prominent member of the Democratic party, and has served as a delegate to numerous county conventions.

In 1880 Mr. Brennan went into business at Forestville, conducting a hotel and saloon for many years. He returned to mine work for about two years after his return from the State Legislature. In the fall of 1891 he became foreman on a branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, then in course of construction, from Pottsville to the Lytle colliery, near Forestville, by way of Minersville. His work was so well done that the contractor, Joseph Gorman, engaged him the following year to oversee a piece of the road to Mount Carmel, and he was occupied at that for three months. Mr. Brennan has never lost his interest in the rise of the workingman, which occupied so much of his attention during his earlier years, and his various experiences in business and public life

have given him opportunities for observation, and the acquisition of a large fund of practical information in this most interesting field. He has for some time made his home at Primrose, a small hamlet in Cass township, and is at present holding the position of truant officer of that township.

Mr. Brennan married Ellen Shortall, daughter of Patrick and Catherine Shortall, of Forestville, and twelve children have been born to this marriage, namely: Mary, who married Thomas McLaughlin, of Shamokin, Pa.; Kate, wife of Patrick Purcell, of Forestville, this county; Teresa, wife of Patrick Brennan, of Forestville; William John, of Forestville, who married Kate Brennan; Francis, deceased; Richard; Thomas; Albert; Frank; Henry G.; Gertrude; and James, deceased.

WILLIAM C. RICHARDS is a very well known citizen at Fountain Springs and the neighboring territory in Schuylkill county, and as a business man and farmer has made good in his various undertakings. His lumber business has grown to profitable proportions under his systematic operation. As a farmer he is decidedly up to date, helping to keep up the reputation of his neighborhood by his progressive policy.

Mr. Richards was born not far from his present location, at Centralia, across the line in Columbia county, Feb. 20, 1869. His grandfather, William Richards, was one of the early residents of that place and later moved to Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county, buying a farm which he cultivated until his death. He was engaged at mining all his life.

Thomas Richards, son of William, was born in Cornwall, England, and like his father became a miner by occupation. For a number of years he was engaged in the manufacture of British white oil, used for medicinal purposes, building up an extensive business, which he carried on until his death. His location was at Centralia. There he was married to Matilda Black, who survives him, being now (1914) seventy years old. Her father, David Black, a native of Ireland, settled near Minersville many years ago, and continued to reside in that part of Schuylkill county all his life. He was employed at the mines as a hoisting engineer. His wife's maiden name was Clatchey. To Mr. and Mrs. Richards were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom William, the eldest, is deceased; David B. lives with his mother in Schuylkill county; William C. is mentioned below; Thomas B. is farming in Schuylkill county; Martha is the wife of Archie Kehler, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Robert is farming in Schuylkill county; Sarah is deceased.

William C. Richards was educated in the public schools of Centralia. When still young he began work as a breaker boy at the mines, and as soon as he was old enough became employed at more responsible duties in the mines, following this line until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he commenced learning the trade of plumber, tinner and gasfitter, at Centralia, and continued to work at it there for five years after completing his apprenticeship. For a time thereafter he was in the lumber business at Fountain Springs with his brother Thomas, whom he eventually bought out, since carrying it on alone, though he has also acquired other responsibilities meantime. Nineteen years ago he bought his farm, a tract of 135 acres in Butler township near Fountain Springs, which has been undergoing steady improvement along modern lines since it came into his possession.

On Dec. 3, 1898, Mr. Richards married Rose Kesselring, who was born at Fountain Springs, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Kissell) Kesselring,

pioneer settlers at that point. Mr. Kesselring was an old-time railroad man, and was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company when he met an accidental death, at Mahanoy Plane, nine years ago. Mrs. Kesselring died July 26, 1913, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have had one child, Catherine E. Mrs. Richards is a member of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Richards has been active in the church at Fountain Springs, which he is serving as trustee.

JOSIAH HOLSHUE, a retired carpenter and contractor, now residing at Gordon, Schuylkill county, was born in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., April 1, 1830, son of George and Sarah (Kramer) Holshue, natives of Northampton and Northumberland counties, Pa., respectively.

George Holshue was an early settler in Northumberland county, and was a blacksmith by trade. He owned a farm there, and was also engaged in the coal business for some years. He died in that county in 1871, and Mrs. Holshue died the same year. She was a native of Northumberland county, where her parents were among the first settlers; there are many residents of that county who spell the name Kremer, who are probably members of the same German family. To Mr. and Mrs. Holshue were born ten children: Christiana and Matilda, deceased; Josiah, mentioned below; Abbie, Sarah, Emanuel and Ellen, deceased; Joseph; Benjamin; and Carrie, the wife of Daniel Isenhart, of Philadelphia.

Josiah Holshue was educated in the schools of Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-one years of age. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed continuously until his retirement. In 1853 he came to Gordon and found work at his trade, in 1859 entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with whom he remained for thirty-nine years. He then went into the contracting business in Gordon, but during the last few years has lived retired. Mr. Holshue was married in 1855 to Elizabeth Faust, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Rarick) Faust, old residents of Schuylkill county. Mrs. Holshue died in 1871, leaving five children: Orvella, wife of Alfred Rice, of Gordon, formerly a business man there; George, who married Mary A. Isenhart, of Shamokin, and has two sons, George and Gordon; Edward, deceased; Sallie, wife of H. L. Neff, of Gordon, who has two sons, Luther and Alfred; and Harry, a resident of Tamaqua, who is married to Louisa Reed and has one son, Reed.

Mr. Holshue is a member of the Methodist Church, in the work of which he has been very active, being also interested in the work of the Sunday school. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the Red Men. He has been honored with election as chief burgess of Gordon, has been supervisor of the township, and is now a member of the borough council. He resides in a handsome home at Gordon which he built himself, and is devoting his time to the betterment of local conditions and to assisting in the development and growth of the town of his adoption.

ELIAS DERR, one of the oldest residents of Barry township, has farmed all his life in that section of Schuylkill county. He was born in this county, in the Mahanoy valley, Nov. 11, 1833, son of John and Sarah Derr, both also natives of the county. They settled in the valley at a very early day and owned a farm there. John Derr died in 1848 and was long survived by his

wife, her death occurring in 1885. They had a family of nine children, of whom Daniel was the eldest; Elias is next in the family; Kate, Mrs. Stone, is a resident of Williamsport; Elizabeth, Solomon, Lovina and Hester are deceased; William is living in Barry township; Isaac is deceased.

Elias Derr was reared and educated in Schuylkill county, attending the public schools. Trained to farming from boyhood, he has always followed agricultural pursuits and has been successful as the result of persevering attention to his work, coupled with thrift and judicious management. During the Civil war he showed his sympathy with the Union cause by entering the service as a member of Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the struggle. His regiment was attached to Grant's army. He was mustered out at Philadelphia, and returning to his home at Taylorsville has since been established there. For a number of years he was a member of the G. A. R. post at Ashland, this county, highly esteemed among his comrades in that organization as he has been wherever known. He is venerated for his upright career, having led a useful, honorable life which entitles him to respect.

Mr. Derr has been twice married and has had three children by each union. To the first were born: Henry, who is a resident of Ashland; Alice, wife of Benjamin Dirk; and John, now deceased. For his second wife he married Ann Dittweiler, of Ringtown, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Dittweiler, an old settler in the county, and she died Jan. 18, 1909, the mother of: Ila, Mrs. Solon Eberhardt, of Butler township, this county; Mary, who lives at home; and Daniel, deceased. Mr. Derr is a Lutheran in religious connection.

SAMUEL C. WAGNER, late of Port Carbon, was one of the influential citizens of that borough for a number of years, showing his interest in its progress as a private citizen as well as in his official capacity. He was a native of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., son of Benjamin Wagner. The father was engaged for some years as a railroad engineer, and after settling at Palo Alto, Schuylkill county, was foreman in the shops at that place. He died at Palo Alto, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. By his marriage to Harriet Cox, of Reading, Berks county, he had the following family: Samuel C., Ellen, Emma, Benjamin and William.

Samuel C. Wagner was born Dec. 11, 1845, on Pine street, Reading, Pa., and spent his early life in that borough. When sixteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of machinist, at which he was employed at the time of his enlistment, Feb. 4, 1864, in Company L, 7th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He took part in a number of battles and received his honorable discharge Aug. 23, 1865, after the close of the war. Meantime his parents had removed from Reading to Palo Alto, where he joined them, finding work at his trade in the shops there, where he won steady promotion until he attained the position of general foreman. He was so engaged for a period of nineteen years and stood in high favor with his employers as well as the men under him. Mr. Wagner was very active in public affairs after his removal to Port Carbon, and his good work received special recognition in his election as chief burgess in 1902. He held that office for a term of three years. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church. He died at his home in Port Carbon Oct. 18, 1910, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery there. Socially he belonged to Post No. 23, G. A. R., of Pottsville, and the Masonic lodge at Orwigsburg, this county. In 1868 Mr. Wagner married Mary A. Thomas, daughter of Abraham

and Elizabeth (Crawford) Thomas, who were the parents of six children, namely: Mary A. (Mrs. Wagner), Catherine, John, Alberta, Elizabeth and Susan. Mrs. Wagner was born at Orangeville, Columbia county, in which region both the Thomas and Crawford families were early settlers. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, but they reared a niece, Mary Harris, daughter of William and Catherine Harris, who lived with them from childhood. She is now the wife of Augustus DeWitt, and they continue to reside with Mrs. Wagner. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt have three children: Marion, William and Albert.

JOSEPH BENDRICK, late of New Philadelphia, was a man of remarkable and versatile abilities, and his untimely decease was considered a public loss as well as a sorrow in the home circle. A native of Gilberton, Schuylkill county, born in March, 1873, he was of Lithuanian extraction, and by reason of his familiarity with the tongue of his race and allied languages, as well as English, was called upon to perform numerous services, officially and unofficially, which brought him into intimate contact with many foreigners of similar origin in this region. His high character was the natural basis for a confidence which made him looked up to as a leader. Equally popular among all his fellow citizens, he filled many local offices, was a prosperous business man, and worked for the success of every good movement in his borough. Though he died in his prime, his name is enrolled among the most valuable citizens of his generation.

Matthias Bendrick, father of Joseph Bendrick, was a native of Lithuania, Russia, whence he came to America about 1867. Locating at Gilberton, near Mahanoy Plaue, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he was employed at mine work for some time, and later engaged in farming, which he followed to the end of his days. He died in 1900 at Coaldale, this county, when fifty-five years old, and his widow passed away in 1910 at New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county. Her maiden name was Francisca Nedzinski, and she, too, was born in Lithuania. Four children were born to this marriage: Anthony, Domicella, Ellen and Joseph.

Joseph Bendrick was self-educated, for when a youth he had to work hard, on the farm and at the breaker. He was so ambitious that he would study until the last minute, his brother and sisters helping him to dress meanwhile, and all his life he studied up on whatever subjects he found information necessary. For ten years during his youth and early manhood he was engaged in clerking, first in the general store of John Bobbin, at Shenandoah, with whom he remained some time. Later he was at Lost Creek and then at Blackwood, this county, finally coming to New Philadelphia, in which borough he passed the remainder of his life. Here he clerked for Mr. Briscoe, and in 1897 embarked on his own account in the hotel business, which he carried on until 1907. Meantime he had commenced selling fire insurance, and did considerable business in that line until his death, besides acting as agent for the principal transatlantic steamship companies for over twenty-five years. His connection with the municipal government was long and honorable. From 1904 until May, 1906, he was clerk at the county prison. In 1906 he was appointed to a clerical position as deputy, in the office of the clerk of the courts at Pottsville, the county seat, and filled it until 1909, after which he was in the docket clerk's office until his death. He served six years as borough assessor in New Philadelphia; some years as member of the borough council, of which body he was presi-

dent two years, clerk four years, treasurer one year, and he was serving it as secretary at the time of his death; he was a member of the school board; and he was elected justice of the peace a few years before his death, having about two years more to serve.

Mr. Bendrick was an accomplished linguist, using Polish, Russian and Lithuanian fluently, and for a long time he acted as court interpreter, attending many important trials in that capacity. As such he was appealed to on many occasions for assistance, and his unselfish attempts to ease the perplexities of those who relied upon his knowledge of the language and customs of this country gained him the gratitude and friendship of the beneficiaries, as well as the admiration of all who had the opportunity of realizing how much he helped others. He was a member of the Catholic Church and of the Catholic Slavish Union, a captain of the Knights of Saint Casimir of New Philadelphia, and a member of Saint Algerd's Society of Shenandoah. His death occurred April 4, 1915.

On Feb. 24, 1897, Mr. Bendrick married Helen Rogers, daughter of John and Anna Rogers, of Pottsville. Her father, a native of Russia, came to America when a young man and first settled at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining for a time and later engaged in the hotel business. To Mr. and Mrs. Bendrick were born seven children: Blanche, Raphael, Alice, Cyril, Irene, Joseph and Algerd. Mrs. Bendrick is a member of the Catholic Church at New Philadelphia, where she continues to reside in the fine home which Mr. Bendrick established for his family.

HARRY C. MOORE, of Pine Grove, is filling a useful place in the activities of the borough as a prosperous business man and efficient public servant. After a varied experience he took a half interest in the manufacturing business now conducted by Fox & Moore, of Pine Grove, and has cooperated most effectively in its development. Pine Grove is his native place, and the family has been associated with the life of that section of Schuylkill county for many years.

Enoch Moore, grandfather of Harry C. Moore, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., and coming to Schuylkill county at an early day conducted a mill in Pine Grove township, where he remained until his death. His son, Franklin E. Moore, father of Harry C. Moore, was also a native of Lebanon county and was an iron worker by occupation. During the Civil war he was in the Union service, being one of the first three months' men enrolled, and he was in the ranks throughout his term. After being mustered out he returned to Pine Grove, and he is a member of the G. A. R. post at that place. He is now living retired, making his home with his sons. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kantner, was a native of Schuylkill county, and died Oct. 20, 1902. She was a daughter of Jonathan Kantner, who came hither from Berks county, Pa., was a miller in the early days, and died in Pine Grove, at the home of his son-in-law, Franklin E. Moore, when eighty-four years old. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, three still surviving: Clara, wife of Calvin Hikes, of Pine Grove; Franklin, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Harry C.

Harry C. Moore was born in 1871, and was educated in the schools of Pine Grove. His school days over, he clerked in a general store in the borough for a time and then took a position at Pottsville, where he was in the employ of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart for a number of years, being advanced to the responsibility of buyer of wash goods and linens. Then he changed to their

large store at Reading, where he was engaged for a time as salesman, subsequently having charge of an extensive establishment there, where he was in business on his own account for two years. He was connected with the George A. Ravel & Co. dry good store. Returning to Pine Grove he purchased a share in the shirt factory, which has since claimed most of his attention, being in an equal partnership with William S. Fox under the firm name of Fox & Moore. Mr. Fox is now a resident of Pine Grove, but he also has a similar establishment in Tremont, Schuylkill county. The product of the Pine Grove factory consists of working shirts, and the output is taken up in the market as soon as completed. The firm has fairly earned its place as a valuable industrial asset of the borough, and Mr. Moore has done his part in bringing about its success. The Pine Grove plant is 38 by 120 feet in dimensions, well lighted, and equipped throughout with modern machinery, and employment is given to one hundred hands. Mr. Moore is recognized as an able adviser in the administration of important affairs, and is at present a member of the borough council, in which he has been doing effective work.

In 1895 Mr. Moore married Sallie Spancake, of Pine Grove, daughter of John H. and Mary A. (Greenawalt) Spancake, who are well known residents of the borough. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one child, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Moore is a member of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally he belongs to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., of Reading; to the Masonic Chapter at Tremont; to the P. O. S. of A., at Pine Grove; to Mount Penn Lodge, No. 265, K. of P., at Reading; and to the Sons of Veterans.

HON. J. WILFRED DONAHOE, of Ashland, Schuylkill county, at present representing his district in the State Legislature, belongs to a family whose activities in business as well as public circles have won them prestige among the most valuable citizens of the borough. In the maternal line also he is descended from a family of ability and worth, which has been prominent in the community from early days. Mr. Donahoe was born in Ashland Nov. 21, 1880, son of Michael T. Donahoe, and father and son are now associated in business there.

Thomas and Margaret (McCormic) Donahoe, the grandparents, were born in the parish of Boyle, in County Roscommon, Ireland, and Michael and Mary Donahoe, the great-grandparents, also lived in that parish, until their emigration to the United States in 1846. The family settled at Broad Mountain, near Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and Thomas Donahoe followed mining there until 1855. He then moved to Ashland, where he passed the remainder of his life, continuing to work as a miner. He died in June, 1864, when forty-six years old. Of the six children who survived him, (1) John J., the eldest, began working at the mines when very young, but later turned his attention to music and had considerable success as a teacher, gaining a special reputation as a vocalist. It was he who established the business now carried on by his brother Michael, with whom he was in partnership for many years. He met an accidental death July 20, 1887, at a colliery near Ashland, where he was then employed. He married, and his family record is given elsewhere in this work. (2) Mary, the eldest daughter, is the widow of Anthony Murphy, of Salem, Ohio, where she is still residing. (3) Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Terrence O'Brien, of Decatur, Ill. (4) One son lives in Salem, Ohio. (5) Bridget, deceased, was a resident of Philadelphia, Pa. (6) Michael T. is the father of J. Wilfred Donahoe.



Michael T. Donahoe was born in 1854 at Broad Mountain, near Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and has lived in Ashland from boyhood. He received his education in the public schools there and began work as a slate picker in the mines. In 1872 he became associated in business with his elder brother John, and he has been interested in the same line continuously to the present, dealing in stationery, musical goods, wall-paper, pictures and books, and fancy goods. He now has his son Wilfred as assistant in the store. Mr. Donahoe has been very prominent in local musical circles, having done effective work as teacher and director of the Catholic choirs in various places in the county, including Mahanoy City, Mahanoy Plane, Heckscherville and Ashland, having continued in this work for many years. He was musical director of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, Ashland. For one year he was vice president of the Ashland Choral Union. Since 1878 he has been associated with public affairs in Ashland. That year he was elected justice of the peace for two wards, and he subsequently became chief burgess, in which office he served for five years, giving the highest satisfaction to all concerned. His excellent judgment and absolute fairness in the administration of all the affairs of the town won him the approval of all his fellow citizens regardless of their personal interest. Socially Mr. Donahoe is a prominent member of Father Sheridan Council, Knights of Columbus, being a past deputy grand knight and grand knight, and he and his family have long been members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Ashland. His association with any enterprise in the locality is justly regarded as a distinct gain. The considerable influence he has enjoyed for so long a period has always been directed to the advancing of the best interests of the various organizations with which he has been associated, and his work, particularly in musical circles, has merited and won high favor.

Mr. Donahoe was married at Ashland to Mary Elizabeth Wingert, daughter of Frank B. Wingert, a native of Pottsville, whose father was the first cashier of the First National Bank of Ashland. The grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The Wingerts are of German descent, and have been settled in Schuylkill county from the early days, having come to this section from Philadelphia. Her parents had a family of seven children: Howard; Albert and Harry, both residents of Elizabeth, N. J.; William, deceased; Francis, deceased; Bertha, unmarried, who lives at Elizabeth, N. J.; and Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. Donahoe. To Mr. and Mrs. Donahoe have been born three children: Frances E. is the wife of Charles E. Pett, formerly of New York City, now of Elizabeth, N. J.; J. Wilfred is mentioned below; Gertrude K. is at home.

J. Wilfred Donahoe was reared and educated in Ashland, receiving a thorough training in the public schools. When he began work it was as his father's assistant, and they have carried on the business together with steady success. His interest in public questions has led him into considerable activity in local affairs, and he has shown the sincerity of his methods and his genuine desire to be of use to his district during the four years of his service in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, to which body he was elected in 1910. He is at present a candidate for reelection, a circumstance which gives ample proof of the confidence he enjoys in his own party. Socially he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and Fraternal Order of Eagles, and in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and he is a member of the Catholic Church, belonging to St. Joseph's parish in Ashland.

DANIEL D. DEIBERT, for more than forty-three years engaged in the mercantile business and now one of the leading merchants at Auburn, Schuylkill county, was born in this county, at Schuylkill Haven, Feb. 21, 1840, son of Joseph Deibert.

Michael Deiver (as the name was then spelled) was the founder of the family here. He was born in Germany, and came with his family to America, settling in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., near Michael's Church. He was one of a family of five children, and in partnership with his brother Wilhelm he invested in 300 acres of land in North Manheim township, on the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Landingville. Michael's share was the John Filbert place. The Indians interfered with their planting operations, so in the course of time they were compelled to flee from the marauding savages, burying their farming tools until their return. They failed to find them afterwards, but when the Schuylkill canal was being dug the tools were unearthed. Michael had five sons and two daughters: Henry married a Miss Kreiner; Andrew, a Miss Luckenbill; Michael, a Miss Luckenbill; Christian, a Miss Miller; Catherine married John Dewald; John is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Daniel Repp. Michael is buried at the Red Church in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county.

John Deibert was born in North Manheim township, and was a farmer by occupation. He is buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. He was twice married, his first wife being a Renchler and his second a Wagner. His children were as follows: Daniel, who lived at Schuylkill Haven; George, mentioned below; Jacob, who died at Schuylkill Haven; John, who died at the same place; Benjamin, who died at Pottsville; William, who died in the Upper Mahantongo valley; Samuel; Hannah, who married Henry Hummel, of Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Christine, who married Henry Shelly, of Pottsville.

George Deibert cultivated the farm now owned by Rubens S. Peale, in North Manheim township, and there died in his thirty-eighth year. He is buried near the Red Church. He married Mary Faust, and their children were: William, George, Joseph, Henry, Daniel, Abraham, Mrs. Sallie Kleine, Mrs. Susan Wagner, and two daughters who married Rickert brothers and went West.

Joseph Deibert was born Feb. 22, 1818, on the Peale farm in North Manheim township, and attended the country schools. He adopted the occupation of boatbuilder, working at the trade at Landingville in partnership with his brother William, under the firm name of Deibert Bros. & Co. In the later years of his life he removed to Auburn, where he died May 13, 1900. His remains rest in the cemetery attached to the old Red Church. Joseph Deibert was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Drumheller, and to them were born five children, viz.: Daniel D.; Susan, who married Morgan Albright; Mary, who married J. P. Hoffman; Elizabeth, who died young; and Guy, living at Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., where he has a dock and is engaged in boatbuilding.

Daniel D. Deibert began working at the trade of boatbuilder with his father when he was but fourteen years of age, and followed that occupation for a period of thirteen years. He then opened a store at Landingville, which he conducted for about twenty years, at the end of that time selling out to his son Samuel. For a short time he was in partnership with his son Milton in the shoe business, and then he moved to Auburn in 1893 to engage in the general business which he now carries on. Mr. Deibert was married to

Catherine Metz, daughter of Samuel Metz. She died at the age of thirty-eight years, and is buried at the Red Church. The following children were born to this union: Samuel, a well known merchant of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Frank A., who died young; Milton, living in Philadelphia; and Elizabeth. Mr. Deibert married for his second wife Catherine Ann Kepner, daughter of Bernard and Mary A. (Richard) Kepner, and they have one child, Catherine May, wife of Harry Runkle, residing at home. Mr. Runkle is a shoe manufacturer of Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Deibert is a member of the Methodist denomination, while his family attend the Lutheran Church. He took an active part in the work of the Sunday school while he resided at Landingville, and for many years was its superintendent. He was one of the organizers of the borough of Landingville during the time he served as postmaster there. He also assisted in the organization of the camp of the P. O. S. of A. at that place. Mr. Deibert has held the office of tax collector. Since coming to Auburn he has given all of his time to his store. He is a man of fine commercial acumen and has a large circle of friends in the town.

DR. DENNIS J. MURPHY, of Girardville, Pa., a prominent dentist, was born at Locustdale, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Dennis and Honore (Quick) Murphy, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Schuylkill county. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Murphy died in Ireland.

Dennis Murphy, the father, came to America at an early age and settled at Locustdale, where he followed mining for a number of years, also for a time being in the hotel business. He died in 1904 at Jersey City, where the family had moved some years previously. His wife, Honore, moved, in 1906, to Girardville, where she has since resided with her son, Dr. Murphy. To them were born children as follows: Sarah, who is a Sister of Charity in New York State, under the religious name of Sister Margaret Dolores; John, who died in 1907; Delia, living at home; Mary, wife of Frank Bradley, of Jersey City; one child that died in infancy; Catherine, wife of Thomas Burke, of Girardville; two children who died in infancy; and Dennis J.

William Quick, the maternal grandfather of Dennis J. Murphy, was one of the pioneers of Schuylkill county, living near Fountain Springs, where he cultivated a farm, also engaging in mining. For several years he was in the West, where he operated gold and silver mines, but returned to Girardville, where he died in 1905.

Dennis J. Murphy began his education at Locustdale, and when the family moved to Jersey City attended the parochial schools at that place, also St. Peter's College, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen. He then became employed at the American Type Foundry in Jersey City, for several years, and when the family removed to Girardville he entered the employ of the Reading Railway Company as a telegrapher, remaining with them for some time. In 1910 he entered the Philadelphia College of Dentistry, graduating from that institution in 1912, with honors for proficiency in his studies. While at college he was made captain of the baseball club.

After his graduation Dr. Murphy went to Jersey City and took charge of the office of Dr. Fappelle, but after a short stay there came to Girardville, the same year, and opened his present office. He has built up an extensive practice in Girardville and vicinity and is popular with the general public. He is a member of the State and county dental societies, and holds membership in

several other dentists' organizations; belongs to Girardville Council, Knights of Columbus; Ashland Lodge, No. 284, B. P. O. Elks; and the college fraternity of Sigma Kappa Psi, as well as the Alumni association of his college. Dr. Murphy resides with his mother and sisters at Girardville.

WILLIAM E. ZAPF, of Minersville, bears a name which has been associated with business thrift and prosperity in that community for several decades. He is a son of Charles A. Zapf, and grandson of Charles and Cecilia Zapf, who reared a family of ten children. The grandfather was a lumberman.

Charles A. Zapf was born June 22, 1836, in Baden, Germany, and received the thorough education and vocational training for which his native land is noted. He learned the trades of brewer and cooper. Coming to the United States in 1854, he was first at Philadelphia for a short time, the same year settling at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he found employment with the George Lauer Brewing Company. He was afterwards with F. C. Kuenczler and J. G. Yuengling in the same town. In 1870 Mr. Zapf moved thence to Minersville, where he was in the employ of Daniel Frier for five years, and in 1876 was a brew-master in the old Freiler brewery on Laurel street. Then, in partnership with the late Charles Buehner, he formed the first firm devoted to the manufacture of porter in Schuylkill county, and in 1879 bought the present establishment, located at the rear of his home on Sunbury street. His association with Mr. Buehner continued until 1900, when Mr. Zapf purchased the entire interest, and he has since carried on the business with his sons, Fred and William, and his son-in-law, James Clendenning. The plant is the only brewery in the county devoted exclusively to the manufacture of porter, and the product is marketed principally in the immediate territory. Mr. Zapf's business ability and characteristic German perseverance have been well supplemented by the ability of the younger men associated with the concern, and the Zapfs have always maintained the highest reputation for business integrity. The business has grown until seven men are now steadily employed and three teams are constantly engaged. The product, between four and five thousand barrels annually, is noted for its purity and wholesomeness. Mr. Zapf's industrious life has given him the respect of all his fellow citizens, and he is well liked in the home of his adoption.

In 1861 Mr. Zapf enlisted in the Union army for three months in response to President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 men, and served to the close of his term. His regiment saw service in Virginia, and had trying experiences of hardship and exposure for raw troops. They were on their way to take part in the first battle of Bull Run when it was learned that the engagement was over. Mr. Zapf is a member of the Grand Army Post at Minersville.

On Aug. 17, 1856, Mr. Zapf married Catharina Eberly, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., daughter of the late Christian and Rosena Eberly. Four children have been born to this union: William E.; Fred, who married Jennie Schrop, and has two children, Clyde and Helen; Matilda, wife of Patrick Gilmore, of Williamstown, Pa.; and Louisa, who married James Clendenning, formerly of Chester, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Zapf are members of the German Lutheran Church, and have reared their children in the same faith.

William E. Zapf was born June 10, 1865, in New York City, and was reared at Minersville, receiving his education in the public schools. He has

always been employed with his father, at present taking charge of all the inside work, and he has become very successful in this branch of the business. Mr. Zapf has mingled in local affairs to the extent of long service on the school board, of which he has been a member for over ten years, was formerly vice president, and is now treasurer of that body. He votes independently. Socially he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and he is a prominent member of the German Lutheran Church, having been secretary of the Zion's Beneficial Society since he was nineteen years old. Mr. Zapf married Mary E. Hart, of Minersville, and they have one son, Earle.

WILLIAM E. ZERBE has been established in business at Pine Grove for over twenty years and is now one of the leading citizens of the borough. The prosperity of his own undertakings, and the force of his influence in promoting stable commercial conditions, are sufficient to indicate the ability which has carried him forward steadily.

The Zerbe family is of French extraction and has been settled in America for two centuries. The name is found variously spelled—Zerby, Zerve, Zerwe and Zerben. Lorenz Zerbe, the first progenitor in America of the line here under consideration, came originally from Lorraine, France, but owing to steadfast loyalty to their religious faith he and other members of the family were obliged to seek homes elsewhere, in order to worship according to conscience. Journeying from France into Germany, and thence to Holland, they were among those who availed themselves of the invitation of Queen Anne of England, who offered to transport a large number of emigrants to the New World. Arriving in England Christmas evening, 1709, they were among the four thousand who thus set sail for America, fourteen hundred dying on the way over. They landed at New York, and shortly afterwards were sent up the Hudson, remaining in New York State until 1723. When they heard that William Penn had been in Germany and brought about the immigration of a number of Germans, thirty-three families under the guidance of an Indian made their way into Pennsylvania, down the Susquehanna river into the fertile valley of the Tulpehocken, in what is now Berks county. In a sketch of Conrad Weiser we find the following concerning these colonists: Whilst in his fourteenth year he emigrated with his father and family (which included himself and seven other children) to New York, landing June 17, 1710. At that time several thousand Germans were sent to America by Queen Anne. Shortly after their arrival they were removed to Livingston Manor by the Governor of New York, to burn tar and cultivate hemp to defray the expenses incurred by Queen Anne in conveying them from Holland to England and from England to America. They labored till 1713 in this employment under the direction of commissioners; then, finding that they were existing under a form of bondage, they protested against the treatment, and thus effected their release. About 150 families of them, including the Weiser family, removed to Schoharie, forty miles west of Albany. The settlers having been disturbed in their possessions, Conrad Weiser's father and a number of others migrated to Pennsylvania. They located in Tulpehocken in the spring of 1723, in the midst of the Indians; and there they also commenced the improvement of the land without permission from the land commissioners. The Indians complained, but the settlers were not disturbed. Subsequently the Indians released their rights and about 1733 they removed beyond the Blue mountains. Rupp, in his "30,000 Names of Immigrants," shows a Lorenz Zerbe who

came from Schoharie to Tulpehocken in 1723, and in addition to Lorenz mentions a John Philip Zerbe, and a Martin Zerbe, among those above twenty-one years of age who passed the winter of 1710 and the summer of 1711 in Livingston Manor, N. Y., and who may have come to Tulpehocken at a later period. The name of John or Johan has been a favorite one in the family, as appears from the tax lists and vital statistics. This bears out the family tradition that three brothers came over. John Philip Zerbe enlisted for service in Queen Anne's war in 1711 and was never afterwards heard from. Martin and Lorenz Zerbe were among those who settled in the Tulpehocken valley in 1723.

John Zerbe, son of Lorenz, was one of the company of thirty-three families who came from New York in 1723. He was a miller, owning a gristmill and sawmill south of Womelsdorf. His family consisted of twenty-five children, nineteen sons and six daughters, all of whom reached maturity and married. One of his sons, Michael, was an officer in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war. All the Zerbes in the Tulpehocken valley followed agricultural pursuits.

Philip Zerbe, Sr., son of John, above, died in 1790.

Philip Zerbe, Jr., son of Philip, Sr., was born in 1765 and died in 1831.

Daniel Zerbe, son of Philip, Jr., was born in 1799 and died in 1874.

His son,

Daniel Zerbe, Jr., born Aug. 1, 1824, died Jan. 9, 1882. Like his father he made his home in Washington township, Schuylkill county. He was twice married, having three children by one wife (the mother of William L. G.) and six by the other, three sons and three daughters. One of the latter, D. O. Zerbe, is a resident of Reading, Pa., superintendent of the Tuberculosis hospital at that place.

William LaFayette G. Zerbe, son of Daniel, Jr., was born in 1845, in Washington township, Schuylkill county, and died in 1905. His own sisters are also deceased. By trade he was a shoemaker, and he followed that calling all his life, in 1874 settling at Pine Grove, where he had a shoe store, carrying it on successfully for many years. He married Melissa Hain, who was born in 1848, daughter of Henry and Maria (Naftzinger) Hain and a descendant of Philip Jacob Hain, who came from Germany Sept. 6, 1739, and died Jan. 9, 1815. He married Anna Maria Burger, who was born March 16, 1752, and died Oct. 27, 1819. They first settled in Berks county, Pa., where they were engaged in farming. Later they moved to what is now Schuylkill county and settled in Wayne township, where they also followed agricultural pursuits. Jacob Hain, son of Philip Jacob, was born in Berks county in 1776 and died in 1851. He was a farmer, and his son Henry, Mrs. Melissa Zerbe's father, also engaged in that calling. The latter was born in 1824, in Wayne township, this county, and died in 1864. He married Maria Naftzinger, daughter of Peter Naftzinger, granddaughter of Jacob Naftzinger and great-granddaughter of Matthew Naftzinger, and member of a family long settled in this country. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. G. Zerbe had but one child, William E. The mother is still living.

William E. Zerbe was born Feb. 15, 1868, in Washington township, Schuylkill county, and was but a child when he accompanied his parents to Pine Grove. His education was obtained in the public schools of the township and borough, and he subsequently learned the carpenter's trade. In 1893 he engaged in business for himself as a furniture dealer and undertaker, and in

1905 expanded his field of operations by entering the lumber trade as well, continuing both lines at present. His son, Charles W. Zerbe, is now associated with him, and they are catering to a thriving trade, acquired in years of watchful attention to the requirements of their patrons. With commendable enterprise the Zerbes have been on the alert to give their customers the benefit of all new ideas and methods in their particular line, and this policy of consideration has been rewarded with increased patronage. At one time William E. Zerbe was manager of the Pine Grove furniture factory, looking after the duties of that position besides attending to his other affairs. His capable direction of his own affairs commended him to his fellow citizens for public office, and he has served them conscientiously for six years as treasurer of Pine Grove township. He has several fraternal connections, belonging to Pine Grove Lodge, No. 409, F. & A. M.; Pine Grove Lodge, No. 148, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp No. 49, P. O. S. of A.

On March 24, 1888, Mr. Zerbe married Lillie N. Shelly, a native of Pine Grove borough, daughter of Linnis and Eliza (Keeney) Shelly, the father a merchant at Lititz, Pa., where Mr. and Mrs. Shelly lived to the end of their lives. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe, Charles W., the eldest, now associated in business with his father, married Emma Lehmey, of Pine Grove, and they have one son, Harry. James M., the second, married Ollie Hoy, of Pine Grove, and they have one son, Walter. Annie M., the only daughter of this family, is at home. John S. is deceased. Mr. Zerbe is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his family also belong.

HARRY HAMBLETON STEWART, M. D., of Friedensburg, is a much esteemed member of the medical profession in Schuylkill county. His interests have always centered in the calling of his choice, and besides attending faithfully to the demands of a constantly increasing private practice he has become associated with the broader activities open to the wide-awake physician, through the medium of various medical associations and no less through the opportunities he finds in the course of his daily duties. Familiar contact with his fellow citizens of all classes has given him real insight regarding the conditions which prevail in his community, and no one is better qualified to judge its needs. Hence his participation in local affairs has been welcomed, and his energy and willingness to aid in all helpful movements have won grateful appreciation in the best element.

Dr. Stewart is a native of the State of Maryland, born in Talbot county June 23, 1869, on the farm where his boyhood was spent. His parents, Perry W. and Eliza J. (Malony) Stewart, were natives, respectively, of Maryland and Delaware. After the usual attendance at the public schools in his home neighborhood, Dr. Stewart took a course at the Palm business college in Philadelphia, and on its completion found a position with J. B. Shannon & Sons, hardware dealers, in that city, as cashier and collector, remaining with them for two years. Subsequently he spent five years in the employ of William H. Horstman & Co., as assistant cashier and bookkeeper, and five years as a clerk in the administration department of the city of Philadelphia. After one year of special study at the Temple College (now Temple University, Philadelphia) he entered, in October, 1902, the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, where he took the full course, and after four years there gave another year to study at the Baltimore (Md.) Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1907. During the next few

months he was in the dispensary of the Medico-Chirurgical College at Philadelphia, on July 28, 1907, settling at Friedensburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he took the practice of the late Dr. Cleaver. The same year he was appointed deputy county coroner, under Dr. Gillers, and in 1912 he was again appointed, under Dr. Moore, serving in that capacity at present. He has served as medical inspector for the schools of South Manheim, Wayne and Washington townships, under county medical inspector Dr. Rodgers, of Pottsville. He has taken a prominent part in the work of the local medical societies, having been president of the Schuylkill County Society in 1913, and for two years vice president of the Southern Schuylkill Medical Association. He also holds membership in the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Americans and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

As the need and advantages of various public utilities have appealed to him Dr. Stewart has used his influence in establishing the same in his locality, and he was the original promoter of the Friedensburg Rural Telephone Company, which he organized and of which he is now president. He is also a director of the Schuylkill Haven Trust Company, and his association with both enterprises went far to gain them confidence in the community. Politically he is a Republican, but he takes no active part in the workings of the party in his own behalf, having no ambition for public honors. Church work has also claimed a large share of his attention as one of the zealous members of the United Brethren congregation; he is a trustee of that organization, and is president of the Union Y. P. S. C. E.

On Oct. 18, 1893, Dr. Stewart married Annie E. Brenneman, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Kahler) Brenneman, of Lancaster county, Pa. They have two children: Florence A., born Aug. 11, 1894, and Harry H., born Sept. 28, 1900.

IRVIN U. YODER, of Hegins, is one of the men of action who have done substantial service to this section of Schuylkill county in promoting industrial conditions. The ability which he has demonstrated in the course of his career as a manufacturer is sufficient to entitle him to a place among the business men to whom the community may look for profitable development of its enterprises. The branch of the Yoder family to which he belongs has been established here since the early days, and his grandfather, John Yoder, was born in the county, where he passed all his life. He died when his second youngest child, Franklin, father of Irvin U. Yoder, was three years old.

Franklin Yoder was born in the Mahantongo valley in Schuylkill county, and died Feb. 17, 1914, at the age of sixty years. At the time of his death he was a resident of Hegins township, occupying the home where his widow, Eleanor (Gable), still resides. She was born in Hegins township, daughter of Charles Gable, who farmed and also followed the trade of mason; he lived and died in Hegins township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Yoder: Jane is the wife of Jerome Herb, of Mahantongo; Irvin U. is next in the family; Harrison is also engaged in manufacturing business; Emma lives at home; Estella is the wife of Harvey Reed, a farmer of Hegins township; Elmer is a minister of the Church of God, at present located at Suedberg, Pa.; Earl is living at home.

Irvin U. Yoder was born at Locustdale, Schuylkill county, and received his



education in the public schools in Hegins township. His first regular employment after leaving school was in the mines, where he continued to work until 1902, in which year he purchased the business to which he has since devoted all his time. He carries on the manufacture of shirts at Hegins, and has a practical knowledge of the methods of production which combines well with his gifts as a business manager. The trade was increased steadily during his ownership, the patronage, drawn chiefly from the home territory, being now quite extensive. Mr. Yoder has applied most of his energies to the building up of the business, and the results are highly creditable. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and interested in the success of its activities. As a citizen he ranks with the men of worth in his locality.

In 1901 Mr. Yoder married Ora Heckert, of Hegins, daughter of John and Alice (Updegrave) Heckert, who still reside at that town, Mr. Heckert now living retired. At one time he was engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder have five children: Roy, Grace, Violet, Talmer and Ruel.

FRANCIS W. HEINE was a prosperous business man of Orwigsburg for a number of years, until he returned to the home place in West Brunswick township ten years ago and settled down to farming. He has about one hundred acres under cultivation, and for up-to-date methods and business-like management is rated with the most progressive agriculturists in his section of Schuylkill county. As a citizen his cooperation and influence are valued forces in the development of his locality. Mr. Heine was born Oct. 26, 1862, at his mother's home in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Solomon and Mary (Henricks) Heine.

Solomon Heine, the father, was born in the borough of Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, and there received his education. Before he attained his majority he had served an apprenticeship to the plasterer's trade, becoming a journeyman, and he followed that calling principally in West Brunswick township. About fifteen years before his death he bought a farm in South Manheim township, and devoted the remainder of his life to its cultivation. He was a citizen interested in local affairs, serving a number of terms as school director, and was active in the interests of the Republican party, acting as judge of election. He was a member of the Evangelical Church of Orwigsburg, of which he was a regular attendant for many years. He married Mary Henricks, daughter of Michael Henricks (whose wife was a Loy), and she survives him, being now (1915) seventy years old. Mr. Heine died at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried in the Evangelical cemetery at Orwigsburg. We have the following record of their children: Francis W. is mentioned below; Charles H., an underwear manufacturer in Girardville, married Rose Miller (he has served two terms as poor director, and is candidate for the third term); Carolina died aged twenty-two years; Michael Henry is a successful business man at Orwigsburg; Amanda married Charles Potts, a plasterer, of Orwigsburg; Kate married John Deibert, a shoemaker, of Orwigsburg; James, a farmer in West Brunswick township, married Mamie Heiser.

Francis W. Heine was about six months old when his parents located in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, on the place now owned by John Mimm. He attended the Bolich school, in the Middle district of that township, and received his business training under the able direction of his father, for whom he worked until he reached his majority. He was thoroughly instructed in the trade of mason and plasterer, which he followed steadily for

a period of twenty-three years. The family moved to West Brunswick township in 1882, buying the place he now owns. When twenty-seven years old he married and moved to Orwigsburg, where he made his home for sixteen years, during that time being engaged as a plastering contractor. Meantime he had bought sixteen acres of ground in West Brunswick township, and in 1905 he purchased his present property from his father, settling thereon the same year. He also retains his former purchase, and cultivates about one hundred acres of his land, following general farming, though he has gone quite extensively into fruit raising, having at present fourteen hundred young trees, of many varieties. He has also become interested in bees, having a number of hives, and has been very successful in this line, which he is following in the most approved modern fashion. Mr. Heine has not only looked well after his own interests, but has also taken part in the broader affairs affecting the community, and while a resident of Orwigsburg served in the borough council; he was elected school director immediately upon his removal to West Brunswick township. On political issues he is a Republican. He belongs to Protective Council, No. 1256, and to the Grange at McKeansburg, having for several years been a faithful member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He also holds membership in Washington Camp No. 86, P. O. S. of A., of Orwigsburg.

Mr. Heine married Fannie Moyer, who was born March 20, 1872, at the place in West Brunswick township where Joel Degler now resides, received her education in the neighboring schools there, and remained at home until her marriage. Six children have been born to this union: Mabel, born May 24, 1890, was educated in Orwigsburg, and is now the wife of W. S. Achey (born April 18, 1879), by whom she has had three children, Ethel (born March 18, 1911), William Francis (born Dec. 4, 1912) and David Leroy (born Dec. 31, 1913); John Solomon, born Jan. 25, 1893, attended the primary and grammar schools in West Brunswick township and high school at Orwigsburg, and is now assisting his father on the home farm (he is a member of Industrial Council, No. 437, Order of Independent Americans, at Orwigsburg); Hannah Elizabeth was born Dec. 12, 1899; Mary Alice, March 13, 1902; George K., March 9, 1904; Carl, born April 3, 1906, died when fifteen months old. The younger children have attended school in West Brunswick township. Mrs. Heine and her daughter Mabel are members of the Evangelical Church of Orwigsburg; the mother attended Sunday school there for many years.

George K. Moyer, grandfather of Mrs. Heine, was born Nov. 15, 1818, near the Red Church (Zion's) in West Brunswick township, where Mrs. Celia Mengle now lives. He owned several farms, and was a prosperous farmer and huckster most of his life; when he started out for himself he followed the timber business a few years. He died at the age of seventy-eight years, two months, and is interred in the burial ground of Zion's (Red) Church, donated by the Moyer family for that purpose, with the agreement that all Moyers might be buried there free of charge. George K. Moyer belonged to the Salem Evangelical Church at Orwigsburg and was one of its active members and officials, a good Christian man in every relation of life, and, what was unusual in his day, an ardent Prohibitionist. His first wife, Susanna (Hoy), daughter of Abraham Hoy, died at the age of thirty-four years, the mother of seven children, namely: Lewis, who died young; John H.; Samuel H., deceased, who married Carrie Shome, now a resident of Hamburg, Pa.; Amelia, widow of Charles Ege, living at Orwigsburg; Susanna, who married

William F. Gerhard; Mary, deceased; and Mary (2), widow of Samuel P. Kindt. By his second marriage, to Lavina Faust, daughter of Dewalt Faust, Mr. Moyer had no children. She survives him, being now (1915) about seventy-six years of age, and is a resident of Orwigsburg.

John H. Moyer, son of George K. Moyer and father of Mrs. Heine, was born June 3, 1845, near Pottsville, was educated in the schools of West Brunswick township, and worked for his father on the home farm until twenty-one years old. Afterwards he rented the place for twenty-two years, buying it after his father's death. It contained 101 acres, about eighty of which were cleared, and he continued to operate the tract until about seventeen years ago, when he sold it and purchased fourteen acres, to whose cultivation he devoted the next ten years. Retiring, he removed to Orwigsburg, where he bought a home from his son-in-law, Mr. Heine. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and a regular attendant at its services, contributing his share towards the support of the organization and its enterprises. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Moyer married Mary Ann Lessig, who was born Feb. 7, 1847, at Pottstown, Pa., daughter of James B. and Susanna (Baum) Lessig, and died Sept. 23, 1902. She is buried at Zion's (Red) Church in West Brunswick township. To this union were born the following children: Susanna is the wife of Allen McAllister, of Pottsville, Pa.; Walter L., who resides at Schuylkill Haven and is engaged in the operation of a jitney bus between that place and Pottsville, married Lizzie Moyer; George L., who is deceased, married Queenie Kircher, who lives at Pottsville; Fannie is Mrs. Francis W. Heine; Carrie, deceased, was the wife of Albert Redford, of New Jersey; Katie died when ten years old; Mamie died when six months old; Robert died when one month old. Since his first wife's death Mr. Moyer has married twice, his third wife being Katie Smith. There are no children by this marriage.

THOMAS D. DAVIS, postmaster at Girardville, Schuylkill county, was born June 18, 1873, son of Thomas D. and Gwenney (James) Davis, the family being of Welsh descent.

David Davis, the grandfather of Thomas D. Davis, was a native of Aberdare, Wales. He came to America in 1863 and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., near Minersville, where he engaged in mining the rest of his life, being killed in an accident in the mines soon after he came to this section. His wife died at Scranton, where she had gone to visit her daughter. Both were buried at Minersville, Schuylkill county. David Davis was married to Mary Cromage, a native of the same town in Wales as her husband.

Thomas D. Davis, father of Thomas D. Davis, was born in Aberdare, Wales, and was a miner by occupation. He grew up in that county and was married there to Gwenney, daughter of Thomas and Jeannette James, both natives of Wales. To this union were born thirteen children: (1) Mary Ann, deceased, was born in Wales. (2) Elizabeth, wife of William Davis, was the first child of the family born in this country. She resides in Philadelphia. (3) David is a resident of Girardville, Pa. (4) Jeannette, now deceased, was the wife of Harvey Williams, of Girardville. (5) John is deceased. (6) Thomas, also deceased, passed away in youth, as did his brother John, their deaths occurring but three weeks apart. (7) Thomas David is mentioned below. (8) One child died in infancy. (9) Margaret is the wife of Harvey C. Bleam, of Philadelphia. (10) Gwenney is the wife

of Alfred C. Bennie, of Washington, D. C. (11) Lewis resides in Girardville. (12) William is a resident of Philadelphia. (13) George lives at Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Davis was engaged in mining until he partially lost his eyesight. In 1868 he removed to Girardville and engaged in the hotel business, conducting it until his death in 1892, from pneumonia.

Thomas D. Davis attended the public schools of Girardville, and at the age of sixteen began work in the mines. He followed this occupation until his twenty-first year, when he took charge of the hotel so long conducted by his father, managing it for his mother fifteen years very successfully. On May 14, 1908, Mr. Davis was appointed postmaster of Girardville by President Roosevelt, and on April 5, 1912, was reappointed to the position by President Taft, being still in office in 1914. On April 27, 1904, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Bessie Mae Gallagher, and they have two children, George and Helen. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Neiffert) Gallagher, of Tamaqua, old settlers in this county, Mr. Gallagher having been many years an engineer on the Reading railroad; and he is now a stationary engineer at Tamaqua. Mrs. Gallagher died Sept. 1, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher had children as follows: Emma is the wife of David Stahler, of Tamaqua; John resides in Tamaqua; Carrie is the wife of Jacob Henry, of Tamaqua; Bessie Mae is Mrs. Davis; Ella is the wife of William Horan, of Tamaqua; Etta is unmarried and resides in Philadelphia; Annabelle is the wife of Edgar Roberts, of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Ashland, of Girard Hose Company, No. 1, of Girardville, and of the Foresters of America, of which latter organization he has for some years been treasurer. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and in politics is a Republican. Like many of the Welsh he is a thorough musician, and he is noted for his ability in that line throughout the county. He enlisted during the Spanish-American war as a musician, and served throughout that brief struggle.

REV. CLEMENT D. KRESSLEY, A. M., of Hegins, Schuylkill county, is pastor of the Reformed Church in the Deep Creek charge, where his devotion to his individual responsibilities and encouragement of all good movements have won him the loyal support of his parishioners and the esteem of every citizen of the community.

Mr. Kressley belongs to an old Pennsylvania family supposedly of Swiss origin. It is thought that they moved from Switzerland to Germany, whence the ancestors of the branch here under consideration came to America. The family was settled in Lehigh county, Pa., at an early day, where lived Jonathan Kressley (grandfather of Rev. Mr. Kressley), who later moved to Carbon county, this State, where he died. By occupation he was a farmer and carpet weaver.

Daniel Kressley, father of Clement D. Kressley, was born in the town of Lynnport, in Lehigh county, Pa. He received an excellent education, and taught school for many years in Carbon county, where he is now living retired from business, though active physically. A good farmer in early life, he is still interested in agriculture, owning a good farm. His experience as an educator has been useful to his fellow citizens of his home township, where he has been called upon for service as school director and secretary of the local board. He is also active in religious work as a member of the Lutheran

Church, of which he is at present an elder and one of the board of trustees. During the Civil war Mr. Kressley served the Union cause under two enlistments. He was but eighteen years old when he first volunteered, from Carbon county, as a member of the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he took part in the battle of Gettysburg, as well as other engagements. He was a corporal at the time of his discharge. On Aug. 25, 1864, he joined Company A, 202d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as corporal, and served with that command until honorably discharged, Aug. 3, 1865.

Mr. Kressley married Mary Ann Dilcher, who was born in the Mahoning valley, in Carbon county, daughter of Gabriel Dilcher, a native of Northampton county, Pa., whence he removed to Carbon county at an early day. He acquired extensive and valuable farming interests in the Mahoning valley there. Mr. and Mrs. Kressley are the parents of twelve children: Emma L., the eldest, is the wife of John Erwin, of Summit Hill, Carbon county; Clement D. is next in the family; one son died in infancy; Thomas Marcus is a minister of the German Reformed Church, located at Coopersburg, Lehigh county, Pa.; Cora Elizabeth is deceased; Mary Adella is deceased; a son died in infancy; Bessie Clara is the wife of Charles D. Gerber, of New Mahoning, Carbon county, who is in business as a saddler and officiates as justice of the peace; Ella Bertha is the wife of William H. Miller, a painter, of New Mahoning, at present serving as a school director and as an elder in the Reformed Church; Caroline Rebecca, formerly a school teacher, is the wife of Walter McClean, a farmer and butcher in the New Mahoning valley, in the locality known as Beck's Church (so called from the leading church in the valley, the old historic organization known as St. John's Reformed Church, whose house of worship stands on land presented for its site by the great-grandfather of Clement D. Kressley); Esther Susanna is the wife of Frank Steigerwalt, a farmer of Andreas, Schuylkill county; Florence Chriscilla is the wife of Edgar Reed, and they are located on the old Kressley family homestead.

Clement D. Kressley was born Aug. 29, 1869, in what was then known as the Mahoning Valley near New Mahoning post office in Carbon county, and obtained his early education in the public schools there. Later he attended a select school at Normal, Carbon county, and subsequently taught for two years, at Beaver Run and Strauses Valley. Meantime he also did farm work. He pursued his classical studies at the Palatinate College, at Myers-town, Pa. (now known as Albright College and under the Evangelical Church), and at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., both under the supervision of the Reformed Church, graduating from the latter institution June 5, 1894, with the degree of A. B. The same year he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church of the United States at Lancaster, from which he was graduated May 13, 1897. On June 20th he accepted a call from the Line Mountain charge, in Northumberland county, Pa., and took up the labors of his first charge without delay. The association proved most agreeable and was continued over a period of more than ten years, until Dec. 31, 1907. Meantime he had made arrangements for his removal to Hegins as pastor of the Deep Creek charge, which he has been serving since Jan. 1, 1908. The pastorate includes six churches: Frieden's at Hegins; St. Paul's, at Sacramento; St. Matthew's, at Scheibs; Zion's, at Klingers (now Erdman); Christ congregation at Fountain; and St. John's, at Taylorsville, besides a preaching point, Valley View. Though Mr. Kressley's duties are numerous

and the claims upon his time are constant, as may be judged, he has by indefatigable attention to his responsibilities not only kept abreast of his work but in advance of its demands, anticipating the growth of the various interests intrusted to him. He has been the leader, personally, in many of the most important changes which have taken place during his administration, and in much of the development which has made the history of the parish in that period. Mr. Kressley received the degree of A. M. in course for special work done from Franklin and Marshall College in 1904. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Hegins and of the council of the Royal Arcanum at Tremont, this county.

On Dec. 25, 1889, Mr. Kressley was married to Elmira Nothstein, of the New Mahoning valley, Carbon county, daughter of Jacob and Matilda (Arner) Nothstein, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Nothstein was a Union veteran of the Civil war, taking part in the battle of Antietam and other engagements. He was a farmer and boatman all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Nothstein had a family of nine children: Franklin Monroe, the eldest, was drowned some years ago in the Lehigh canal; Martha is deceased; Nelson Thomas, who died in July, 1913, lived on the old homestead; Milton William is engaged in general farming and dairying in the New Mahoning valley; Emma Sura is the wife of S. C. Sterner, of Mauch Chunk, Pa. (his father was a soldier in the Civil war); Elmira is Mrs. Kressley; Edwin is deceased; George Washington is a resident of Newark, N. J.; William Jacob died in California.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kressley: Clarmont A., who taught school three years, is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and at present a student at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., a member of the Junior class (he has taught school in Northumberland and Schuylkill counties); Clement D. J. is a graduate of the Hegins high school and at present in Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa.; Ruth M. is a graduate of the Hegins high school and at present pursuing post-graduate work there; Naomi B. is at this time attending school and expects soon to graduate from the high school at Hegins. All members of the family are accomplished in music, all being good singers, the boys being in the glee clubs in the institutions where they attend school, and all play the piano and string instruments.

ISAAC C. BITTLE holds a leading place among the progressive farmers of Wayne township, having one of the finest farms in his section of Schuylkill county. Practically all the improvements on this property have been planned and executed by him, and its present condition is as much an illustration of his enterprise and intelligence as it is of the value of modern methods. Mr. Bittle spent ten years of his life in mechanical pursuits, and the experience he acquired during that period has helped him greatly since he returned to agriculture, in which line he has found many occasions for the application of the ideas gained in shop work.

Mr. Bittle was born in North Manheim township, this county, Dec. 18, 1853, son of John K. and Sophia (Zerbey) Bittle, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family established in the Commonwealth in the middle of the eighteenth century by his ancestor Christopher Bittle, who arrived in America Sept. 24, 1753, landing at Philadelphia. His name on the ship's list is spelled Christopher Büttel. At that time he was only a boy. He first located at

Quakertown, near Philadelphia, and for a time he was employed upon a farm. Later he married a Miss Neiman, and settled at Pottstown, Pa., where he purchased a farm upon which he lived for a while. Selling out, he came to what is now Schuylkill county, locating on Summer mountain, about a half mile east of Schuylkill Haven, where he bought the farm later owned by the Henney and Reber families, situated in South Manheim township. He sold that property and removed to North Manheim township, where he settled on a tract lying along the road leading from Schuylkill Haven to Cressona, later known as the old Bartolette farm. When he sold this he bought a farm property near Minersville (in the same locality as the old Thomas Shollenberger tract), and it was there his death occurred. The place afterwards became known as the James farm. Besides farming, Christopher Bittle was engaged to a considerable extent in cutting timber, owning and operating an old-time sawmill, cutting his timber and floating it down the Schuylkill river. He had the following children: John; Jacob, who was a farmer in Long Run valley, near Schuylkill Haven, and died there; Henry, who was the owner of the well known Weissinger farm in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, who lived and died in Panther valley, Schuylkill county; Maria, Mrs. John Strauch; Molly, Mrs. John Pott; Kate, Mrs. Weaver; Elizabeth, Mrs. Weaver; Rebecca, who married Squire Jacob Reed; Sarah, Mrs. Thomas Jennings; and Eva, Mrs. Werner (she and her husband went by wagon to Ohio and were among the early settlers at Circleville, where they left descendants).

Jacob Bittle, son of Christopher, was the grandfather of Isaac C. Bittle. Born in North Manheim township, he accompanied his father on the latter's various removals, and for a time followed farming on the tract near Minersville. Later he bought a farm in Long Run valley, North Manheim township, cleared off the timber, and spent the remainder of his life in its cultivation, dying there when eighty-eight years old. His wife, who was a member of the well known Clouser family of Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, did not attain so advanced an age. They are buried in the old cemetery at Schuylkill Haven. The following children were born to them: William; Jacob, who died in Schuylkill county; John K., who died on the homestead; Andrew, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Maria, who first married a Zerbe, later a Berger; Katie, wife of Isaac Berger; Tina, wife of Gabriel Groan; and Sallie, wife of Isaac Ely.

John K. Bittle, son of Jacob, was born June 11, 1828, in Schuylkill county, where he was reared and remained throughout life. His death occurred Feb. 16, 1907. Farming was his occupation, and he followed it successfully, being a substantial, intelligent man, a typical member of the respected race to which he belonged. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Zerbey, was born July 22, 1830, in Berks county, Pa., and died April 27, 1912, in Schuylkill county. They were the parents of five children, namely: Lewis; Isaac C.; Jacob; Washington; and Sarah, who is the wife of James Fritz and resides in Chicago, Illinois.

Isaac C. Bittle grew to manhood on the home farm, and received a thorough common school training in the locality. Remaining with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, he then found employment with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in the shops at Schuylkill Haven, where he remained for ten years, meantime learning the carpenter's trade thoroughly. At the end of that time he resumed the calling to which he had

been trained in boyhood, for two years working on his father's homestead place and then purchasing his present tract, ninety-two acres in Wayne township. His operations have been carried on with the view of improving the property permanently, as well as for immediate profit, and the result is one of the notably productive areas in this part of the county. It is planted in general crops, and Mr. Bittle has aimed to secure the maximum output by judicious rotation, studying the needs of the soil and availing himself of all possible information concerning the agricultural resources of his locality. He has been well rewarded for his painstaking efforts. He gives practically all his time to his work, but takes a good citizen's interest in the success of beneficial measures and helps to put reliable men in responsible positions. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

On Dec. 18, 1875, Mr. Bittle was married to Louisa Bertsch, who was born April 11, 1856, in Glenworth, this county, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Bertsch, and died May 6, 1908. Three children were born to this marriage: John A. is engaged in farming on the home place; Carrie S. is the wife of Horace Fidler, of Cressona, Pa., and has a family of five children, Morris T., Ruth N., Paul E., Florence L. and Marian M.; Florence May is the wife of Andrew Brown, and they have one child, Alfred Andrew.

JOHN H. FAHL is one of the leading spirits of southern Schuylkill county, prominently associated with its vital business interests, one who has accomplished much by conscientious public service, and an advocate of wise progress in every direction. He is one of the native sons of Schuylkill county who have never failed in loyalty to her interests.

Mr. Fahl was born on the old Fahl homestead in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, near Auburn, May 26, 1872. His grandfather, John Fahl, was an early settler in that township, where he became a large landowner, his farm being a fine tract, lying partly on Sculp's hill, a locality which became very well known during the Indian days. He was born Dec. 18, 1809, and died Oct. 15, 1876, and his wife, Catherine (Reber), was born Jan. 6, 1819, and died Oct. 11, 1864. They are buried in the Reformed cemetery at Auburn. Their family consisted of the following children: Sarah, who married Joshua Runkle; James; David; Daniel, who went into the Union army during the Civil war and never returned home; John; Isaac; Jonathan; Franklin; Charles; and Kate, who married Francis Matz.

James Fahl, father of John H. Fahl, was born on the homestead in West Brunswick township. He purchased a farm and cultivated it for some years, until he sold the land to the Delaware Seamless Tube Company, as a site for their plant. He is now living at Auburn with his son William. His wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Dietrich, died May 26, 1887, and is buried at Auburn. They had a family of seven children: Lewis, deceased; Joshial, who was killed on the railroad; William, a resident of Auburn; Morris, deceased; George, living at Auburn; John H.; and Charles, deceased.

John H. Fahl attended public school in West Brunswick township and was reared to manhood on the homestead farm. At the age of twenty-three years he located in Auburn, where he was employed at the tube mill for about six years, and when the mill closed down temporarily he bought the "Auburn Hotel," which he conducted for a period of ten years. Meantime, one year before he sold out his hotel interests, he had become interested in the milling business, purchasing his mill at Auburn from William Wert, and he has given



most of his time to its operation since. The plant has up-to-date equipment, full roller process, and Mr. Fahl has a large patronage, having customers all over southern Schuylkill county. The special brand of flour he produces is the "White Lily," which has been in popular demand for a number of years.

There are few enterprises in the borough with which Mr. Fahl has not been in touch in one capacity or another. He has been a director of the First National Bank since 1911; is a director of the Auburn Shale Brick Company; and a trustee of the Board of Trade. His townsmen have called him into the public service so many times that no comment upon his official conduct is necessary. For many years he was a member of the school board, and served as secretary of that body. For five years he filled the position of tax collector, and he is now president of the borough council. On April 1, 1915, he was appointed postmaster at Auburn, and has had charge of the office since. His interest in politics as an earnest member of the Democratic party in the fall of 1914 gained him the nomination for legislator from the Fourth district. He failed of election, though well supported in his home place. Mr. Fahl's unimpeachable integrity has made him highly desirable for public trusts, and he has never abused the confidence shown by his fellow citizens. Everything affecting the life of the community has his hearty support. He was one of the founders of the Hose Company, which he is serving as treasurer, and he is also treasurer of three of the fraternal bodies to which he belongs, the I. O. O. F., P. O. S. of A. and I. O. R. M. lodges; he also belongs to Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., of Orwigsburg, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and serves on the church council.

Mr. Fahl married Elizabeth Ebling, daughter of Thomas Ebling, and they have a family of five children: Mary, Martha, James, Ruth and Louise.

ANTHONY B. LALLY has been doing business as a contractor and builder at Ashland for over twenty years, during which time he has made a name for reliability and has established a high-class patronage. He is a native of the place, born Dec. 2, 1868, son of Patrick Lally and grandson of James Lally. The grandfather lived and died in Ireland. His children were: John, William, Patrick, Anthony, James, and two daughters.

Patrick Lally, father of Anthony B. Lally, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, where his early years were spent. Early in the fifties he came to America in company with two brothers, Anthony and James, and they first settled at Pottsville, in Schuylkill county, Pa. After remaining there a short time Patrick Lally removed to Ashland. He worked in the mines for a time and later engaged in the wholesale liquor business, which he carried on for several years, returning, however, to the mines. He was accidentally killed at the mines in the year 1870. At Pottsville Mr. Lally was married to Bridget McCafferty, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Ganhan) McCafferty, who on coming to America located first at Pottsville, later moving to Ashland. Mr. McCafferty lived to be one hundred and thirteen years of age, his death occurring at Ashland; Mrs. McCafferty died at the age of eighty years. Their family consisted of one son and two daughters. Mrs. Patrick Lally died Dec. 24, 1907. She was the mother of five sons and five daughters, namely: James, who is a resident of Ashland; John; William, deceased; Patrick, deceased; Anthony B.; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Campbell; Bridget, deceased; Sabina, who lives in Philadelphia; Mary, wife of Thomas Kelly, of

Ashland; and Bridget, wife of Henry Young, a general merchant, of Pottsville.

Anthony B. Lally was educated in the public schools of Ashland. His first work as a boy was at the mines, but before long he started to learn the trade of carpenter, which he followed as a journeyman until he started business for himself, in 1892. As a contractor and builder he is highly successful, and his conscientious performance of all the obligations of his contracts has given him a reputation for thorough workmanship, which has kept his services in constant demand.

On Feb. 26, 1894, Mr. Lally was married to Mary Corbe, who was born in Germany, daughter of John and Mary Corbe, both also natives of that country. The father died in Germany, and the rest of the family came to America, settling in Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where the mother died three years ago. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lally: James, deceased; Marie, now a student of vocal music at the Academy of Mercy, Marion, Pa.; Anthony and Grace, twins; James (2), deceased; Francis, at home; and Dolores. The family are Catholics in religious faith, Mr. Lally belonging to St. Joseph's Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Ashland.

SAMUEL C. AREGOOD, of Pottsville, was engaged in contracting and building for over thirty years, during which time he commanded all the business he cared to handle. Examples of his workmanship are plentiful in Schuylkill county, where the name has come to be associated with the best in building operations. Mr. Aregood's son was in partnership with him for several years and is now carrying on the business alone. He has the family characteristics of system in management and mechanical proficiency.

Isaiah Aregood, father of Samuel C. Aregood, was a native of Schuylkill county, born at York Farm, near Pottsville, in 1810. His father was an early settler in the county, and during Isaiah's boyhood moved to Snyder county, Pa., where the son learned the trade of tailor. He followed it for some years, removing to Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, soon after attaining his majority, and opening a shop of his own, which he conducted for several years. However, he turned his attention to carpentry, engaging in building work at the breakers, and in his later life carried on a tin shop, at Port Carbon. He reached the advanced age of eighty-three years, dying at Port Carbon in 1893, and is buried at that place. Mr. Aregood married Julia Anna Kromer, a native of Northampton county, Pa., where her parents were early settlers, and she died at the age of sixty-nine years. The following children were born to this union: Ossman, who died at Pottsville; Charles, deceased; Mary, who married Eli Thompson; Susanna, who married William Cliff; Hannah, who married Thomas Mills and (second) William Auer; Joseph; Henry, and Samuel C.

Samuel C. Aregood was born May 10, 1840, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and there grew to manhood. He had common school advantages and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a journeyman for a number of years thereafter. In 1872 he came to Pottsville, where he began taking contracts on his own account about 1880, and in 1887 he formed a partnership with Allison Wolf, under the firm name of Wolf & Aregood. This association lasted until 1900, and then Ossman J. Aregood joined his father under the name of S. C. Aregood & Son. Their business interests were

in common for about four years, after which the father again carried on contracting alone until his retirement in 1911. Besides many residences in Pottsville, including some of the finest dwellings in the place, Mr. Aregood was engaged on the engine house of the Humane Fire Company; John Raring's store and the office building on Centre street; the Green jewelry store; and other notable structures. The confidence of such patrons is of itself a guarantee of worth. Mr. Aregood is distinctly a man of business and domestic habits, and has never taken any part in public affairs, but he has taken a good citizen's interest in local matters and supported beneficial measures with his influence as well as his vote. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment under Col. James Nagle, for three months, and he subsequently enlisted for a nine months' term in the 129th Pennsylvania Regiment, and in the 39th Regiment from Pennsylvania for ninety days. He was captured at the battle of Fredericksburg and held prisoner for four days. He is a member of Allison Brothers Post, No. 144, G. A. R., of Port Carbon, and has been one of the active workers in the organization. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

On May 23, 1867, Mr. Aregood married Emma Greiner, daughter of John and Nancy (Bell) Greiner, residents of Port Carbon. Mrs. Aregood died in June, 1900, and is buried at Port Carbon; Mr. Aregood now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Scott. Three of the children born to this union died in infancy, the others besides Ossman J. being: Mary, wife of William Crawshaw; Henry Harrison, of Pottsville, Pa.; Bertha, wife of Lamar Scott; Cora, wife of William Kearn; and George W., of Port Carbon.

OSSMAN J. AREGOOD was born in Pottsville March 9, 1872, and was reared there. He completed the course in the public schools, graduating from the Pottsville high school in 1891, after which he learned the carpenter's trade with his father and Mr. Wolf. He continued in their employ until Mr. Wolf withdrew from the firm and then was in partnership with his father for four years, since when he has been in the contracting business on his own account. Among the many fine residences of his construction in Pottsville are A. W. Seltzer's, Edward C. Luther's, Mrs. Mayer's and the Parker home. He put up a school building at Schuylkill Haven. Mr. Aregood keeps as many as fifty men employed. His work has the stamp of character which recommends it to the most exacting class of the community, and he deserves to be ranked with the leading builders of the present generation.

Mr. Aregood married Mary E. Phillips, daughter of Ephraim Phillips, of Pottsville. They have no children. In religious faith Mr. Aregood is an Episcopalian. He belongs to the Men's Club of the Episcopal Church, and fraternally to the B. P. O. Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose.

JOHN U. KERSHNER, of Tuscarora, has been one of the distinct forces for progress in his section of Schuylkill county, where he has filled a number of local offices with the most conscientious regard for the best interests of his fellow citizens. By thrift and good management he has succeeded in his own affairs, being now one of the well-to-do residents of the town, and all who know him agree that he deserves his prosperity and the unqualified respect which is everywhere accorded him.

Mr. Kershner belongs to a family which has been in Pennsylvania from Provincial days, being of the seventh generation in his line in America. Con-

rad Kershner, his emigrant ancestor, was one of three brothers who came to America in the winter of 1722-23, landing at New York City. One settled in Virginia, another in New Jersey, and Conrad, the youngest, in Pennsylvania. He was born in Germany in 1706, died in 1770, and is buried in the old graveyard adjoining the Hains Church in Berks county. He fought in the French and Indian war, and his son Conrad, born in 1733, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving from Berks county. In 1759 the name of Conrad Kershner appears as a landowner in Bern township, that county. On the Revolutionary military records the name is found misspelled Cherchner, and it has also been written Kerschner and Karricher.

John Kershner, grandfather of John U. Kershner, was born near Sinking Spring, Berks county, and later settled in Perry township, that county, where he followed farming. His educational attainments were unusual for his day, and he gave private lessons in his home, teaching many young men and women. He died in Perry township, and is buried at Windsor Church. To his marriage with Catherine Hartz were born the following children: Daniel, John, Catherine, Jacob, Henry, Elizabeth, William, Jeremiah, Esther and Susan.

Daniel Kershner, son of John Kershner, was born in December, 1812, in Perry township, Berks county, and grew up there, but he came to Schuylkill county in young manhood, settling at Tuscarora before his marriage. He was a competent mechanic, taking contracts for stone and brick work, and among his local contracts were the Zion's Reformed church and the old brick school-house, as well as many dwellings. He followed this business throughout his active years, and was also prominent in the public affairs of the locality, serving as member of the Schuylkill township school board and for fourteen years as postmaster at Tuscarora. His intelligence and public spirit made him highly respected, and he was considered one of the most trustworthy citizens of his day. His death occurred in 1891, and he is buried at Tuscarora. Mr. Kershner married Elizabeth Umbenhauer, daughter of Samuel Umbenhauer, of Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Catherine, widow of Charles S. Moore, residing at No. 414 Washington street, Reading, Pa.; Franklin, who is deceased; Mary E., living at the old homestead, who has been postmistress at Tuscarora for the last twenty-seven years and is also proprietor of a dry goods and notions store in the town (she is a member of Mahantongo Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution); Daniel, a resident of Aldan, Delaware Co., Pa.; John U.; and William, deceased.

John U. Kershner was born Feb. 24, 1859, at Tuscarora, and received his education in the public schools of that place. When a boy he went to work at the mines, picking slate and as mule driver, and at the age of eighteen years became a coal operator, being so engaged for a period of eighteen months. He also carried on blacksmithing. When twenty years old he went out to Colorado, where he prospected for a time, and he ran the variety theatre at Leadville, in that State, for one year, spending altogether six years in the West. Returning to his old home he became engaged in contracting, doing carpenter work, for the next ten years. He was then appointed, by the taxpayers' association, as supervisor of roads in Blythe, East Norwegian and Schuylkill townships, and performed his duties so well that he has been retained in this position continuously since—a period of twenty years. For the last six years Mr. Kershner has also been a member of the Schuylkill township board of school directors, of which body he has been president, and is now secretary.

He was reelected to that position Nov. 2, 1915, by a three-fourths vote of the entire township. In his earlier years Mr. Kershner was a local officer for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, during the troublous period when the Molly Maguires were active in this section, and he recalls many interesting incidents of that time and of other events relative to the development of Schuylkill county. He may always be relied upon to support and boost any good cause set on foot in his neighborhood, and is as popular as he is respected. He has worked hard for all he has acquired, and is properly called a self-made man. Mr. Kershner has valuable property holdings at Tuscarora, where he owns twenty-two houses.

In Denver, Colo., Mr. Kershner married Selina Bowers, of Meadville, Pa., and they have had the following children: Fannie, now the wife of Arlington Seltzer; Bertha, who married Boyd Osler, chief engineer for a coal company, and resides at Hazleton, Pa.; Nellie Irene, wife of Herbert Boone, a business man of St. Clair, Pa.; and Estella, wife of Prof. Harry Haag, organist and choir leader at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

DAVID A. HOLLAND, M. D., of Mahanoy City, has done much effective work both in his professional capacity and as a private citizen in shaping desirable social conditions. Held in high esteem by the large number who depend upon him for professional services, he has a personal following which wins regard for his opinions on any subject, and he has always endeavored to use his influence in aid of the most worthy projects. All things that concern the people generally have his sympathetic support, but he is especially interested in provisions for wholesome living and recreation, and has entered heartily into all movements to secure such benefits for all his fellow men and women.

Dr. Holland was born in Mahanoy township Sept. 1, 1880. His parents, Michael and Mary (Washington) Holland, were natives of Ireland, the mother coming to America in girlhood. Michael Holland located at Mahanoy City and followed mining until his death, being killed in the mines in August, 1880, a few weeks before the birth of his son David. His widow survived until May, 1913. They had children as follows: John, Mark, Michael (deceased), Thomas, Michael (2) (deceased), Patrick, Bridget (who died May 30, 1877) and David A.

David A. Holland obtained his literary education in the schools of Mahanoy township and Mahanoy City, graduating from high school in 1898. He commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. W. F. Horn, of Mahanoy City, under whose tuition he remained one year, after which he matriculated at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1903. He has since been practicing in Mahanoy City, having purchased the interests of Dr. Horn, and his patronage has increased steadily on the strength of his proved ability and unselfish devotion to those who consult him professionally. He belongs to the Schuylkill County Medical Society, and is a popular member of several local fraternal bodies, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, B. P. O. Elks and Knights of Columbus; at present he is an officer in the Elks. He also holds membership in the Father Matthew Pioneers, a temperance society.

In the course of his work Dr. Holland has had unusual facilities for observing the deficiencies and the needs of the present social system, and his best efforts have been directed towards overcoming the attendant evils and averting

them by wise measures for taking care of the growing generation. He believes in prevention rather than cure, where possible, and consequently his labors have been mostly among the young, to providing such interesting and wholesome occupation for their play hours that there will be no room for demoralizing influences. He has been active in promoting clean sports of all kinds and advocating their introduction into the lives of the young. For the last three years he has been a member of the school board and one of its most enthusiastic workers. In politics he is a Democrat in principle, but not partisan when he feels his support is most needed elsewhere.

In 1907 Dr. Holland married Ella Cleary, daughter of D. J. and Mary (Gill) Cleary, of Mahanoy City, the former one of the leading merchants in this part of Schuylkill county. Dr. and Mrs. Holland have one child, Mark. They are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN B. GINTHER, of Pottsville, is at present devoting most of his attention to business, but from the time he reached his majority he has been more or less associated with public affairs in his locality, and in that connection has attained favorable standing and wide acquaintanceship among his fellow citizens. As deputy recorder he came into personal contact with a large number of the residents of the county. His business affairs have prospered under his systematic and commendable enterprise, which has attracted a steady patronage and gained him personal esteem and respect among his associates.

Mr. Ginther is of German extraction, his father and grandfather having been natives of Germany. Christian Ginther, the father, came to this country from the land of his birth during the pioneer period of Pottsville's settlement, and lived in that borough for a time on Centre street, at the present location of Kline's cafe. Later he settled at Yorkville, which is now part of Pottsville. By occupation he was a miner, and eventually became the owner of a colliery, which he operated. He died in Pottsville at the age of sixty-seven years, and his wife, Mary (Lutz), passed away here at the advanced age of eighty-six years. They are buried at Pottsville. They were the parents of fourteen children, four of whom died young, the others being: Joseph, Jacob, Eva, Gertrude, Tressia, Otto, Mary, John B., Anthony and George C.

John B. Ginther was born at Pottsville Dec. 2, 1867, and received his education in a parochial school in the borough. His first regular employment was at the Atkins mill, where he worked for three years, after which he followed the trade of machinist for a short time, until he became interested with a partner in the sewing machine business. He was thus engaged for four years, until he removed to Shamokin, Pa., to take charge of the Singer Sewing Machine office at that place, remaining there two years. Returning to Pottsville he became one of the first mail carriers in the borough, obtaining the position during President Cleveland's first administration, under Postmaster James Mudy. He resigned after something more than four years' service to take the position of deputy recorder under the late Henry Scheurman, of Mahanoy City. Mr. Ginther remained in the recorder's office for two terms, a period of six years, and since retiring from his duties there has been engaged in the grocery business on his own account in Pottsville. His first store was at Ninth and Market streets, and he has been at various locations, being now established at Third and Race streets, where he is conducting a very large business. He keeps three teams constantly busy, and by prompt and accommodating attention to his customers has increased his trade steadily, being one

of the most creditable dealers in his line in the borough. Mr. Ginther owns a tract of eight acres at Twenty-third and Mahantongo streets, Pottsville, where he has ponds from which he cuts ice regularly during the winter season, being at present the only dealer in natural ice at this place. He has combined his various interests advantageously, and his substantial character and ability are sufficient to account for the position of trust he occupies among all those familiar with his worth.

From early manhood Mr. Ginther has been one of the most effective workers for the Democratic party in his locality, and he himself has made many friends in this connection. For four years he served as county secretary of the party. When just twenty-one years of age he represented Yorkville in the borough council, being the youngest member of that body, and gave such excellent promise as a public servant that he has been chosen to other trusts since. He has filled the position of borough auditor, and in 1911 was a candidate for nomination for county recorder, being defeated by only twenty-six votes.

Mr. Ginther married Celia Heisler, daughter of William C. Heisler, of Pottsville, at one time recorder of Schuylkill county, and afterwards proprietor of the "Central" hotel, at Pottsville. He was a well known resident of Schuylkill county. Mr. and Mrs. Ginther have two daughters: Alma, the wife of John Driscoll, a machinist of Pottsville, and Dorothy, who is at home with her parents. The family have a fine summer home on Mr. Ginther's land at Twenty-third and Mahantongo streets. Mr. Ginther's religious connection is with the German Catholic Church.

MOSES S. GREENAWALT, of Orwigsburg, has recently retired after a prosperous career as a farmer in West Brunswick township, where he lived for about thirty years. He has been well known for his activity in church matters, in which respect he is a typical representative of the name he bears, for the Greenawalts wherever found are earnest workers in the cause of religion, leading exemplary lives and following the teachings of Christianity in all their relations with their fellow men. They are an old family in Berks county, Pa., where Moses S. Greenawalt was born Dec. 22, 1851, in Albany township. In Albany township are found many descendants of the emigrant Jacob Greenawalt, and in that locality at least one place, Greenawald Station, perpetuates the name, which is variously spelled Greenawalt and Greenawald.

Jacob Greenawalt, born in Switzerland, came to America about 1738, and upon his arrival in Philadelphia was sold as a redemptioner to a man named Schuler. In 1741 he married Elizabeth Filhower, a native of Germany, then of Montgomery county, Pa. In 1742 he and his wife located in Weisenberg township, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa., where he claimed several hundred acres of land, upon which he erected a gristmill, oil mill and tanyard. He prospered at this place, where were born his six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, Johannes, Abraham, George, Mrs. Grim and Mrs. Barbara Weise. All of these reared families of their own. The pioneer and his wife are buried at Ziegel's Church, while others of the family are interred at Seiberlingville, and some at Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Lehigh county. The Greenawalts are a strong, robust and healthy race, and many have attained ripe old age.

Johannes Greenawalt, son of the pioneer, in 1784-85 settled near what is now Greenawald Station, in Albany township, on the Schuylkill & Lehigh

railroad. He was an enterprising man, built an oil mill on the farm now owned by Isaac Hardinger, on the Pine creek, and later built a gristmill on that stream, which is now operated by Albert Kutz. The gristmill was operated for many years by his son John, but he himself operated the oil mill. Johannes Greenawalt died at the age of eighty-three, and he and his family are buried at the New Bethel (Corner) Church in Albany township. His children were: John; Abraham, who married a Miss Hagenbuch and had Benjamin and Isaac; Jacob, who lived on the Pine creek; and Peter, who died unmarried.

John Greenawalt, son of Johannes, was born in Berks county April 15, 1784, and died Nov. 10, 1865. He spent all his life in Albany township, living at the foot of the "Pinnacle," where he owned considerable land, having 100 acres at Greenawald Station. Much of his land was situated between the "Pinnacle" (the highest elevation in Berks county) and the "Schnide Berg." Tradition tells us that this locality was an Indian camping ground. At any rate, many Indian axes, tomahawks, arrow-heads, etc., have been found between these two points. He farmed and operated an "apple-jack" distillery. In their later years he and his wife lived alone in a small house on the slope of the Pinnacle, which belongs to the Blue mountains. He was reputed to be rich, and it is said he kept his gold and silver coin in a large bag under his bed, and that he had made a small exit back of the bed which ordinarily would attract no notice, and which was to be used in case robbers broke in.

John Greenawalt married for his second wife Kate Zimmerman, born Sept. 24, 1793, died Feb. 1, 1866, and they became the parents of children as follows: Joseph (who at an early date settled out West), Jacob, Amos, Abraham, Samuel, Dinah (married Enoch Hagenbuch, who settled at La Salle, Ill.), Lesena (married Daniel Stein) and Leah (married Jacob P. Dietrich, who with his wife and family located in Kansas, where in time they prospered). John Greenawalt married again, his third wife being Hannah G. Kolb, and they had a son Daniel, whose descendants live at Lewiston, Pa. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion belonged to the Reformed denomination, being an active member of the New Bethel Church in Albany township. He and his three wives are buried at that church.

Amos Greenawalt, son of John, was born March 18, 1814, in Albany township, and died Nov. 19, 1879. He was reared in Albany township. Before his marriage he worked for his father, afterward buying one of his father's farms, a tract of 177 acres, and he carried on general farming until his death, and also for forty years conducted "Greenawalt's Tavern," at Greenawald Station. He often acted as auctioneer. Mr. Greenawalt was a very fearless man, and he had some very exciting experiences with bears. One day, while going to Hamburg with a four-horse team, he passed the home of Mrs. Borrell, and saw her running towards the road followed by a bear. Just as she got over the fence, the bear ran against it on the other side. Mr. Greenawalt cracked his whip as hard as he could and scared the animal away. Mrs. Borrell, who was slightly demented, owned a large orchard in which the apples were ripe. Seeing something on a tree which she took to be a thief, she attempted to scare it away, but found the thief to be a bear, which began to chase her. On his arrival in Hamburg Mr. Greenawalt related the occurrence, and a large number of men armed with guns at once encircled the woods into which the bear had gone. The animal was chased out, but the man who saw it became so badly frightened that instead of shooting he hid behind a tree



until the bear had escaped. A short time afterwards Mr. Greenawalt, in company with a relative, went to hunt raccoons one night and their dog chased a bear up a tree. Mr. Greenawalt killed it with a shotgun on the second shot. It was so heavy that it required the strength of the two to carry it home. Many thought that this was the same bear that had chased Mrs. Borrell. One winter night, later, Mr. Greenawalt was going home from a farmhouse where he had been butchering, and had with him a "butcher's sausage" and several knives. Suddenly a bear that had evidently smelled the sausage jumped upon the fence near by, and would doubtless have attacked him had he not raised the knives and screamed lustily, thus frightening the animal away. He had not gone very far when the bear appeared again, and was scared away for the second time. From this experience of Mr. Greenawalt's a little bridge near the gristmill of Albert Kutz is still known as "Bear Bridge."

On March 31, 1834, Amos Greenawalt married Judith Stein, born Nov. 25, 1816, died Nov. 25, 1891, daughter of George Stein, of Albany township. Fourteen children were born to them, as follows: (1) John, born June 10, 1835, died July 31, 1893; he married Mary Miller, who is also deceased. (2) Catherine, born June 3, 1836, died Oct. 10, 1867, married Samuel G. De Turk, who is also deceased. (3) George, born Oct. 25, 1838, served as a Civil war soldier, and died Oct. 2, 1869. His wife was Lucy Hamm. (4) William, born June 28, 1840, is now a retired farmer living at Kutztown. He married Mary Trexler (deceased) and (second) Mary Braucher. (5) Leah, born Nov. 3, 1841, died Nov. 27, 1868. (6) Mary Magdalene, born June 28, 1844, married George Dreibelbis, and is deceased. (7) Solomon, twin of Mary, born June 28, 1844, died June 3, 1889. He married Sarah Faust. (8) Amos S., born Oct. 31, 1845, married Eliza Dietrich (deceased) and (second) Mary Burkey. (9) Emma Judith, born Jan. 28, 1848, died June 5, 1878. She was the wife of Samuel Oswald. (10) Susanna, born March 11, 1850, is married to David Fister. (11) Moses S. is mentioned below. (12) Eliza Ann, born Sept. 9, 1854, married James Bitner, of Leinbach, Pa., whom she survived, both being now deceased. (13) Matilda, born Sept. 9, 1854, twin of Eliza, married Seth Heinly, of Virginville, Pa. (14) Alfred, born June 17, 1857, is deceased. He was organist at Albany New Bethel Church, and later a school teacher and organist of the Union Church at Bernville.

Amos Greenawalt and his wife were buried at the New Bethel Church, having belonged to the Reformed congregation there. He was one of its leading members, having held all the church offices, and also served as singing master and choir leader; and he started the Sunday school at Greenawald Station and acted as superintendent for many years. He was always active in public affairs, holding the township offices of school director, supervisor and auditor. His political support was given to the Republican party.

Moses S. Greenawalt was educated in the schools of Albany township, and worked on his father's farm until twenty-two years old. Meantime he had taught one winter term of school in Albany township, at Eckville, and he subsequently taught another term in that township, at New Bethel Church, eleven terms in Greenwich township, Berks county, at one school, and one term at Lenhartsville. He passed examinations under County Superintendents David Brunner, Mr. Keck and Samuel Baer. After giving up school teaching he followed bricklaying, stone masonry and plastering, and when not so engaged did odd jobs, being very ambitious and not afraid to exert himself to get ahead. In April, 1886, he bought his farm of 107 acres in West Brunswick township,

Schuylkill county, sixty-five acres of which were cleared, and there he carried on general farming and stock raising, in which he was notably successful. However, he has been in ill health for thirteen years, and for nine years has not been able to do any work, so he recently sold the farm and removed to Orwigsburg.

On Oct. 24, 1874, Mr. Greenawalt married Susanna Fister, who was born Sept. 26, 1847, in Greenwich township, Berks county, a daughter of Peter and Dianna (Dreibelbeis) Fister, natives of Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Greenawalt have had seven children, of whom we have the following record: Morris, born Nov. 25, 1878, died Feb. 21, 1879; Eva, born July 15, 1882, died Oct. 1, 1883; Mattie, born Feb. 17, 1884, married Burd H. Bachman, and they live in Orwigsburg (they have one child, Elmer M.); Alma, born Aug. 28, 1885, married Oscar Heister, and they live at Lewistown, Schuylkill county (they have one child, Mae); Annie, born March 29, 1887, is at home; Ellen Christianna, born Nov. 19, 1889, died Dec. 4, 1889; Howard Harvey, twin of Ellen, born Nov. 19, 1889, is at home.

Mr. Greenawalt has always supported the Republican party. He has been elected to the local offices of school director and auditor, which he has filled conscientiously. He is a valued member of Protection Council, No. 935, Order of Independent Americans, at McKeansburg, and has been one of the most interested workers in St. John's Reformed Church, Orwigsburg, and filled all the church offices so acceptably during his active years that his fellow members, in recognition of long and devoted service, have made him elder emeritus. He has long been a liberal contributor to the support of the church.

Peter Fister, grandfather of Mrs. Greenawalt, came from Germany, and was raised by a man named Fisher, who brought him up from boyhood. He was a bright child, and when he was grown his adopted father bought him a farm of two hundred acres and set him up in business. His wife's maiden name was Gummery, and they had twelve children. Mr. Fister died aged eighty-two years, his wife at the age of eighty-five, and they are buried at the Dunkel Church in Greenwich township, Berks county. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and Mr. Fister was a Democrat in politics.

Peter Fister, father of Mrs. Greenawalt, was a farmer in Greenwich township, owning 190 acres of land. Three generations of Peter Fisters have owned this land. He married Dianna Dreibelbeis, and they had the following children: David married Susanna Greenawalt; Peter married Mary Dieterich, and they live on the homestead farm; Ann, deceased, was married to Elias Dieterich, of Maxatawny township, Berks county; Susanna is the wife of Moses S. Greenawalt. Mr. Fister lived to the age of seventy-four years, and is buried at the Frieden's Church, Lenhartsville; Mrs. Fister died aged about sixty years, and is buried at Dunkels Church, in Greenwich township. He was one of the pillars of the Frieden's German Reformed Church at Lenhartsville, and not only contributed generously to its upbuilding and support in a financial way, but also devoted much time to assisting in the furtherance of its work. He held the offices of elder and deacon.

THOMAS C. McANDREW, a retired engineer, who resides in one of the most beautiful homes in Gordon, Schuylkill county, was born near Pottsville, Pa., April 4, 1844, on the family homestead, now the property of the Delaware Coal Company. He is a son of Patrick and Maria (Herman) McAndrew, both

of whom were of Irish ancestry. The paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland.

Patrick McAndrew was born in Ireland, came to America at an early date, and settled in Pottsville, Pa. He was a railroad contractor and assisted in the construction of the Reading roadbed. After a time in this country, during which he accumulated a sufficient sum to warrant the trip, Mr. McAndrew returned to Ireland and brought over to the New World his mother and other members of his family, the father being deceased. Patrick McAndrew was a man of many attainments, being a sculptor, an artist and an accomplished linguist. He had a fine education, and he made his mark during the time of his residence in this country. He died in Philadelphia. His wife, Maria (Herman), who died July 7, 1901, was the daughter of Schuylkill county pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. McAndrew had five children: Thomas C.; Daniel, deceased; Ellen, widow of John Moody, residing in Philadelphia; Mary, deceased; and Fannie, the wife of Henry Wise, of Pottsville.

Thomas C. McAndrew first attended the Cressona schools and later those at Ashland, the family moving to that place in 1853. In 1868 Mr. McAndrew came to Gordon and went to work in the colliery, later engaging in railroad work. He first held the position of brakeman, and was successively promoted to conductor, fireman and engineer, acting in the latter capacity for twenty-two years. On May 12, 1914, he retired from railroad work, and is now residing in his handsome home in Gordon.

In 1870 Mr. McAndrew was married to Mrs. Sarah Herman, widow of George Herman and daughter of Abram Moody, natives of Cumberland county, Pa., near Carlisle. Mrs. McAndrew died June 22, 1914, leaving one child, Martha, wife of Richard W. Hopkins, a plumber and steam fitter of Gordon; they have three children, Thomas, Marie and Willard. Mr. McAndrew is a member of the Methodist Church of Gordon, and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

WILLIAM H. DAUBERT, of Pine Grove, is a business man of that borough and associated with various interests which indicate that he is thoroughly alive to the trend of modern progress as applied to the advancement of this locality. The Dauberts have been identified with the development of this section for some generations, Harry Daubert, the grandfather of William H., having come to Pine Grove when a youth of eighteen years. He was born at Indiantown Gap, and his wife, Eliza (Rehrer), was born in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, a member of one of the oldest families of this section. For a time Harry Daubert was engaged in boating on the Union canal and later in farming in Pine Grove township, where he made his permanent home. The place where he settled is now occupied by his grandson, William H. Daubert. He died at the age of fifty-three years, his wife living to the advanced age of eighty-three. Of their four children two survive: Henry, a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; and Mrs. Henry Minnich, of Pine Grove.

Thomas Daubert, son of Harry, was born in the borough of Pine Grove, and in his early life was employed in boating on the Union canal. Later he was engaged in railroad work, being with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a period of twenty-four years. He was killed in the performance of his duties, in 1900. He married Mary Clemmons, a native of Pine Grove township, daughter of Adam and Catherine (Zeller) Clemmons,

both of whom died in Pine Grove. Mr. Clemmons was born in Pine Grove township, and was a tanner by trade. During the Civil war he enlisted from Pine Grove in Company G, 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, and was in the service for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons had a family of five children, three of whom survive, Mrs. Thomas Daubert, Mrs. Kate Harris, of Philadelphia (widow of Jenkin Harris, of Plymouth, Pa.), and Mrs. Alice Moyer, of Cressona, Pa. (wife of Samuel Moyer). Peter and Louis are deceased.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daubert: Lyman, a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; Frank, deceased; William H.; Bessie, wife of Tyrus Zimmerman, of Pine Grove; Katie, wife of John Shannon, of Berwick, Pa.; Fannie, wife of Ralph Hummel, of Pine Grove; Stella, a resident of Shamokin, Pa.; Edith, wife of John Brennan, of Pottsville; and Ella, married to Rush Rhodes and living in Berwick.

William H. Daubert was born Aug. 10, 1874, in Pine Grove, and obtained a public school education there. When a young man he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in whose service he remained for eleven years. In 1901 he engaged in the bottling business at Pine Grove, establishing what has since been known as the Mountain City Bottling Works. Besides, he operates a transfer business, and is well occupied with both lines, which he has developed to successful proportions by the most commendable business methods. His fellow citizens have recognized his ability and chosen him for important service, Mr. Daubert being borough auditor at present, which office he has filled for several years. For the last fifteen years he has also been a member of the borough council, the length of his services being a proper indication of their value. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, F. O. E.; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; Improved Order of Red Men; Knights of the Order of Mystic Chain at Suedberg; and the Foresters of America. He is a past officer in all of these bodies except the Knights of the Mystic Chain, and a trustee of the Red Men and Golden Eagles. He is also one of the most active members of the Pine Grove Fire Company and is now its president.

On June 13, 1896, Mr. Daubert was married to Amy I. Hummel, of Pine Grove, and they have had eight children: Stanley A., Marion E., Minerva O., Willard B., Ruth E., and three deceased. Mrs. Daubert is a daughter of Edward and Mary (Spancake) Hummel, natives of Pine Grove, and granddaughter of Benjamin Hummel, one of the pioneers of the town; his wife was a Zerbe. Edward Hummel was a school teacher for many years, served as school director of the township, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. He died Jan. 17, 1913. His wife, who is yet living in Pine Grove, is a native of Pine Grove township, daughter of George and Rebecca (Kramer) Spancake, both of whom were born in Washington township, this county, where Mr. Spancake died; his wife, now (1915) eighty-two years old, is still living in Pine Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Hummel had these children: Elmira B., wife of John Rausch, living at Pine Grove; Oscar, at home; Amy I., Mrs. Daubert; Stella M., wife of Frank Sotzin, living with her mother; Clara, wife of Joseph Campbell, of Williamstown, Pa.; Frances, who was a teacher for some years, now the wife of William Donmoyer, of Pine Grove; Raymond E., of Philadelphia, a teacher in the Overbrook Academy; and Harold, a teacher at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county.

THOMAS HART BENTON ZULICK, late of Orwigsburg, was practically a lifelong resident of that borough, towards the development of which he contributed his share as a pioneer shoe manufacturer. His foresight and enterprise were justly rewarded with prosperity, which benefited his townsmen also, for he had the broad intelligence which enabled him to realize that the man who labors for himself alone is not the highest type of citizen. The prestige which came to him synonymous with his honorable name has descended to its present representatives, his son John S. Zulick being now the head of one of the largest industrial institutions in the borough, the shoe manufacturing plant of J. S. Zulick & Co. The Zulicks have maintained a leading place in this branch of business from the time of its introduction into Orwigsburg, and by their success have given an impetus to the advancement of the borough which has been felt in many directions.

The Zulick family is well known in Schuylkill County. It was founded in America by John Zulick, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who married, in 1796, Wilhelmina, daughter of Franz Bontone and his wife Fredericka (Gilken). She was born in Alsace, at Frankenheim in Siegenheim, Oct. 27, 1769. They subsequently emigrated to America, in 1799, landing at Baltimore, where they settled. To them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, the latter both dying in infancy. John, the eldest, became a minister of the Reformed Church and settled at Steinsville, Lehigh Co., Pa. He was a circuit rider for many years, and served many congregations. Anthony, the second son, located in Philadelphia, subsequently settling at Easton, Pa., where he died. He married Jane Cummings, of Philadelphia, who was a member of the Quaker family of that name, and to them were born the following children: Anna, who became the wife of William Gile, sometime judge of the court of Common Pleas, Newark, N. J.; Mary, who married Thomas Rinek, of Easton, Pa.; Meyer C., territorial governor of Arizona during Cleveland's administration; Thomas, who was the superintendent of The Schuylkill Navigation Company for many years at Schuylkill Haven; and Henry B., who was employed by the Schuylkill Navigation Company.

Godfrey Bontone Zulick, the third son, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Baltimore, June 22, 1802. He taught school during his young manhood, and later entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He was one of the company's first Morse operators, and continued in its service forty years. He died at Orwigsburg Feb. 22, 1886, and is buried in St. John's Reformed cemetery at that place. On Sept. 8, 1833, he married Sybilla Mayer, daughter of Philip Mayer, one of the pioneer Reformed ministers of Schuylkill county. She was born at Orwigsburg Feb. 2, 1814, and died there Oct. 9, 1873, the mother of nine children, born as follows: James M., born Aug. 17, 1834 (deceased); John M., born March 12, 1836 (deceased); Anna, born Sept. 1, 1838 (deceased); Amanda L., born July 23, 1841, living at Reading, Pa.; Thomas H. B., born July 18, 1844 (deceased); Mary R., born Dec. 10, 1846, living at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Sybilla, born April 24, 1849 (died in infancy); George F., born March 27, 1852 (deceased); and Henry M., born Sept. 30, 1855, living in Orwigsburg.

Thomas H. B. Zulick was born at Orwigsburg and reared there. In 1862, when but eighteen years of age, he enlisted for the Union service, serving three enlistments in the Civil war: In the 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the 197th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and the 39th Pennsylvania Militia. During his young manhood he was employed in the Land Office of the Phila-

delphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at Pottsville, under the late Mr. Frank Carter. In 1873 he left that employment to engage in the manufacture of infants' turned shoes, being one of the pioneers to venture into this business at Orwigsburg, where he made the beginnings of the highly successful establishment now carried on by his sons. His death occurred July 12, 1914, near the close of his seventieth year, and he is buried in the Evangelical cemetery at Orwigsburg. Fraternally, he was a past master of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., and a charter member of Camp No. 86, P. O. S. of A., and its first secretary. He married Fanny Louise Shoener, daughter of George and Mary (Super) Shoener, and granddaughter of John and Catherine (Hesser) Shoener; Catherine Hesser was a daughter of Frederick Hesser, a Revolutionary soldier, who settled in Schuylkill county, and who subsequently became its second sheriff, serving in 1814, and succeeding William Green, who was elected in 1811. Mrs. Fanny Louise Zulick continues to reside in Orwigsburg. To her marriage with Mr. Zulick were born seven children: John S., born July 1, 1872, married Elizabeth Albright Dec. 28, 1892; Jennie M., born Sept. 15, 1874, is the wife of H. B. Haeseler, and they reside in Orwigsburg; Mary Louise, born Oct. 25, 1877, married Penrose W. M. Pressel, and they reside at Warren, Pa., where Mr. Pressel is Principal of the High School; Lin B., born Oct. 19, 1879, married Margaret M. Diefenderfer, and is engaged with his brother John S. in the shoe business; Dr. Howell S., born June 1, 1882, married Marguerite Patton, of Philadelphia (he is on the staff of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, from which college he graduated; he also practices his profession in Philadelphia); Dr. J. Donald Zulick, born Sept. 7, 1883, graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College, and is at present associated with the well known Dr. Pfahler, Roentgenologist of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital; Fanny Adele, born Nov. 16, 1887, is residing at home.

The business of J. S. Zulick & Co. was founded in 1893, succeeding the firm of Shoener & Co., and was a partnership, composed of John S., Thomas B., and Harry M. Zulick. They manufactured infants', children's and misses' turn and McKay shoes, and were successful from the start. Harry M. later withdrew from the firm to engage in the same business in Schuylkill Haven, and his interest was purchased by the remaining partners. In 1902 Lin B., the brother of John S., was admitted into the firm, and this partnership continued until July, 1914, when the father, Thomas B. Zulick, died. In 1903, finding the plant at the corner of Center Square and Liberty street too small for their rapidly expanding business, and an opportunity being afforded to purchase the Folmer factory at the corner of Warren and Tammamy streets, they bought the plant and its contents, and have continued there; the original plant, however, has been extended and remodeled, and now consists of the main building, two stories and basement, 45 by 100 feet, with a wing, constructed of brick, two stories, 36 feet square. The plant has a capacity of 1,500 pairs per day, and the present production is 1,200 pairs per day, which will be augmented to the capacity of the plant during 1916. Slowly, but surely, the quality of the output has steadily improved, and the character of the line bettered; and to-day the product of this factory is well and favorably known from Pennsylvania to the Pacific coast, and throughout the Southwest, in which territory almost the entire output is sold. In 1915 they ventured into the export field, with results quite beyond their expectations, and this new business gives abundant promise of greater expansion. Less than one per cent of the entire output is sold to

the wholesale trade, the business coming direct from the retailer, through twelve traveling representatives, who cover their respective territories twice a year.

CONRAD K. HOCK, president of the Sailor Planing Mill and Lumber Company and otherwise identified with business interests in Pottsville, particularly in real estate development, has a record of success in the different ventures he has undertaken which gives assurance that he will carry out any enterprise which he takes in hand. Mr. Hock was born at Pottsville Sept. 4, 1865, and is a son of the late Conrad Hock, in his day one of the leading business men of the borough.

Conrad Hock, Sr., was born May 14, 1826, at Dorheim by Friedburg, in Hesse, Germany. He received his schooling in his native country, but his education was mostly self acquired, and as he was a man of studious and thoughtful disposition, a careful reader all his life, he became exceptionally well informed. Coming to the United States in 1853, he was soon settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and became a prominent resident of that place. For twelve years after settling here he was employed at the rolling mill, first as an iron cutter and later as accountant. Meantime, by thrift, he had accumulated enough to build a dwelling house for his family, and though it was unpretentious, and he afterwards prospered beyond his early ambitions, he never forgot the pleasure he took in owning his own home. In 1865 he began business for himself, erecting limekilns at Pottsville and Cressona, and the business so prospered from the very beginning that its expansion and steady success during the years he continued his association with it were a source of genuine pride and satisfaction to him. When he retired, in 1884, his sons George, John and William took his interest and continued lime burning, having two kilns in constant operation in Cressona. The storage house and salesrooms are located at Pottsville. Mr. Hock did not withdraw entirely from business, however, and for a number of years, until his death, was president of The Sailor Planing Mill & Lumber Company, of Pottsville, one of the foremost concerns of the kind in this section.

The ability and acumen he displayed in business were equally plain in all of his other relations in life. Various activities in the locality had his interest and support. He was one of the organizing members of the German Reformed Church at Pottsville and served the congregation as elder and deacon for more than thirty years, and though he zealously supported his own church was liberal in his attitude towards the policies of others. He was not ambitious for public office, although he held local positions of trust, serving one two-years term as member of the borough council and for nine years as a member of the school board, filling both positions to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. His political faith was that of the Democratic party, but in local affairs he was independent. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, a past grand of Hayden Lodge, No. 44, and he was also a member and officer of Walhalla Lodge, A. D. O. H. His death occurred June 24, 1906, after a very brief illness, at the family home on North Second street, and was regarded as a loss to the community as well as to his immediate family.

Mr. Hock's first marriage took place in Germany on Aug. 29 (or 20), 1850, to Maria K. Apple, who was like himself a native of Hesse, Germany, born in Frieblingen. They became the parents of six children, all sons, born in Pottsville, viz.: William, born Aug. 8, 1854, is now a resident of Cressona; George, born April 2, 1858, was engaged in the lime business at Pottsville and died in

1910 at the age of fifty-two years; John, born Dec. 26, 1860, is a resident of Pottsville, engaged in the coffee roasting and malt business; Henry, born Nov. 3, 1862, is engaged in the butchering business at Roanoke, Va.; Conrad K. is mentioned below; Louis, born Sept. 5, 1867, is a resident of Pottsville. The mother of this family died July 23, 1883, and is buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Pottsville, where Mr. Hock is also interred.

Conrad K. Hock received a public school education at Pottsville. His first employment was with the Thompson Hardware Company, with whom he remained about a year as clerk. Afterwards for about ten years he was in the office of the *Evening Chronicle* at Pottsville, and having formed a desire to learn the printing business, while in that connection, served an apprenticeship as typesetter. He was engaged at that trade for about six years. He has ever since been associated with the planing mill and lumber business, which is now one of his principal interests. It was established originally by Charles Lord, the firm afterwards becoming Weed & Sailor, and a number of years ago it was incorporated as The Sailor Planing Mill & Lumber Company. Conrad K. Hock became manager and subsequently secretary and treasurer. After the death of Mr. Sailor Conrad Hock, father of Conrad K. Hock, became president, acting as such until his death, since when Conrad K. Hock has been at the head of the business. The present plant is located on the old site of the Haywood rolling mill, the first of this kind in Schuylkill county. The Sailor Planing Mill & Lumber Company is extensively engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of mill work and lumber, and also does a large business in paints, builders' supplies and similar hardware. It has a distinct place in the business life of the city, being one of the oldest established industrial institutions there and one which has contributed its full share to the prosperity of this section. Under Mr. Hock's direction it has continued to expand along modern lines, but he has also found time, as opportunity offered, to engage in other activities. He is a member of the firm known as the Pottsville Land & Improvement Company, whose officers are J. W. Fleet, president; S. B. Edwards, secretary; Conrad K. Hock, treasurer. Having purchased a tract of about fifty acres in the northeastern part of the city in an ideal location, they are improving it in accordance with the most up-to-date ideas, grading streets and laying substantial pavements, and at the present writing they have about one hundred and fifty dwelling houses upon the property. Mr. Hock is also president of the Mar-Lin Land Company, which has a tract of 150 acres in Norwegian township, about one and a half miles from Pottsville and one mile from Minersville, formerly known as the Thomas Shellenberger farm. They propose to develop this land and establish a town there, having built nearly one hundred dwellings, the location being highly desirable. Mr. Hock's associates in this company are T. H. Coombe and George Franklin Brumm. His achievements in all the other undertakings he has attempted are sufficient to warrant the belief that he will carry these projects also to successful completion. Mr. Hock is also the president of the Schuylkill Haven Land & Improvement Company, who are developing the Fairmount addition to Schuylkill Haven, having a plot near the heart of the town containing over six hundred choice building lots, more than two hundred of which have already been sold. In this venture he is associated with James L. Channell, secretary; and George M. Paxson, treasurer. Since 1910 Mr. Hock has been a director of the Merchants' National Bank of Pottsville, one of the leading financial institutions of the borough. He also has various social connections, being a member of the Sphinx Club and of the Odd



Fellows and the Masonic fraternities; he belongs to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, R. A. M.; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine; also holds membership in Lily of the Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and his religious connection is with the Trinity Reformed Church.

On Dec. 5, 1893, Mr. Hock married Helena Snyder, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Snyder, of Minersville, Pa. Five children have been born to them, namely: Kathryn, born June 28, 1894, has graduated from the Pottsville high school and also from The Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Robert was born July 29, 1896; Helen, Nov. 13, 1898; Norman, May 4, 1900; Isabelle, Dec. 16, 1906.

WILLIAM F. KNECHT, of Tower City, is a newspaper man of long standing there, and by virtue of his public-spirited support of all good enterprises has established himself thoroughly in the favor of the best element all over his part of Schuylkill county. He has also been prominent in business associations, upholding the reputation of the family for ability in the handling of important affairs and trustworthiness in any capacity.

Mr. Knecht is of German extraction, his parents, Charles and Pauline (Eisensteck) Knecht, having been born in Germany. They came to the United States in early life. He was born Oct. 23, 1865, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and had but limited educational privileges, owing his advancement in life to earnest application to whatever opportunities for study came his way. He was quite young when the family settled at Tower City, and he began work at the breaker of the Brookside colliery, continuing to do mine work for a number of years, as fireman and in various other positions. During President Cleveland's first administration his father was appointed postmaster at Tower City, and the son became first assistant, as such taking full charge of the office in his father's term. Following his services there he conducted a bakery for several years, until he turned to his present line, on March 26, 1898, establishing the *West Schuylkill Herald*, of which he has ever since been the editor and proprietor. Its reliable news columns and timely editorials have given it well deserved prestige among the residents of Tower City and the adjoining territory in Schuylkill county. Mr. Knecht's intelligent judgment in local matters makes his opinions authoritative, and his strong personality and progressive disposition bid fair to leave a permanent impression in the shaping of events in his borough and vicinity. When the Tower City National Bank was organized, in 1902, he was one of the men who took an active part in its establishment, has been one of the board of directors ever since, and in 1912 was made vice president of the institution. He has also held several public offices of trust, the duties of which he has discharged with characteristic fidelity and conscientiousness. Since 1913 he has been a member of the Tower City school board, having been elected for a five-year term. Politically he is a Republican. Fraternally he holds membership in the Odd Fellows and Masons, belonging to Tower Lodge, No. 755, I. O. O. F., and to Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M.

On June 25, 1887, Mr. Knecht was married to Alice Klinger, daughter of William and Maria (Kaufman) Klinger, of Tower City, and they have become the parents of seven children: Roy S., who studied at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., and is now engaged in teaching in Oklahoma;

William K., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal, also teaching in Oklahoma; Gilbert; Mildred; Merle; Louise, and Karl.

CHARLES L. HILLANBRAND, of Frackville, former proprietor of the "Hotel Hillanbrand," had a varied experience as a hotelkeeper in that community, having followed the business there for over a quarter of a century, from 1887. He built and opened the establishment mentioned in 1898, and operated it most of the time until recently, commanding a profitable patronage.

Mr. Hillanbrand is of German descent, his father, Francis Hillanbrand, having been born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1819. After attending school near the home place he followed farming until he was nearly thirty years of age, at which time he emigrated to the United States. Here he located at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and became an engineer at the Bull's Head colliery, where he worked for five years. His next position was at the Potts colliery, at Wolf Creek, near Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he worked for sixteen years, or until 1870. Then he moved to Ashland, this county, and worked at the Tunnel colliery, for two years, coming to Mahanoy Plane in 1872, and working as engineer there up to 1893, until a couple of months prior to his death. In 1848 he married Magdalena Zernhart, of Pottsville, and they had children as follows: Anthony is now a foreman for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company; Frank died at the age of forty-eight years, at Manayunk, Pa.; Magdalena married Killian Huth; Charles L. is next in the family; Louisa, widow of John Walsh, lives at Frackville; Mary, widow of John Dietrich, lives at Frackville; George died in infancy; Joseph, unmarried, lives at Frackville.

Charles L. Hillanbrand was born in Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Nov. 19, 1860. He attended the public schools there and also at Ashland and Mahanoy Plane. During the summer months of his early teens he worked in the mines, at the Lawrence colliery, Mahanoy Plane, and after he reached the age of sixteen he worked there the whole year round, continuing mining until 1887, when he embarked in the hotel business at Frackville. He opened the "National House," which he kept for two years, after which he had the "American House" for three years. In 1893 he opened the "Westminster Hotel" and carried it on until 1898, when he built and opened the "Hotel Hillanbrand." Except for a brief period, 1906-1909, he was principally occupied with its management until a short time ago, and his good business methods, and ability to make guests comfortable, drew a steady patronage to the house. Recently he has given up the hotel and turned his attention to other business. He is looked upon as a citizen of reliable character, belongs to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Frackville, and is a member in good standing of Lodge No. 811, Loyal Order of Moose, of Shenandoah, this county. In politics he is a Democrat.

On June 25, 1882, Mr. Hillanbrand married Barbara Keihn, of Frackville, daughter of Anthony and Mary Keihn, of Frackville. To this union have been born the following children: Stella married John Mona, of Frackville, and has three children, Barbara, Joseph and Charles; Louisa married Richard Fennessy, of Frackville; Mary married Steve Wagner, of Frackville, and has one child, Helen.











